

## EARLY ENDEMIC PHASE GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL CENTRES

This document provides measures by which schools, institutions and special 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. Our 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 disease and introducing different restrictions for vaccinated and unvaccinated 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 - considering 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

- Use of the Bruhealth App
  - **Register BruHealth:** All premises must register for a Bruhealth QR code.
  - **Scanning the BruHealth Code:** The owner of premises is to ensure all individuals entering the premises scan their Bruhealth app upon entry (this includes all members of the employees/staff/parents and guardians/visitors/volunteers).
  - **BruHealth Code Color:** The owner of premises to ensure only individuals with green and yellow Bruhealth codes are allowed to enter. Identity card must be checked for 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.
- Physical Distancing: Designated physical distancing measures of at least 1.0 metre apart between individuals when possible.

- Ventilation of premises: The owner of indoor premises to ensure premises have adequate ventilation.

### **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 OPENING OF SPECIAL CENTRES**

#### **Capacity Measures**

- **Pre-Schools, Primary and Secondary Schools and Special Centres** are allowed to operate with the implementation of the 4-Stages approach, whereby during the Early Endemic Phase, it is as follows:

#### **Stage 1 - 20% - 40% Students Attendance**

##### **Secondary**

- Years 10-13 PL 1 & 2 (5 times a week)
- Years 10-13 PL 3 (3 times a week)

#### **Stage 2 - 40% - 60% Students Attendance**

##### **Secondary**

- Years 7-13 PL 1 & 2 (5 times a week)
- Years 7-13 PL 3 (3 times a week)

#### **Entry Protocol**

- Only fully vaccinated individuals with 2 doses are allowed to enter these premises. Proof of vaccination must be shown.
- Children under 12 years old to perform Antigen Rapid Test (ART) using saliva swab samples.
- COVID-19 self-testing to be done once a week starting stage 1 until an assessment is made for its implementation to be changed.

- The Antigen Rapid Test (ART) will be conducted in schools with the help of their respective schools.
- Students above 12 years old who are not vaccinated are required to perform an ART test once a week (Secondary) starting Stage 1, until an assessment is made for its implementation to be changed.
- Fully vaccinated students, teaching and non-teaching staff are required to perform an ART test once every two weeks starting Stage 1, until an assessment is made for its implementation to be changed.
- Unvaccinated Individuals are required to perform ART to enter the premises which needs to be done once a week starting Stage 1, until an assessment was made for its implementation to be changed.
- All individuals are required to wear face masks.
- All individuals are required to scan the premises QR Code using the BruHealth app.
- Only individuals with green and yellow BruHealth code are allowed to enter. Identity card must be shown as verification.
- Individuals with symptoms and are vulnerables are not allowed to enter.
- Practice social distancing at all times.
- Avoid any physical contact.
- Use hand sanitiser before entering the premises.
- Screening of body temperature must be conducted and use of hand sanitiser before entry into premises.
- Officers in-charge are required to wear face shield, face masks, gloves and aprons (partial PPE)
- Adherence to Ministry of Health Brunei Darussalam Guidelines.

### **Sanitation and Disinfection Protocols**

- Keep personal hygiene at all times.
- Provide tissues and *disinfectant fluids* for visitors use,
- Clean desks and chairs and premises equipment immediately after use.
- Clean doorknobs every two hours.
- Frequent cleaning of toilets.
- Provide liquid soap in toilets.
- Disinfect room/spaces by users/visitors with disinfectant twice a day.
- Deep sanitisation will be performed once a week.