

COVID-19 HANDLING TASK FORCE

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

A. Background

1. Whereas in order to further follow the development of the situation of the spread of the SARS- CoV-2 virus in various countries across the world and the results of cross-sectoral evaluations , it is necessary to it is necessary to adjust the control mechanism for foreign travellers.
2. Whereas based on the considerations as referred to in number 1, it is necessary to stipulate a Circular 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 prevent an increase in the transmission of COVID-19.

C. Scope

The Scope of this Circular Letter is Health Protocols for international travellers.

D. Legal Basis

1. Law Number 4 of 1984 regarding Outbreak of Communicable Diseases;
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;
5. Government Regulation Number 21 of 2008 regarding the Implementation of Disaster Management;
6. Government Regulation Number 21 of 2020 regarding Large-Scale Social Restrictions in the Context of Accelerating Handling of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
7. Presidential Regulation Number 1 of 2019 regarding the National Disaster Management Agency, as amended by Presidential Regulation Number 29 of 2021 regarding Amendments to Presidential Regulation Number 1 of 2019 regarding the National Disaster Management Agency;
8. Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding the Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery, as amended by Presidential Regulation Number 108 of 2020 regarding Amendments to Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding the Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery;
9. Presidential Decree Number 11 of 2020 regarding the Determination of the Public Health Emergency of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
10. Presidential Decree Number 12 of 2020 regarding the Determination of Non-Natural Disasters for the Spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as National Disasters;
11. Presidential Decree Number 24 of 2021 regarding Determining the Factual Status of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic in Indonesia; and
12. The results of the Limited Cabinet Meeting on March 21, 2022.

E. Definition

1. International Travelers, (*Pelaku Perjalanan Luar Negeri*, hereinafter abbreviated as “**PPLN**”), are Indonesian citizens (*Warga Negara Indonesia* or “**WNI**”)/Foreign citizens (*Warga Negara Asing* or “**WNA**”) who have travelled from abroad in the last 14 days.
2. Reverse-Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction, hereinafter referred to as (“**RT-PCR**”), is a type of diagnostic test that detects viral genetic material originating from

- certain samples, such as the nasopharyngeal/oropharyngeal swab test, using the reverse transcriptase enzyme and polymerase chain reaction.
3. Quarantine is an effort to temporarily separate healthy people or people who are exposed to COVID-19 (either from a history of contact or history of traveling to areas where community transmission has occurred) even though they have not shown any symptoms or are in the incubation period, which aims to ensure that there are no symptoms and prevent possible transmission.
 4. Independent health monitoring is an effort to observe the physical health conditions by each PPLN with the aim of ensuring that COVID-19 symptoms do not arise and prevent possible transmission.
 5. Isolation is an effort to temporarily separate someone who is sick and requires COVID-19 treatment or someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19 based on diagnostic results, from healthy people with the aim of reducing the risk of transmission.
 6. Health insurance is proof of ownership of insurance to the insured to cover any costs for handling COVID-19 which includes costs for treatment, surgery, and medicines.
 7. Vaccine certificate is a physical document or digital proof that a series of vaccinations has been received.
 8. Community transmission is a condition of high transmission detected between residents in an area whose source of transmission can come from within and/or outside the area.
 9. Centralized quarantine is quarantine activity for PPLN concentrated in one place of quarantine accommodation, either in government-owned locations or hotels.
 10. PPLN under 18 years of age and requiring special protection are children who are in an emergency situation; children in conflict with the law; children from minority groups and isolated children who are exploited economically and/or sexually; children who are victims of abuse of narcotics, alcohol, psychotropic substances, and other addictive substances; children who are victims of pornography; children with HIV/AIDS; child victims of abduction, sale, and/or trafficking; child victims of terrorist networks; children with disabilities; child victims of abuse and neglect; children with deviant social

- behaviour; and children who are victims of stigmatization from labelling related to their parents' condition.
11. Dispensation is a decision by an authorized government official as a form of approval for the application of Community Citizens which is an exception to a prohibition or order in accordance with the provisions of the regulation.
 12. S-Genetarget Failure, hereinafter referred to as SGTF, is a type of test using the molecular detection method or the Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) which is able to see the failure of S gene detection when other genes are detected as screening markers for variants that have high spike mutation rates (S) like SARS-Cov-2 variant B.1.1.529.

