



**PRESS RELEASE
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**LATEST INFORMATION ON USING BRUHEALTH APPLICATION FOR ENTRY
INTO MOSQUES DURING FRIDAY PRAYERS ON 29TH MAY 2020**

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1. In reference to the Press Conference on Saturday, 23rd May 2020, regarding the use of the BruHealth app in mosques for Friday prayers starting this Friday, 29th May 2020. Alhamdulillah, there has been positive responses in registering for slots during this Friday's prayers through the BruHealth app.
2. The BruHealth app for performing Friday prayers is available starting Monday, 25th May 2020 from 12 pm onwards. So far, a total of 24,689 people have reserve their respective slots. 33 mosques recorded more than 50% of the capacity allowed, while 11 from that recorded more than 80%. This is a positive indication that the BruHealth app is widely used by the public.
3. However, there are still many users that have not been able to download the BruHealth app due to having older versions of Android and iOS that are not compatible with BruHealth. Therefore, efforts to enable those affected to register their entry into the mosques are currently being undertaken. One of the solution is to use the web-app via the website www.healthinfo.gov.bn and registering your personal details. Through the website, users can apply to perform Friday prayers at the available space provided and select their preferred mosque. A QR code will be generated to indicate the accepted slot. All QR codes obtained through the BruHealth app or web-app must be displayed before entering the mosque. All are reminded to conduct self-assessment everyday before and after Friday prayers.
4. In this regard, it is emphasised that those individuals at high risk as identified by the BruHealth app, children under the age of 15, and women are not allowed to perform Friday prayers in mosques at this stage. It is also advisable for any individuals who fails to reserve their slot to perform Friday prayers, due to

health reasons or unable to receive any slot, is advised not to go to the mosque to reduce congestion and other issues.

5. We are also pleased to announce that in the next phase of the BruHealth app, the Government will be introducing a number of new features, including for those that require people engagements in education institutions. This is in line with the de-escalation steps in accordance to the respective phases currently in planning. This is the reality of 'the new norm' that we must accept, adapt and adopt. This requires a 'whole of nation approach' for us to overcome this pandemic by ensuring normal practice of scanning the QR codes in and out of any business premises in controlling the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak in Brunei Darussalam.
6. Alhamdulillah, we have so far succeeded to flatten the curve. With the continuous efforts by the Government to introduce measures to address and overcome the COVID-19 pandemic dan strong support from all parties, we will be able to continue our daily lives safely and protected from this outbreak.