

COVID-19 HANDLING TASK FORCE

NUMBER 20 OF 2021

REGARDING

HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS DURING THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

A. Background

- That in order to follow up on the development of handling the COVID-19 situation and national economic recovery, adjustments are needed to control the mechanism for international travels.
- Whereas to anticipate the spread of the new or upcoming SARS-CoV-2 Virus in the future and in the context of reopening the tourism sector through international travel, international travellers must comply to health protocols very strictly and pay attention to regulations or policies stipulated by the government.
- Whereas based on the considerations as referred to in number 1 and number 2, it is necessary to stipulate Circular Letter Number 20 of 2021 regarding Health Protocols For International Travels During the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic.

B. Purpose And Objective

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to implement health protocols for international travellers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The objective of this Circular Letter is to conduct monitoring, controlling, and evaluating in the context of preventing the increase of the COVID-19 transmission.

C. SCOPE

The scope of this Circular Letter is the Health Protocols for International Travelers.

D. Legal Basis

- 1. Law Number 4 of 1984 regarding Outbreak of Communicable Disease;
- 2. Law Number 24 of 2007 regarding Disaster Management;



- 3. Law Number 6 of 2011 regarding Immigration;
- 4. Law Number 6 of 2018 regarding Health Quarantine;
- Government Regulation Number 21 of 2008 regarding Implementation of Disaster Management;
- Government Regulation Number 21 of 2020 regarding Large Scale Social Restriction to Accelerate the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- 7. Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding Committee of the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery, as amended by Presidential Regulation Number 108 of 2020 regarding Amendment of the Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding the Committee of the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery;
- 8. Presidential Decree Number 11 of 2020 regarding the Stipulation of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency;
- Presidential Decree Number 12 of 2020 regarding the Stipulation of the Non-Natural Disaster of the Spread of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a National Disaster;
- 10. Minister of Law and Human Rights Regulation Number 34 of 2021 regarding the Granting of Immigration Visa and Stay Permits During the Period of Handling the Spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019 and National Economic Recovery;
- 11. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated December 28, 2020;
- 12. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated January 6, 2021;
- 13. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated January 11, 2021;
- 14. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated January 21, 2021;
- 15. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated February 2, 2021.
- 16. Resolution of the Ministerial Level Limited Coordination Meeting dated July 2, 2021;
- 17. Resolution of the Ministerial Level Limited Coordination Meeting dated July 3, 2021;
- 18. Resolution of the Ministerial Level Limited Coordination Meeting dated August 4, 2021;
- 19. Resolution of the Limited Cabinet Meeting dated September 6, 2021;



- Resolution of the Ministerial Level Limited Coordination Meeting dated September
 7, 2021;
- 21. Resolution of the Ministerial Level Limited Coordination Meeting dated 12, September 2021;
- 22. Resolution of the Ministerial Level Limited Coordination Meeting dated 18, September 2021;
- 23. Resolution of the Limited Cabinet Meeting dated October 11, 2021.

E. Definition

- 1. International Travelers means persons who are conducting international travels on the past 14 days.
- 2. Reverse-Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction hereinafter referred to as RT-PCR means a type of diagnostic test which detects the genetic matter of the virus originating from a certain sample, such as nasopharyngeal/oropharyngeal swab test, by using the reverse transcriptase enzyme and polymerase chain reaction.
- Quarantine means attempt of temporary separation by a healthy person or without symptoms but have had close contact with a positive case or recently engaged in a high-risk activity, such as carried out high risk activities during the pandemic.
- 4. Isolation means attempt of temporary separation by an obvious person showing symptoms similar to COVID-19 or people with COVID-19 positive based on diagnostic results.
- Health insurance means Proof that it has guarantees for the insured to reimburse any costs for the handling of COVID-19 which includes costs of treatment, surgery, and drugs.
- 6. Vaccine certificate means physical or digital document that proves it has been received the whole series of vaccinations.

F. Protocol

 International travellers with the status of Indonesian Citizens (Warga Negara Indonesia or "WNI") from overseas are allowed to enter Indonesia while still following strict health protocols as stipulated by the Government.



- Restrictions to enter the territory of Indonesia, whether directly or in transit in a
 foreign country, remains in effect for international travellers with the status of
 Foreign Citizens (Warga Negara Asing or WNA) except those who meet the
 following criteria:
 - a. Minister of Law and Human Rights Regulation Number 34 of 2021 regarding the Granting of Immigration Visas and Stay Permits in the Period of Handling the Spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019 and National Economic Recovery;
 - b. In accordance with the Travel Corridor Arrangement (TCA) bilateral agreement scheme; and/or
 - c. Obtained written consideration/special permitt from the Ministries/Institutions.
- 3. All International Travellers, whether with the status of Indonesian Citizen (*Warga Negara Indonesia* or "**WNI**") or foreign citizen (*Warga Negara Asing* or "**WNA**") must comply to the following provisions/conditions:
 - a. Comply with the health protocols as stipulated by the Government;
 - b. Show the card or certificate (physical and digital) stating that they have been vaccinated for COVID-19 with a full dose for a minimum of 14 (fourteen) days prior to its departure as a requirement of entering Indonesia with the following conditions:
 - i. WNI must show the card or certificate (physical or digital) of having received the full dose of COVID-19 vaccine as a requirement to enter Indonesia, and in the event WNI has not received vaccines abroad, they will be vaccinated at the quarantine facility as soon as they arrived in Indonesia after the second PT-PCR has been conducted with a negative result;
 - ii. WNA must show the card or certificate (physical or digital) of having received the full dose of COVID-19 vaccine as a requirement to enter Indonesia
 - iii. in the event WNA has not received vaccines abroad, then shall be vaccinated at the quarantine facility as soon as they arrived in Indonesia after the second PT-PCR has been conducted with a negative result, with the following conditions:
 - 1) WNA aged 12 17 years old;



