



TRANSITION PHASE GUIDE LINES FOR LAND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

This document provides measures under which land public transport under the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC) are permitted to carry out activities during Brunei's transition phase within the National COVID-19 Recovery Framework. Our approach is based on ensuring compliance to core measures listed under COVID-19 Control Measures, the use of *Antigen Rapid Test (ART)* for early screening of the disease and introducing different restrictions for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

1. Transition Phase

May commence at 70% level of vaccination coverage.

Minimise serious illness, hospitalisations and deaths caused by COVID-19.

2. COVID-19 Control Measures

i. Use of BruHealth App

- a. **BruHealth Registration:** All land public transport (bus, taxis and e-hailing) must register for a BruHealth QR code. QR Code is required to be printed and affixed at the entrance area of the vehicle.
- b. **Driver/Conductor Registration:** Bus, taxi and e-hailing operators are required to ensure all of their drivers and conductors are registered in the BruHealth app. The drivers and conductors are required to scan in/out when they arrive/leave the vehicle.
- c. **Scan BruHealth App:** Bus drivers/conductors, taxi and e-hailing drivers are to ensure all individuals scan their BruHealth app before entering the vehicle.
- d. **BruHealth Code Colour:** Bus drivers/conductors, taxi and e-hailing drivers are to ensure only individuals with green and yellow BruHealth codes are allowed to enter. Identification Card (IC) have to be checked for validation purposes.

- ii. Complete Vaccination: Bus, taxi and e-hailing operators are to ensure all drivers / conductors who are eligible to be vaccinated (no medical contraindications) are fully vaccinated.
- iii. Physical distancing: To practice the social and physical distancing that has been implemented which is at least 1.5 m apart between individuals when possible.
- iv. Ventilation of bus / taxis / e-hailing: Bus, taxi and e-hailing drivers to ensure vehicle has adequate ventilation and encouraged to open the window when passengers are on board.

3. Fully Vaccinated Individuals

An individual is considered to be fully vaccinated if he/ she has received the appropriate regimen of WHO Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines or BDMCA-approved vaccines. Vaccination status in an individual’s BruHealth, International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis book (Yellow Book), or other acceptable vaccination records may be shown to bus drivers/conductors, taxi and e-hailing drivers as proof of vaccination.

4. Measures for The Operation of Land Public Transport (Bus, Taxis and e-Hailing)

i. Capacity Measures:

- a. Buses are allowed to operate at 50% passenger capacity (excluding the driver).
- b. Taxis and e-Hailing are allowed to operate at 50% seat capacity (excluding driver’s seat), as below:

Vehicle Seat capacity	Max passengers (excluding driver)
5	2
7	3

ii. Protocols for Boarding Land Public Transport:

- a. Use of BruHealth app for bus drivers/conductors, taxi and e-hailing drivers is mandatory.

- b. Bus drivers/conductors, taxi and e-hailing drivers are required to ensure passengers scan the QR Code through the BruHealth app before boarding the vehicle.
- c. All individuals boarding the vehicle are required to wear a face mask that covers their nose and mouth at all times and check their temperature before boarding the vehicle.
- d. Individuals with symptoms are not allowed to board the vehicle.
- e. Use hand sanitizer before boarding the vehicle.
- f. Only passengers with green and yellow BruHealth codes are allowed to board the vehicles (Identification Card (IC) have to be checked for validation purposes).
- g. Fully vaccinated individuals with two (2) doses of vaccines are allowed to board the land public transport. Proof of vaccination confirmation must be shown.
- h. For taxi and e-hailing services, passengers of more than one (1) individual has to be of the same household.
- i. Practice social distancing at all times.
- j. Bus drivers/conductors, taxi and e-hailing drivers are encouraged to open the window of the vehicle while passengers are on board.
- k. Bus drivers/conductors, taxi and e-hailing drivers are encouraged to undergo ART test once in every two (2) weeks in compliance with the Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam guidelines.

iii. Fare Payment Protocol:

- a. Bus, taxi and e-Hailing operators to ensure fare payment transactions are made via cashless (through online banking) or contactless (providing clean container for passengers to make cash payment).

iv. Sanitation Management and Germ Disinfection Protocols:

- a. Maintain personal hygiene at all times.
- b. Provide hand sanitizers in the vehicle.

- c. Clean and frequently disinfect vehicle seats and equipments which are frequently touched such as windows and door handles.
- d. Encouraged to open the windows of the vehicle while passengers are on board.