F. Protocol

1. PPLN shall enter the Indonesian territory through the entry points for international travel as follows:
 - a. Airport:
 - i. Soekarno Hatta, Banten;
 - ii. Juanda, East Java;
 - iii. Ngurah Rai, Bali;
 - iv. Hang Nadim, Riau Islands;
 - v. Raja Haji Fisabilillah, Riau Islands;
 - vi. Sam Ratulangi, North Sulawesi; and
 - vii. Zainuddin Abdul Madjid, West Nusa Tenggara
 - b. Seaports:
 - i. Tanjung Benoa, Bali;
 - ii. Batam, Riau Islands;
 - iii. Tanjung Pinang, Riau Islands;
 - iv. Bintan, Riau Islands; and
 - v. Nunukan, North Kalimantan.
 - c. Cross-Border Post:
 - i. Aruk, West Kalimantan;

- ii. Entikong, West Kalimantan; and
 - iii. Motaain, East Nusa Tenggara.
2. PPLN are allowed to enter Indonesia while still following the strict health protocols set by the Government.
3. WNA PPLN can enter the territory of Indonesia with the following criteria:
 - a. In accordance with the provisions on immigration regulated by the ministry that administers government affairs in the field of law and human rights;
 - b. In accordance with the agreement scheme (bilateral), such as the Travel Corridor Arrangement (TCA); and/or
 - c. Obtain special consideration/permission in writing from the Ministry/Institutions.
4. The terms/requirements for entering the territory of Indonesia through the entry point are as follows:
 - a. Comply with the provisions of the health protocol set by the Government;
 - b. Have downloaded the *PeduliLindungi* application and filled out the Indonesian e-HAC;
 - c. Show the card/certificate (physical or digital) of having received the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 (fourteen) days before departure as a requirement to enter Indonesia with the following conditions:
 - i. WNI PPLN who have not received the vaccine will be vaccinated at the entry point for international travel after the RT-PCR examination on arrival with negative results or at the quarantine place after the second RT-PCR examination with negative results is carried out;
 - ii. WNA PPLN who have not received the vaccine will be vaccinated at the entry point for international travel after an RT-PCR examination on arrival with a negative result or at a quarantine place after a second RT-PCR examination with a negative result is carried out, with the following conditions:
 - 1) aged 6-17 years;

- 2) holders of diplomatic residence permits and official residence permits; and/or
 - 3) holders of a limited stay permit card (*Kartu Izin Tinggal Terbatas* or “**KITAS**”) and a permanent residence permit card (*Kartu Izin Tinggal Tetap* or “**KITAP**”).
- iii. WNA PPLN who are already in Indonesia and will travel, both domestically and internationally, are required to vaccinate through a program or mutual cooperation scheme in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations;
 - iv. The card/certificate (physical or digital) of having received the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine written in English, in addition to the language of the country of origin.
- d. The obligation to show one/certificate of COVID-19 vaccination (physical or digital) as referred to in letter c is excluded for:
- i. WNA PPLN holding diplomatic visas and service visas related to official/state visits of foreign officials at ministerial level and above and WNA who enter Indonesia under the Travel Corridor Arrangement scheme, in accordance with the principle of reciprocity while still implementing strict health protocols;
 - ii. WNA PPLN who have not been vaccinated and intend to travel domestically and continue with the aim of taking international flights out of Indonesian territory, are allowed not to 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:
 - 1) Has been permitted by the local Port Health Office (*Kantor Kesehatan Pelabuhan* or “**KKP**”) to carry out domestic trips with the aim of being able to continue their flights out of Indonesia; and
 - 2) Shows the schedule of flight tickets outside Indonesia for direct transit from the departure city to an international airport in the

territory of Indonesia with the final destination to the destination country.

- iii. PPLN under 18 years old; and
- iv. PPLN with special health conditions or comorbid diseases that cause travellers to be unable to receive vaccines, with the condition that they must attach a doctor's certificate from the Government Hospital of the country of departure stating that the person concerned has not and/or cannot participate in the COVID-19 vaccination.
- e. show a negative result through an RT-PCR test in the country/region of origin whose samples are taken within a maximum period of 2x24 hours before departure and are attached to the health check or e-HAC Indonesia;
- f. in the event that PPLN will carry out centralized quarantine with self-financing, must show proof of centralized quarantine with self-financing, must show proof of payment confirmation for booking quarantine accommodation from the accommodation provider while staying in Indonesia;
- g. for WNA PPLN, attach proof of ownership of health insurance that includes financing for handling COVID-19 and medical evacuation to a referral hospital with a minimum coverage value as determined by the organizer, manager, or local government;
- h. upon arrival, PPLNs are required to undergo RT-PCR re-examination;
- i. after RT-PCR sampling on arrival, PPLN will proceed with:
 - i. inspection of immigration documents and customs documents;
 - ii. baggage collection and baggage disinfection;
 - iii. pick-up and drop-off directly to the hotel, hotel accommodation, or place of residence;
 - iv. waiting for the results of the RT-PCR examination in hotel rooms, rooms at lodging accommodations, or places of residence; and
 - v. is not allowed to leave hotel rooms, rooms at lodging accommodations, or residences and are not allowed to interact with other people before the results of the RT-PCR examination show negative results.

