

EARLY ENDEMIC PHASE GUIDELINES FOR INFORMAL PRIVATE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

This document provides measures whereby informal private education institutions such as guidance or tuition, and skills (including computers, music, language and child development) centres under the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports are allowed to carry out activities during the Early Endemic Phase of the National COVID-19 Recovery Framework. This approach is based on ensuring compliance with the core measures listed under the COVID-19 Control Measures, the use of Antigen Rapid Test (ART) for early detection of diseases and introducing different restrictions for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals.

Endemic phase

May commence at 80% vaccination coverage.

Living with COVID-19 with minimal disruption to daily activities.

Measures that may be implemented:

- Management of COVID-19 is in line with seasonal influenza and other infectious diseases.
- Enhance vaccine booster programmes – consider the need for regular annual boosters such as seasonal influenza.
- There are no ongoing restrictive measures in the workplace, business and school.
- Relaxation on travel in and out of the country.

COVID-19 Control Measures

- *BruHealth application usage*
 - **Register BruHealth:** All premises must register to obtain the Bruhealth QR code.
 - **Scanning the BruHealth Code:** Premises owners must ensure that all individuals entering the premises scan their Bruhealth applications upon entry (including all employees/staff/volunteers).
 - **BruHealth Code Color:** Premise owners ensure that only individuals with Bruhealth Green and Yellow codes are allowed in. Identity card should be checked as verification.
- *Fully vaccinated:* The owner of the premises shall ensure that all employees/staff/parents and guardians/visitors/volunteers are eligible for vaccination (no medical contraindications) are fully vaccinated.

- Social Distancing: Designated physical distancing measures: at least 1.5 metre between individuals if possible.
- Ventilation of Premises: The owners of indoor premises to ensure that the premises are adequately ventilated.

Fully vaccinated individuals

An individual is considered to have been fully vaccinated if he or she has received a vaccine regimen that is on the WHO Emergency Use List (WHO EUL) or a BDMCA - approved vaccine. Vaccination status in the *BruHealth* application, International Vaccination Certificate or Profile Access Book (Yellow Book) of the individual or other acceptable vaccination records may be shown to the premise management or event organiser as proof of vaccination.

Measures for the Opening Informal Private Education Institutions

Capacity Measures

Informal Private Education Institutions are allowed to operate with the implementation of the 4- Stages approach, whereby during the Early Endemic Phase, it is as follows:

1) Stage 1

- 100% of students 12 years old and above who have completed their vaccinations are allowed to attend.

2) Stage 2

- 100% of students 12 years old and above who have completed their vaccinations are allowed to attend.

Entry Protocol

- Only fully vaccinated individuals with 2 doses are allowed to enter these premises. Proof of vaccination must be shown.
- Only individuals with green and yellow BruHealth code are allowed to enter.
- All individuals are required to wear face masks.
- All individuals are required to scan the premises QR Code using the BruHealth app.
- Screening of body temperature must be conducted and use of hand sanitiser before entry into premises.

- Student under 12 years old to perform Antigen Rapid Test (ART) using saliva swab samples. Only those who obtain negative results are allowed to attend the study at the centre and tests must be conducted once in 2 weeks.
- Students above 12 years of age and who have not been vaccinated are required to perform an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) test once within 1 week and only those who obtain negative results are allowed to attend the study at the centre.
- Antigen Rapid Test (ART) will be carried out until an assessment is made for changes in the implementation by the Ministry of Health.
- Individuals with symptoms and high risk are not allowed to enter.
- Practice social distancing at all times.
- Avoid any physical contact.
- Use hand sanitiser before entering the premises.
- Task officers are required to wear masks, face masks, gloves and aprons (partial PPE)
- Adherence to Ministry of Health Brunei Darussalam Guidelines.

Sanitation and Hygiene Protocols

- Maintain personal hygiene at all times.
- Provide tissues and disinfectant fluids for users/visitors.
- Clean desk and chairs and premises equipment after use.
- Clean doorknob or handles every two hours.
- Frequent cleaning of toilets.
- Provide liquid soap in toilets.
- Disinfect rooms/spaces used by visitors twice daily with disinfectant.
- Deep sanitisation to be done once a week.