- 2) Holders of diplomatic stay visa and service stay permits; and/or
- 3) Holders of Limited Stay Permits (*Kartu Izin Tinggal Terbatas* or "**KITAS**") and Permanent Stay Permits (*Kartu Izin Tinggal Tetap* or "**KITAP**").
- iv. WNA who are already in Indonesia and will conduct travel, whether domestically or internationally, shall be be vaccinated through the program schemes or mutual cooperation (*gotong* royong) schemes in accordance with the laws and regulations;
- v. The obligation to show the card or certificate of COVID-19 vaccination (physical or digital) as a requirement of entering Indonesia are excepted to:
 - WNA holders of diplomatic visa and service visa related to official/state visit of foreign officials at the ministerial level or above and WNA who enters Indonesia with the Travel Corridor Arrangement scheme, in accordance with the principle of reciprocity by implementing strict health protocols;
 - 2) WNA who has not been vaccinated and intends to travel domestically and continue with the aim of taking international flights out of the territory of the Republic of Indonesia, are allowed to not show their COVID-19 vaccination card/certificate as long as they do not leave the airport area during transit waiting for international flights to be followed, with the following requirements:
 - a. has been authorized by the local Port Health Office to carry out domestic travel with the aim of being able to continue its flight out of Indonesia; and
 - b. show flight ticket schedules outside Indonesia for direct transit from the departure city to the airport in the territory of the Republic of Indonesia with the final destination to the destination country.
 - 3) International travellers under the age of 18 years old; and
 - 4) International travellers with special health conditions or comorbid disease which causes the traveller to be unable to be vaccinated, with the requirement of having to attach a doctor's



certificate from the Government Hospital of the state of departure stating that the person concerned has not and/or is unable to take part in the COVID-19 vaccination.

- vi. The card or certificate (physical or digital) of receiving the full dose of COVID-19 vaccine shall be written in English, other than the language of the origin state.
- c. Show a negative result from the RT-PCR test from its origin country which sample shall be taken in the period of maximum 3 x 24 hours before the time of departure and is attached during the health screening or International e-HAC of Indonesia;
- d. During arrival, international travellers shall conduct retesting of RT-PCR and are obligated to conduct quarantine for 5 x 24 hours, with the following conditions:
 - 1) For WNI, namely Indonesian Migrant Workers (*Pekerja Migran Indonesia or PMI*); Students; or Government Employees returning from overseas official trips in accordance with the Circular Letter of the Head of the COVID-19 Task Force regarding Entry Point, Place of Quarantine, and Obligation of RT-PCR for Indonesian Citizens of International Travellers at the expense of the government.
 - 2) For WNI outside of the criteria as referred to in number 1) and for WNA, including foreign diplomats, outside from the head of foreign representative and families of the head of foreign representatives shall conduct quarantine at the quarantine accommodation place.
- e. Place of Quarantine accommodations as referred to in letter d.2) must receive recommendation from the COVID-19 Task Force which has fulfil the requirements and conditions from the Indonesian Hotel & Restaurant Association for cleanliness, health, safety and environment sustainability (CHSE) and the Ministries in charge of health affairs for the Jakarta and surrounding areas or the Provincial Office in charge of health affairs in the regions related to the certification of the COVID-19 health protocol;
- f. In the event the head of foreign representative and their families who are working in Indonesia may carry out self-quarantine in their own homes for 5 x 24 hours as referred to in letter d;