- j. In the event that the results of the RT-PCR re-examination upon arrival as referred to in letter h show negative results, the following provisions shall apply:
 - i. for PPLN who have not been able to get vaccinated or have received the first dose of vaccine at least 14 days before departure, are required to quarantine for 5 x 24 hours;
 - ii. for PPLN who have received the second or third dose of vaccine at least 14 days before departure, are allowed to continue the journey;
 - iii. for PPLNs under 18 years of age and/or in need of special protection, the quarantine arrangements follow the provisions imposed on their parents or caregivers/travel companions; or
 - iv. for PPLNs with special health conditions or comorbid diseases that cause travellers to have not and/or are unable to take part in the COVID-19 vaccination, they are allowed to continue their journey by attaching a doctor's certificate from the Government Hospital of the country of departure stating that the person concerned has not and/or is unable to follow the COVID-19 vaccination.
- k. in the event that the PPLN has obtained a negative result on the RT-PCR re-examination upon arrival and is allowed to continue the journey as referred to in letters j.ii. and j.iv., it is recommended to carry out independent health monitoring of COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days by applying health protocols;
- l. in the event that the results of the RT-PCR re-examination upon arrival as referred to in letter h show a positive result, follow-up will be carried out with the following provisions:
 - i. if there are no symptoms or have mild symptoms, isolation/treatment is carried out in isolation hotels or centralized isolation facilities established by the government or self-isolation at the residence; or
 - ii. if accompanied by moderate or severe symptoms, and/or uncontrolled comorbidities, isolation or treatment is carried out at a COVID-19 referral hospital; and

- iii. isolation/treatment costs for WNA PPLN are borne independently, while for WNI PPLN it is borne by the Government.
- m. quarantine obligations as referred to in letter j are carried out with the following provisions:
 - i. for WNI PPLN, namely Indonesian Migrant Workers (*Pekerja Migran Indonesia* or PMI); Students who have completed their studies abroad; Government employees who are returning from international official trips or Indonesian Representatives in international competitions or festivals undergo centralized quarantine at the cost of being borne by the government in accordance with the Decree of the Head of the COVID-19 Handling Task Force regarding Quarantine Places and RT-PCR Obligations for Indonesian Citizens Travelling Internationally;
 - ii. for WNI PPLN citizens outside the criteria as referred to in number i shall undergo quarantine in a centralized quarantine accommodation at their own expense; and
 - iii. for WNA PPLN other than the head of the foreign representative and the family of the head of the foreign representative shall undergo quarantine in a centralized quarantine accommodation at their own expense.
- n. for PPLNs who have not been able to get vaccinated or have received the first dose of vaccine and are quarantined for a duration of 5 x 24 hours, they are obliged to do a second RT-PCR test on the 4th day of quarantine;
- o. in the event that the second RT-PCR test as referred to in letter n shows a negative result, the WNI/WNA PPLN is allowed to continue the journey and is recommended to carry out independent health monitoring of COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days and apply health protocols;
- p. in the event that the RT-PCR retest as referred to in letter n shows a positive result, follow-up will be carried out with the following provisions:

- i. if there are no symptoms or have mild symptoms, isolation is carried out in isolation hotels or centralized isolation facilities designated by the government or self-isolation at the residence; or
 - ii. if accompanied by moderate or severe symptoms, and/or with uncontrolled comorbidities, isolation or treatment is carried out at a COVID-19 referral hospital; and
 - iii. isolation/treatment costs for WNA are borne independently, while for WNI it is borne by the Government.
- q. in the event that the WNA PPLN is unable to finance the quarantine and/or treatment at the Hospital as referred to in letter l, letter m.iii, and letter p, then the Sponsor, Ministry/Institution/State-Owned Enterprises which provides consideration for the entry permit for the WNA can be held accountable for the said responsibility;
- r. RT-PCR test examination as referred to in letter h and letter n can be requested for a written comparison by filling out the form provided by the KKP or the Ministry in charge of health affairs at the expense of the examination being borne by PPLN;
- s. the implementation of the RT-PCR comparison test as referred to in letter r is carried out simultaneously by the KKP in 2 (two) laboratories for the purpose of SGTF comparison test and comparative examination of RT-PCR results, namely at: Health Research and Development Agency (Balitbangkes), Home Cipto Mangunkusumo Central General Hospital (RSCM), Gatot Soebroto Army Central Hospital (RSPAD), Bhayangkara Raden Said Sukanto Hospital (Polri Hospital) or other government laboratories (Environmental Health Engineering Centre, Regional Health Laboratory, or other government reference laboratories);
- t. International Airports and Seaports KKP facilitate PPLNs who require emergency medical services upon arrival in Indonesia in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations;

