



EASING OF RESTRICTIONS FOLLOWING COVID-19 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

MASS GATHERING

OPERATIONAL READINESS LEVEL 1

(From 6 July 2020)

Definition of “Mass Gathering”

A mass gathering refers to any planned or spontaneous event which is attended by a sufficient number of people to strain the planning and response resources of a community, state or nation (*WHO, 2008*).

Specific Requirements:

1. Mass gathering is limited to **not more than 50 people** for each event. Staggered arrivals i.e. attendees arriving and leaving at different times or taking turns to attend an event is not permitted.
2. Permitted events:
 - 2.1. Private functions, religious events, wedding events, family events and charity events held at private residences or purpose-built premises such as banquet halls, restaurants and other event venues.

- 2.2. Events at the workplace, including meetings, courses, training, conferences, job interviews including written test, as well as social events.
- 2.3. Organizers of recreational events must comply with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.
- 2.4. Events permitted in para 2.1 dan 2.2. must comply with the maximum permitted limit of attendees as stated in para 1.
3. Keep events short. As much as possible, limit events to **2 hours at any one time**.
4. For events organized at private residences, hosts are required to list all attendees to assist with contact tracing if required, such as by providing a register book or guest book.
5. For events organized at purpose-built premises, the management of the premise are required to obtain BruHealth QR code specific for their premise and print out the QR code and place it at the entrance so that it can be scanned by attendees before entering and upon leaving the premise.

General Requirements:

1. Event organizers are required to ensure the following:
 - 1.1 Ensure attendees practise social distancing e.g. by placing seats at least 1 meter apart during the event.

- 1.2 Ensure healthy environment by providing clean and adequate restroom facilities, handwashing facilities with soap and water, disposable towels or tissue, and covered rubbish bins. If possible, provide hand sanitizers.
 - 1.3 Ensure the premise has good ventilation. It is also advisable to switch on fans and open windows, if necessary.
 - 1.4 Premises must be cleaned and sanitized before and after the event, especially frequently touched surfaces such as tables, chairs, countertops, handrails and door handles.
 - 1.5 Clean surfaces by wiping with soapy water and rinse with clean water. When dry, disinfect surfaces by wiping it with a piece of cloth that has been soaked in bleaching agents (such as Clorox®) which has been diluted, 1 part bleaching agent in 49 parts water, leave it to dry or rinse with clean water. Disinfection may also be done by wiping surfaces with alcohol (70%) impregnated wipe and leave to dry.
2. All attendees, including staff or committee members are advised to:
 - 2.1 Practise self-hygiene at all times such as frequent hand washings or use hand sanitizer.
 - 2.2 Reduce physical contact or touching, such as avoid shaking hands or embracing.
 - 2.3 Perform social responsibility including correct cough and sneeze etiquette at all times.

- 2.4 Use of face mask is recommended, including cloth face masks, provided that it is washed daily after use.
- 2.5 Those who are having symptoms of the infection or those who are at a high risk of developing severe form of the infection are advised from attending until they have fully recovered.
3. Refreshments may be provided through service by waitstaff or dome set. However, buffets may be considered if the event is held at a private residence or privately at a purpose-built premise. If the event is held at a restaurant, the buffet is not permitted to be served for other restaurant patrons.
4. Failure to comply with the instructions given is an offence under the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and if found guilty, may be fined to up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to 6 months or both.