



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PRESS INFO

UPDATE FOR THE POLICY ON VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS FOR PATIENTS, VISITORS AND CARERS DURING THE ENDEMIC PHASE

Bandar Seri Begawan, 07 Syawal 1443 / 08 May 2022 – Following the current situation of the COVID-19 infection in Brunei Darussalam (endemic phase), the Ministry of Health would like to inform members of the public that **commencing Monday, 09 May 2022**, all Government hospitals under the Ministry of Health have updated its **Policy on Visit to Government Hospitals** with the aim of safeguarding the safety and well-being of patients, visitors, carers and all hospital staff from exposure to the risk of COVID-19 outbreak in hospitals.

Updates to this policy are as follows:

No	Groups	Visit Permission
1	Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have BruHealth codes Green or Yellow.• BruHealth codes Red or Purple allowed ONLY if admitted to wards or need medical treatment.• Must wear masks at all times and maintain physical distancing. <p>For outpatient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have proof of ART swab NEGATIVE (valid within 24 hours).• Those without BruHealth or proof of ART swab negative, they are required to perform ART swab at designated ART swab stations using own/personal ART kits.
2	Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must report at the allocated checkpoints before entry to any clinics, wards including obstetric wards or units within the hospital.• Must have BruHealth codes Green or Yellow.• Must have proof of ART swab NEGATIVE (valid within 24 hours).• Those without BruHealth or proof of ART swab negative, they are required to perform ART swab at designated ART swab stations using own/personal ART kits. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order to prevent risk of infections and to ensure patients admitted in the wards get appropriate rest and receive timely care and treatment:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Only two (2) designated visitors (excluding carers) are allowed per patient during every visiting session.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Children under the age of 12 are not allowed to enter wards/units. ➤ Visitors are only allowed to visit patients in cold zone wards. ➤ Visitors are not allowed to visit patients in holding wards, isolation wards or wards on lockdown. ➤ Visitors are allowed with patient's permission to do video calls with family but are not allowed to do video recordings of staff, other patients or the wards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one (1) visitor allowed to accompany patient for appointment/medicine collection. • All visitors must ensure they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wear masks at all times and maintain physical distancing. ➤ Keep their voices down and avoid making loud noises. ➤ Wash their hands with soap and water or use the hand sanitizer before and after visit. ➤ Keep their mobile phones switched off or on silent mode. ➤ Do not visit patients if they are unwell or sick. ➤ Respect other patients' privacy.
3	Carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must report at the allocated checkpoints before entry to wards including obstetric ward and labour room. • Must have BruHealth codes Green or Yellow. • Must have proof of ART swab NEGATIVE (valid within 24 hours). • Those without BruHealth or proof of ART swab negative, they are required to perform ART swab at designated ART swab stations using own/personal ART kits. • Must report and show to staff on duty at the nurses station or reception counter proof of negative ART swab test on entry to the wards including obstetric ward and labour room. • Only one (1) carer per patient is allowed. • Change of carer per patient is allowed and will be subject to similar terms and conditions as above. • Carer must ensure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wear a mask at all times and maintain physical distancing. ➤ Keep voice down and avoid making loud noises. ➤ Wash hands with soap and water or use the hand sanitizer regularly. ➤ Keep mobile phone switched off or on silent mode. ➤ Respect other patients' privacy

For more information, members of the public can call Talian Darussalam 123 or visit the website www.moh.gov.bn.

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