- g. In the event the result of the RT-PCR re-examination upon arrival as referred to in letter d shows as positive, then treatment shall be carried out in a centralized isolation facility for people without symptoms and people with mild symptoms and a referral hospital for people with moderate and severe symptoms, for WNI at the cost of being borne by the government and for WNA at all costs being borne by themselves;
- h. If Foreign Citizens (WNA) who cannot afford independent quarantine and/or their treatments in the Hospital, then the Sponsor, Ministries/Institutions/State-Owned Enterprises (Badan Usaha Milik Negara or BUMN) who gives the consideration of entry permit for such WNA can be asked for the responsibility of the referred;
- i. For WNI and WNA shall conduct a second RT-PCR on day-4 of quarantine
- j. In the event that the second RT-PCR test as referred to in letter i shows negative results, then the WNI and WNA shall be allowed to continue travel and recommended to conduct independent quarantine for 14 days and implement health protocols;
- k. If the result is positive as referred to in letter i, then treatment in centralized isolation facilities for asymptomatic people and people with mild symptoms and referral hospital for persons with symptoms moderate and severe, for WNI with costs borne by the government and for WNA with all costs from personal funding;
- I. The RT-PCR test examnitation as referred to in letter i may be requested a written comparison by filling out the form that has been provided by the Port Health Office (Kantor Kesehatan Pelabuhan or "KKP") or the Ministry in charge of health affairs for Jakarta and surrounding areas with all costs from the international travellers personal funding.
- m. Implementation of the RT-PCR comparison test as referred to in letter I are carried out by the Cipto Mangunkusumo National Central Public Hospital (RSCM), or Gatot Soebroto Army Central Hospital (RSPAD), or Bhayangkara Raden Said Sukanto Hospital (RS. Polri) is carried out concurrently or simultaneously by the KKP or laboratories in collaboration with quarantine accommodation facilities.



- n. KKP International Airports and Seaports shall facilitate WNI or WNA international travellers who needs medical services emergency upon arrival in Indonesia in accordance to the applicable provision;
- o. Ministries/Institutions/Local Governments that carry out the functions related to WNI and/or WNA shall follow up this Circular Letter by issuing legal instruments that is in-line and not in contradiction with subject to this Circular Letter and the applicable laws and regulations; and
- Legal instruments as referred to in letter o shall be an integral part of this Circular Letter.
- 4. The obligations to quarantine shall be exempted for WNA who holds diplomatic visas and official visas related to official visit/foreign state officials at the level of the minister or above and implement highly strict health protocols and WNA who enters Indonesia through the Travel Corridor Arrangement scheme, in accordance with the reciprocity principles by constantly implementing strict health protocol.
- 5. Every international travellers are required to use the *PeduliLindungi* application as a condition for international travel to enter Indonesian territory.
- 6. Each mode of transportation operator at the entrance (entry point) of international travels are required to use *PeduliLindung* application.
- 7. Quarantine supervision of the health of cargo ships and crews shall be in accordance with more specific and technical arrangements stipulated by the Ministry of Health through monitoring by the Port Health Office of each entrance (entry point) for international travel.
- 8. International Travelers have the status of Foreign Citizens (WNA) with tourist travel destinations may enter the territory of Indonesia by the following terms/conditions:
 - a. Through the airport entry point (airport) in Bali and Riau islands;
 - b. In addition to the terms/conditions of showing the card or certificate of receiving COVID-19 vaccine and a negative RT-PCR test result as referred to in number 3.b. and 3.C., international travellers for recreational trips must include:
 - Short Visit Visa or other entry permit as in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations;



- ii. Proof of health insurance ownership with the sum insured a minimum of USD 100,000 which includes COVID-19 handling fees; and
- iii. Proof of order confirmation and payment (booking) of accommodation place from accommodation providers while staying in Indonesia.

G. MONITORING, CONTROL, AND EVALUATION

- The Regional COVID-19 Handling Task Force assisted by the public transportation authority shall jointly implement the control of travel of persons and safe public transportation from COVID-19 by forming an Integrated Security Post;
- 2. Authorities, management and implementation of public transportation assign supervision during the implementation of public transport operations;
- Ministries/Institutions, the Indonesian National Army (TNI), National Police (POLRI), and Regional Government has the right to stop and/or conduct prohibition of travel of persons on the basis of this Circular Letter that is in-line and not in contradiction and/or the provisions of laws and regulations;
- 4. Ministries/Institutions, TNI, POLRI is assisted by the Airport and Seaport COVID-19 Handling Task Force c.q. Port Health Office (*Kantor Kesehatan Pelabuhan* (KKP)) of the International Airport and Seaport shall conduct routine supervision to ensure compliance of the implementation of health protocols and selfquarantine through telephone calls, video calls and field checks during this COVID-19 pandemic; and
- 5. Authorized agencies (Ministries/Institutions, TNI, POLRI, and Regional Government) shall conduct disciplinary COVID-19 health protocol and law enforcement in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

H. CLOSING

This Circular Letter shall come into force on October 14, 2021 until a period that shall later be determined.

With this Circular Letter coming into force, the Circular Letter Number 18 of 2021, Addendum of Circular Letter Number 18 of 2021, and Second Addendum of Circular Letter Number 18 of 2021, is revoked and declared no longer in force.

This is so that it can be followed and carried out with full responsibility.



Stipulated in : Jakarta

Dated : October 13 2021

Head of the National Agency for

Disaster Management as the Head of
the COVID-19 Handling Task Force,

(Signed and stamped)

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Copied to:

- 1. President of the Republic of Indonesia;
- 2. Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia;
- Head of Committee for the Policy Committee of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery;
- 4. All Ministers/Heads of Institutions;
- 5. Commander of the Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI);
- 6. Head of the Police Force of the Republic of Indonesia (POLRI);
- 7. Head of the National Economic Recovery Task Force; and
- 8. Head of the Regional Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Handling Task Force.