



TRANSITION PHASE GUIDELINES FOR MOSQUES, SURAUS AND PRAYER HALLS IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

This document provides the measures under which mosques, suraus, and prayer halls in Brunei Darussalam are permitted to carry out activities during Brunei's Transition Phase within the National COVID-19 Recovery Framework. Our approach is based on ensuring compliance to core measures listed under COVID-19 Control Measures and differentiated restrictions for the vaccinated and unvaccinated.

TRANSITION PHASE

May commence at 70% vaccination coverage.

Minimise serious illness, hospitalisations, and deaths.

Measures that may be implemented:

- Maximise vaccination coverage including boosters;
- Reporting to shift from daily case numbers to weekly averages and focus on serious illness and deaths;
- Phased reopening of workplaces, businesses, and schools with possible ongoing low-level restrictions, adjusted to minimise severe cases;
- Contact tracing and quarantine measures to focus on the prevention of large clusters
- Differentiated restrictions for vaccinated and unvaccinated residents; and
- Establishing a Travel Green List with reduced restrictions on inbound and outbound travel for vaccinated individuals.

COVID-19 control measures for the Transition Phase

- **Use of the BruHealth App:**
 - a. All premises must register for a BruHealth QR code;
 - b. The owner of premises is to ensure all individuals entering the premises scan their BruHealth app once entering (this includes all employees/staff/volunteers); and
 - c. The owner of premises to ensure only individuals with green and yellow BruHealth codes are allowed to enter.



- **Complete Vaccination:**

- The owner of premises is to ensure all employees/staff/volunteers eligible to be vaccinated (no medical contraindications) are fully vaccinated.

- **Wearing of masks:**

- a. All individuals aged 2 and above should wear a mask over their nose and mouth in indoor public places, on public transport, in crowded outdoor settings, and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.
- b. Masks can be taken off when:
 - i. In hotel rooms or accommodation with members of the household;
 - ii. In an enclosed individual workspace;
 - iii. During strenuous activity such as sports and recreational activities;
 - iv. In your own vehicle and with members of the household;
 - v. Indoor or outdoor public areas and places without any other individuals;
 - vi. When eating and drinking in a public place without any other individual (other than in a restaurant or food premises).

- **Hand hygiene and coughing and sneezing etiquette:**

- If individuals have been in a public place, or after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing, they are advised to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, but if not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

- **Physical distancing measures are in place:**

- at least 1.5 metres apart between individuals when possible.

- **Ventilation of premises:**

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

- **Self health monitoring:**

- Individuals are advised to monitor health daily for symptoms.



Fully vaccinated individuals

An individual is considered to be fully vaccinated if he/she has received the appropriate regimen of WHO Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines or BDMCA-approved vaccines. Vaccination status in an individual's BruHealth, International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis book (Yellow Book), or other acceptable vaccination records may be shown to the management of a premise or organiser of the event as proof of vaccination.

Measures for mosques, suraus, and prayer halls

Capacity measures:

- Mosques, suraus and prayer halls are allowed to be **open daily for Fardhu Prayers and Jumaat Prayers**.
- Any takmir, religious classes, and community activities are not allowed.
- The capacity for Friday prayers is subject to the size of the normal capacity of the mosque (both indoor and outdoor prayer areas) and has to maintain the distance of one large sized personal prayer mat between each individual (1 metre).

***Jemaah* (mosque congregants):**

- **Only individuals aged 18 and above and who are fully vaccinated** are allowed to attend.
- Use of the BruHealth app is mandatory.
- *Jemaah* are required to make reservations using the "BruHealth" application to perform Friday prayers.
- Only male congregants are allowed to attend to perform Friday prayers, while for Fardhu prayers both male and female congregants are allowed.
- Wearing a face mask is a must at all times.
- *Jemaah* are required to bring their own large-sized prayer mats.
- *Jemaah* are required to perform ablution before going to the mosque. Mosque facilities such as toilets and ablution places are encouraged not to be used unless necessary. *Jemaah* are required to scan the BruHealth Code before entering mosques, suraus or prayer halls.
- *Jemaah* must show proof of having received complete vaccines.



- Body temperature checks should be carried out.
- Jemaah are encouraged to use hand sanitizer before entering the mosque.
- Any physical contact is not allowed, and this includes shaking hands.
- Ensure COVID-19 Control measures are strictly followed.

On-site support:

- To ensure measures are followed, the assistance of uniformed personnel/members of the takmir masjid committee/volunteers and mosque youth is needed to man the entrances (for Fardhu and Jumaat Prayers).

Sanitization and hygiene:

- Appoint staff to carry out enhanced cleaning and housekeeping both daily and regularly. Disinfect with disinfectant regularly, frequently touched areas such as handrails, lift surfaces and buttons, door knobs/handles, letterboxes, notice boards, digital displays, touch screen panels and tables and chairs in the common areas.
- Provide hand sanitizers at high human traffic points.
- Ensure refuse bins are covered at all times and cleared daily. Tie refuse contained in plastic bags properly before disposal at the bin centre.
- Clean up immediately any refuse spillage.
- Wash and disinfect all refuse bins, bin chambers, and bin centres where necessary.
- Engage licensed waste contractors to remove refuse daily.
- Cleaning staff are expected to:
 - Soak cleaning cloths in household bleach at the proper concentration according to manufacturer's instructions and wash the cloth after use or before reuse.
 - Clean and disinfect all cleaning equipment immediately after use.
- Deep sanitization will be performed once a week.