- u. Ministries/Institutions/Local Governments that carry out functions related to PPLN follow up on this Circular Letter by issuing legal instruments that are in line with and do not conflict with the provisions of laws and regulations; and
 - v. the legal instrument as referred to in letter u is an inseparable part of this Circular Letter.
5. Quarantine accommodation as referred to in number 4.m.ii and number 4.m.iii. must obtain a recommendation from the COVID-19 Handling Task Force that has met the terms and conditions of the Indonesian Hotel and Restaurant Association for cleanliness, health, safety, and environmental sustainability (CHSE) or the Ministry 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;
 6. Dispensation in the form of exemption from quarantine obligations can be given to WNI PPLN who have not received the second dose of vaccine in urgent circumstances (such as: having a life-threatening health condition, a health condition that requires special attention, or grief due to the death of a nuclear family member) after showing a negative RT-PCR retest result upon arrival at the entry point for international travel.
 7. Applications for dispensation in the form of exemption from quarantine obligations for WNI with urgent circumstances as referred to in number 6 are submitted at least 3 (three) days prior to arrival in Indonesia to the National COVID-19 Handling Task Force and can be granted selectively, individually, and with limited quotas based on the result of a coordination agreement between the COVID-19 Handling Task Force, the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment, and the Ministry of Health.
 8. The strict health protocol as referred to in number 4 must meet the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Use 3-ply cloth masks or medical masks that cover the nose, mouth and chin;
 - b. Changing masks regularly every four hours, and disposing of waste masks in the places provided;
 - c. Wash hands regularly using water and soap or hand sanitizer, especially after touching objects touched by other people;

- d. Maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 meters from other people and avoid crowds;
 - e. It is not allowed to speak one way or two directions by telephone or in person throughout the trip using public transportation modes of land, rail, sea, river, lake, crossing, and air; and
 - f. It is not allowed to eat and drink during the flight journey for a journey that is less than 2 hours, except for individuals who are obliged to take medicine for treatment which if not done can endanger the safety and health of the person.
9. Every operator transportation modes at the entry point for international travel is required to use the *PeduliLindungi* application.
10. Supervision of quarantine health of cargo ships and crew members is in accordance with more specific and technical arrangements determined by the Ministry of Health through monitoring by the KKP of each entry point for foreign travel.

G. Monitoring, Control and Evaluation

1. The Regional COVID-19 Handling Task Force, which is assisted by the public transportation organizing authority, will jointly control people's travel and safe public transportation for COVID-19 by establishing an Integrated Security Post;
2. Authorities, managers and operators of public transportation assign supervision during the implementation of public transportation operations;
3. Ministries/Institutions, the National Army of Indonesia (“**TNI**”), the National Police of Republic of Indonesia (“**POLRI**”), and Local Governments have the right to stop and/or prohibit people's travel on the basis of this Circular Letter which is in line with and does not conflict with the provisions of laws and regulations;
4. Ministries/Institutions, TNI, POLRI shall be assisted by the COVID-19 Handling Task Force at Airports and Seaports *c.q.* KKP International Airports and Seaports carry out routine supervision to ensure compliance with the implementation of health protocols and quarantine or independent health monitoring through telephone facilities, video calls and field checks during this COVID-19 pandemic; and

5. Authorized institutions (Ministries/Institutions, TNI, POLRI, and Local Governments) carry out disciplining of COVID-19 health protocols and law enforcement in accordance with laws and regulations.

H. Closing

1. With the entry into force of this Circular Letter, then:
 - a. Circular Letter Number 12 of 2022 regarding Health Protocols for International Travel During the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic; and
 - b. Circular Letter Number 13 of 2022 regarding Health Protocols for International Travelers Specially for Entrances to Bali, Batam and Bintan during the Corona Virus Disease Pandemic Period.is revoked and declared as invalid.
2. This Circular Letter is effective from March 23, 2022 until a further specified time.

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

Issued in : Jakarta

Date : March 3, 2022

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

[Stamped and Signed]

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2. Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia;
3. Head of the Policy Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery;
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5. TNI Commander;
6. National Police Chief;
7. Head of the National Economic Recovery Task Force; and
8. Head of the Regional Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Handling Task Force