



MEDIA STATEMENT

UPDATED GUIDELINES ON MASS GATHERINGS

Bandar Seri Begawan, Thursday, 31st March 2022

With the consent of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam, the COVID-19 Steering Committee hereby announces **updates to guidelines on mass gatherings which will be implemented starting Friday, 1st April 2022**, whereby mass gatherings are permitted with the **maximum capacity of public premises including halls and restaurants OR a maximum capacity of 300 people, whichever is the lesser number**. Maximum capacity of public premises is subject to physical distancing of at least one (1) meter between tables in restaurants, or one (1) meter between chairs for other mass gathering events.

Meanwhile, the capacity for mass gatherings in respective home residences is **still maintained at a maximum of 30 people** (excluding host of event).

The COVID-19 Steering Committee also wishes to remind the public, particularly owners of restaurant and eateries, that preparation of food in the form of buffet in restaurants or home residences is **still not permitted**.

The updated guidelines are subject to observations made by the COVID-19 Steering Committee from time to time. Further information and details can be found on the Prime Minister's Office website at www.jpm.gov.bn.

Therefore, we must continue to pray, and have faith in Allah *Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala* that Brunei Darussalam will continue to be blessed, peaceful, safe and prosperous. *Amin ya rabbal 'alamin*.

COVID-19 STEERING COMMITTEE

Brunei Darussalam

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