



TRANSITION PHASE GUIDELINES FOR MASS GATHERINGS

This document provides the measures under which Mass gatherings are permitted to be carried out 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 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 re-opening 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.
- Establish a Travel Green List with reduced restrictions on inbound and outbound travel for vaccinated individuals.



COVID-19 control measures for the Transition Phase

1. Use of the BruHealth app:

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

2. Wearing of masks:

- All individuals aged 2 or older should wear a mask over your 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.
- Masks can be taken off when:
 - In a hotel rooms or accommodation with members of the household.
 - In an enclosed individual workspace.
 - During strenuous activity such as sports and recreational activities.
 - Inside your own vehicle and with member of the household.
 - Indoor or outdoor public areas and places without any other individuals.
 - When eating and drinking in a public place without any other individual (other than in a restaurant or food premises).

3. Complete vaccination:

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

4. Hand hygiene and coughing and sneezing etiquette:

- If individuals have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, they are advised to wash hand 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.



5. Physical distancing measures are in place:

- At least 1.5 metres apart between individuals when possible.

6. Ventilation of premises:

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

7. 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 mass gathering

1. Capacity measures:

- **50% normal capacity of the premises/venue** at any one time or up to 200 individuals (follow whichever figure is lower). Capacity must comply with COVID-19 control measures. Capacity must include organisers and staff.

2. Event protocols:

- **ONLY fully vaccinated individuals** are allowed to enter the venue.
- **Must strictly comply with all COVID-19 control measures.**
- **The serving of food and drinks** is allowed but in the form of packed food and it is strongly recommended that it is not to be consumed at the venue/premises.
- **The serving of food via buffet is prohibited.**



3. Sanitization and hygiene:

- Premises must 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, doorknobs/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 centers 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.

- Toilets / shower facilities:
 - Disinfect with disinfectant regularly, frequently touched areas such as water taps, door/towel/cistern handles, seats and cover flaps, washbasins, doorknobs, buttons, and switches.
 - Provide an adequate supply of toilet paper, paper towels (if provided) or hand dryers, and liquid soap at all times. Where feasible, provide disinfectant, preferably dispensed through a no-touch mechanism for each toilet cubicle for users to clean toilet seats before and after use.
 - Ensure the toilet-flushing apparatus is functioning at all times.
 - Keep exhaust fans running for longer operating hours at full capacity.



- Use floor blowers to dry the toilet floors only when the toilets are closed from public usage.
- Ensure adequate ventilation in toilets or use an air purifier, if possible.