



MEDIA STATEMENT

EXTENSION OF THE EARLY ENDEMIC PHASE

Bandar Seri Begawan, Monday, 10th January 2022

1. 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 of Brunei Darussalam, and in reference to the Media Statement by the Prime Minister's Office on the **"ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPDATED GUIDELINES DURING THE ENDEMIC PHASE"** dated 12th December 2021, the COVID-19 Steering Committee wishes to announce that the Early Endemic Phase will be extended **for one (1) month, starting Saturday, 15th January 2022 until Monday, 14th February 2022.**
2. The movement restriction which was implemented during **"Operasi Peralihan"**, that is, the instruction to stay at home will also be **extended until Monday, 14th February 2022, but the period will be shortened to 12.00 a.m. to 4.00 a.m.** This would enable businesses to help improve the economy and enhance the well-being of all, whilst ensuring that the COVID-19 situation remains under control.
3. This extension of the Early Endemic Phase is made in consideration of the recent rise in COVID-19 infections. In relation to this, the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam will continue to monitor the spread of the virus, and will do its utmost best to ensure that the appropriate measures are taken in the interest of the safety of the country's citizens and residents.
4. In addition, this extension also allows more time for the Government to ensure that infection cases as well as bed occupancy rates at isolation centres remain low; for the coverage of vaccine booster doses to increase; and subsequently for the provision of vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 years, *Insyah Allah.*
5. The Government is also grateful to the public for their receptiveness to the booster dose vaccination. This is made possible with the cooperation of all parties, especially the citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam, who have



worked together in complying with health guidelines, including their continued support to the Government's efforts in jointly shouldering their respective responsibilities. On this note, the Government once again extends its appreciation to all for their collective efforts during the second wave of the COVID-19 in the country.

6. Once again, the public is reminded not to be complacent and to continue to adhere to SOPs, such as physical distancing, ensuring venue capacity limits, the wearing of facemasks, maintaining cleanliness, and mandatory use of the BruHealth mobile application. Meanwhile, the use of ART prior to entering premises is encouraged. In addition, for those who have not been vaccinated or have not completed their vaccinations yet, it is advisable to do so immediately to preserve the safety, security and well-being of our nation.
7. Therefore, we must continue to pray, work together, and have faith in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* that we will be safe from the COVID-19 pandemic. *Amin ya rabbal 'alamin.*

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