

MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
DIRECTORATE GENERAL
OF THE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF DISEASES

To the Honorable.

1. Head of Health Service Offices of Provincial and Regency/City throughout Indonesia
2. Head of Port Health Offices throughout Indonesia
3. Head of B/BTKL-PP throughout Indonesia
4. All Directors of National and Regional Referral Hospitals

CIRCULAR LETTER

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REGARDING

**THE 3RD REVISION OF GUIDELINES FOR THE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF THE
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)**

In view of the rapid development of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases, these are the items are what we need to convey for further follow up:

- a. Development of situations according to the World Health Organization (WHO):
 - On January 30, 2020, the Director General of WHO has stipulated COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).
 - As of March 10, 2020, a report of total confirmed cases of 113,702 with 4,012 deaths (CFR 3,5%). As much as 80,294 confirmed cases with 3,140 deaths have been reported in China. Cases outside of China have been reported with a number of 32,778 confirmed cases in 109 countries/regions.
 - On March 2, 2020, Indonesia reported 2 confirmed cases of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020, the WHO has stipulated COVID-19 as a pandemic and Indonesia has reported 27 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

- An infected country as defined by guidelines is a country that has reported **local transmission** of COVID-19 (not imported cases, and still circulating) by the WHO. As of March 10, 2020, 62 countries have reported local transmissions, such as United States, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Netherlands, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Denmark, Ecuador, Philippines, Finland, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Iraq, Iran, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Germany, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Lebanon, North Macedonia, Malaysia, Maldives, Egypt, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Czech Republic, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, New Zealand, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, and Greece.
 - As of today, it has been made known that the transmission between persons may be conducted through droplets when coughing/sneezing or through objects that have been contaminated with the virus.
 - Based on a phylogenetic analysis that has been conducted with genome sequencing, bats have been identified as a virus reservoir of COVID-19, but the intermediary host has not been identified in certainty. The Ministry of Health will continue to update the information and guidelines in accordance with the recommendation of the WHO.
- b. Ministry of Health has developed Guidelines on the Readiness to Counter the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), referring to the temporary guidelines drawn up by the WHO. This guideline is a living document that may be amended from time to time in accordance with the developing situation. The 3rd revision contains the following amendments:
- Chapter I : Introduction
 - Chapter II : Surveillance and Response
 - Chapter IV : Prevention and Mitigation of Infection
 - Chapter V : Developing Specimen and Laboratory Confirmation
- c. Referral laboratory to examine COVID-19 is the Central Research and Development of Biomedical and Basic Health Technology (Puslitbang BTDK) in Balitbangkes, as the National Referral Central Laboratory in accordance with the Minister of Health Regulation No. 658/MENKES/PER/VIII/2009 regarding the Laboratory Network of Disease of New-Emerging and Re-Emerging Infections.
- d. The Minister of Health Decree Number HK.01/MENKES/104/2020 regarding Stipulation of the Infection of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCov) as a Type Disease that can Cause an Epidemic and its Mitigation Efforts has been issued.

- e. The Minister of Health Decree Number HK.01/MENKES/169/2020 regarding the Stipulation of Referral Hospitals for the Countermeasure of Certain Emerging Infection Disease.
- f. In relation to the above items, for Provincial/Regency/City, Port Health Office, B/BTKL-PP, and other Referral Hospitals:
 - Continue to increase awareness and readiness in accordance with what is stated in the Circular Letter of Director General of the Prevention and Mitigation of New Disease Number HK.02.02.II.329/2020 on January 31, 2020 regarding the Increase of Awareness on the Infection of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCov) as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).
 - Utilize the 3rd Revision of Guidelines for the Prevention and Mitigation of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) as a reference in the governance of the current COVID-19.
 - Disseminate the 3rd Revision of Guidelines for the Prevention and Mitigation of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) to be widely used.
- g. Information regarding media Communication, Information, and Education (CIE) or developing situations of COVID-19, may be accessed through:
 - Coronavirus Hot Line : 021-5210411, 0812 1212 3119, 119 ext. 9
 - Twitter : @KemenkesRI
 - Facebook : @KementrianKesehatanRI
 - Instagram : @kemenkes_ri
 - Website : www.who.int
www.infeksiemergeng.kemkes.go.id,
www.covid19.kemkes.go.id,
www.sehatnegriku.kemkes.go.id

Thus, this Circular Letter is to be implemented with full responsibility and is in accordance with the laws and regulations.

Stipulated in Jakarta

On March 16, 2020

GENERAL DIRECTOR ON THE
PREVENTION AND MITIGATION
OF DISEASES

(Signed and Stamped)

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