

Summary of Main Activities in COVID-19 Situation & Role of Military Medical

Country: BRUNEI

Action	Start Date	Role of Military Medicine	Note
1.Public information campaigns;	6 Jan 2020	Military side just adhere to whatever information or policy released by MOH.	First press release by MOH to the nation regarding COVID-19.
2.International travel controls;	24 Jan 2020	RBAF provided manpower support to assist MOH at the border posts under the Customs, Immigration & Quarantine (CIQ) to measure body temperature of people entering Brunei borders.	Manpower provided by troops from Royal Brunei Land Force.
3.School closure;	9 Mar 2020	Follow guidelines by MOE & MOH - for schools within the camp. Military Training Facilities: a) Officer Cadet School training is still ongoing - emphasizing on social distancing & hygiene. b) Recruit Company training is put on hold from 03 Apr 2020. c) All military courses run by Training Institute and other Training units are put on hold as well and postponed from 19 Mar 2020.	
4.High Risk Contact Quarantine Camp		Together with the support of all Personnel	Purely manned by MOH staffs.
5.Increase Laboratory Testing Capacity	MOH - 1 Apr 2020 (New extended Virology Lab) RBAF - 31 Mar 2020	Conducting random COVID-19 swab tests to anyone within MINDEF & RBAF Brunei.	129 cases.
6.Increase Hospitalization Capacity;		As part of the BCP, a few clinics within RBAF were closed to push more efforts (in terms of manpower) to designated clinics. This is done to maximise efforts in monitoring and reducing unnecessary exposure to	

		the virus.	
7.Public event cancellation;	Estimated 9 Mar 2020	Follow guidelines from MOH.	
8.Workplace closure;	No closure to office, but 18 Mar 2020, the nation issued implementation of Business Continuity Plan (BCP)	MINDEF and RBAF activated BCP to reduce the manpower working in an office at one time. Work from home for Pregnant - 6 Apr 2020.	
9.Public transport closure;	-	None	-
10.Restriction on international movement;	24 Jan 2020 (set by government)	CMO has issued a temporary travel ban on the 10 Mac 2020. This is to reduce risk of importing the virus into the country.	
11.Fiscal measures;	-	None	-
12.Monetary measures;	-	None	-
13.Emergency investment in healthcare;	-	None	Besides investment, an account was open called COVID-19 Relief Fund, to enable the public to contribute. The donation collected has been used for supporting MOH mostly.
14.Investment in vaccine	-	MRS with the help of MOH in procuring vaccines has made it easy for military and civilian staffs within MINDEF and RBAF to get vaccinations (given by priority).	Started even before COVID-19 reaches Brunei.