

GUIDELINES FOR DECLARATION OF ARRIVAL FOR CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS

ENTERING / RETURNING TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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- 1. The Arrival Declaration is an acknowledgement of inbound travels for Citizens and Permanent Residents of Brunei Darussalam either by air, land or sea.
- 2. Citizens and Permanent Residents are advised to declare their imminent arrival into Brunei Darussalam for ease of logistics management.
- 3. For Citizens and Permanent Residents returning from official (Government Sponsored) and essential travels, their sending or endorsing agency must submit the declaration form on the travellers' behalf. (See Annex for list of official / essential travels)
- 4. Declaration may be submitted by the traveller or sending / endorsing agency on the online portal at <u>www.pmo.gov.bn/travelportal</u>.
- 5. Travellers may upload the following supporting documents with the declaration:
 - Traveller's passport
 - Tentative flight itinerary / Vehicle registration number (for land travel)
 - Pre-departure COVID-19 test result (if available)
 - COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate (if traveller has received vaccination)
 - Hotel reservation in Brunei Darussalam
- 6. Travellers may undertake **pre-departure COVID-19 RT PCR test within 48 hours to departure** at a designated medical center that is recognised by the government of the country of departure. Producing a negative result slip may allow travellers for a shortened post-arrival self-isolation in Brunei Darussalam, subject to risk assessment by the Ministry of Health.
- 7. Upon arrival, the traveller will be required to undergo self-isolation at hotel accomodation for a period of between 2 to 14 days depending on the self-isolation notice that is given upon arrival as determined by the Ministry of Health. Accommodation for the duration of post-arrival self-isolation must be selected from the drop down menu on the Arrival Declaration Form. It is the responsibility of the traveler (or sending/endorsing agency, if returning from essential/official travel) to book directly with hoteliers and secure such accommodation before arrival. It is advised to make a minimum booking duration of 6 days stay at the hotel, inclusive of private transportation from the airport direct to the declared accommodation, and to Government designated swab center. Change of hotel during the determined isolation period is not allowed.

- 8. Citizens and Permanent Residents returning from personal non-essential travels will bear the cost of accomodation during their self-isolation period in Brunei Darussalam, while those returning from official and essential travels (see Annex) will be accomodated for their self-isolation period in designated hotels determined and funded by the Brunei Government.
- 9. Citizens and Permanent Residents returning to Brunei Darussalam will be required to undergo a post-arrival COVID-19 PCR test, the cost of which will be borne by the Brunei Government, either on Day 1 or Day 5 after their arrival.
- 10. Travellers will be required to remain in their declared accommodation until negative COVID-19 test results are obtained, or until their self-isolation notice is revoked.
- 11. If the traveller is found to be COVID-19 positive, all incurred medical costs will be borne by the Brunei Government.
- 12. Upon returning to Brunei Darussalam, all travellers must have already **installed the BruHealth mobile application**, register and **self-report their health condition on a daily basis for the first 14 days of their stay**. Travellers must also scan in their locations at all times using the QR codes displayed at all premises.

Vaccinated Traveler Policy Eligibility

Vaccinated travelers may be eligible for shortened quarantine on entry of between 1 – 7 days to Brunei Darussalam provided that they meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Persons who have received a COVID-19 vaccine that has been granted WHO Emergency Use Listing*
- The applicant has a certificate of proof of vaccination issued by a recognized health jurisdiction (preferably digital vaccination record) or the WHO International Certificate of Vaccination (yellow book). Applicants vaccinated in Brunei Darussalam must show proof of vaccination on the BruHealth app.
- The person has completed the full course of vaccination (1 dose for Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 2 doses for all other vaccines).
- For a two-dose regimen, the individual is at least 14 days post-second dose of the vaccine.
- For a one-dose regimen, the individual is at least 28 days post-vaccination.
- A negative SARS-CoV2 RT-PCR test result taken within 48 hours prior to departure.
- A negative SARS-CoV2 RT-PCR test result after arrival.

The quarantine period of between 1 to 7 days will also be determined according to risk categorisation of the originating country of departure as assessed by Ministry of Health.

*As of 15 Oct 2021, WHO approved vaccines include COVID-19 vaccines manufactured by AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, Pfizer, Sinopharm, and Sinovac.

Annex

Categorisation of Essential Travels

Official / Essential Travels	Sending / Supporting Government Agency
1) Government-sponsored official trips	Respective sending agency
 Government officials working abroad returning home (on leave or after end of term) on Government-sponsored ticket 	Respective sending agency
 Government officials abroad for in-service training (LDP) returning home (on leave or after end of term) on Government-sponsored ticket 	Public Service Department (JPA), Prime Minister's Office
 Students on Brunei Government Scholarships Returning after completion of studies 	Ministry of Education (MOE) / Ministry of Religious Affairs (MORA)
5) Medical treatment endorsed and funded by Ministry of Health	Ministry of Health (MOH)