



## **GUIDELINES FOR DOMESTIC RUNNERS DURING THE ENDEMIC PHASE**

### **GENERAL**

Domestic runners are those who provide the following services, either on a full-time or part-time basis, within Brunei Darussalam:

- a. Individuals who provide delivery services to the public, home-based businesses and registered businesses such as restaurants and other businesses.
- b. Individuals who are employees of a registered runner delivery services business.
- c. Employees who carry out delivery services for a registered business e.g. restaurants or supermarkets or other businesses.

### **PURPOSE**

This document provides guidance for domestic runners on their operational protocols during the endemic phase which started on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021. This also provides guidance for those who have developed symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with those who are infected with COVID-19 while carrying out delivery services.

### **SITUATION SUMMARY**

Domestic runners must adhere to instructions and guidance issued by the Ministry of Health and other relevant authorities, including those outlined in this guideline. In the event of non-compliance, domestic runners will be guilty of an offence and liable for a conviction to penalties under the Infectious Diseases Act, Cap 204.

## **GUIDELINES FOR DOMESTIC RUNNERS DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION**

1. Domestic runners are required to register through the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC) website at <http://www.mtic.gov.bn/pendaftaran> by providing complete and up-to-date information including full name, smart card identity number, home address, email address, mobile phone number, vehicle registration number, Bru-HIMS number, COVID-19 vaccination information (dates of first and second doses) and company/business name (if relevant). There is no charge for registration.
  - a. E-Notification will be sent to the email provided within three (3) working days.
  - b. Domestic runners may register as many vehicles which will be used to perform their delivery services as long as the vehicles have valid registration (including insurance, vehicle licence and driving licence).
  - c. Registered domestic runners will be required to update their information every six (6) months, or earlier if there are any changes to the initial information registered. This includes vehicles that will be used to provide delivery services.
2. Registered domestic runners can show the e-Notification whenever required to confirm that they are registered with MTIC and show proof of transaction such as employer or

customer's instructions or booking for delivery services contained in electronic communications e.g. Whatsapp, email.

3. Registered domestic runners are limited to the delivery of goods within Brunei Darussalam only and are not allowed to leave the country.
4. Registered domestic runners must ensure that their mobile devices are equipped with the BruHealth Application and display green code only before carrying out delivery services.
5. Registered domestic runners must update their health status on the BruHealth Self-Assessment Application while carrying out their delivery services and are encouraged to undergo regular testing for COVID-19.
6. Registered domestic runners are also required to comply with the following while carrying out delivery services:
  - a. To wear face masks.
  - b. Not to share any items including stationery.
  - b. Use technology to communicate with clients.
  - c. Limit the amount of face-to-face contact during deliveries or practice contactless delivery.
  - d. Practice social distancing i.e. maintain a distance of at least 2 metres (6 feet) or more between people.
  - e. Regularly wash their hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
  - f. All runners, irrespective of their vaccination status, are required to undertake ART test twice a week. ART test can be done by the runners themselves without the need to go to any ART Certification Centre authorized by Ministry of Health. Their ART results must be uploaded on their Bruhealth app everytime they perform the COVID-19 ART which is twice a week.
  - g. Encouraged to get booster vaccination once eligible after completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.
7. Registered domestic runners are advised to:
  - a. Complete their COVID-19 vaccinations before carrying out delivery services (at least 2 weeks following their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine).
  - b. Remain in their vehicle while waiting for items / goods to be loaded.
  - c. Wait in a separate designated area if one is available to avoid close contact with others.
  - d. Always carry the e-Notification-registration issued by MTIC when carrying out delivery services.
8. Registered domestic runners who test positive for COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test (ART) are considered as positive cases and need to undergo quarantine. Domestic runners may only resume their services after they have been confirmed negative and after completing any Quarantine Order following prevailing health protocol. Current Health protocols for COVID-19 can be found on Ministry of Health website <https://www.moh.gov.bn/SitePages/COVID-19.aspx>.
9. Registered domestic runners who are exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 must comply to with prevailing health protocol for close contacts where they may be required to temporarily discontinue their services and quarantine at home. Current Health protocols

for COVID-19 can be found on Ministry of Health website <https://www.moh.gov.bn/SitePages/COVID-19.aspx>.

10. Registered domestic runners who tested positive for COVID-19 must comply to prevailing health protocol for positive cases where they may be required to undergo home isolation or isolation in a government designated isolation centre depending on their risk category. Runners who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and become increasingly unwell and require medical assistance are advised to go to the nearest flu centres or call 991 for medical emergencies.

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