

COVID-19 HANDLING TASK FORCE

CIRCULAR LETTER NUMBER 18 OF 2022 REGARDING

GUIDELINES FOR DOMESTIC TRAVELLERS DURING THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE PANDEMIC 2019 (COVID-19)

A. Background

1. Whereas in order to follow up the dynamics of the situation of the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus as well as efforts to restore the national economy, it is necessary to regulate the legal provisions for the travel of domestic people during the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.
2. Whereas based on the results of a cross-sectoral evaluation of the development of COVID-19 conditions at the National level, it is deemed necessary to adjust several provisions in the Circular Letter of the Task Force for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Number 16 of 2022 and the Addendum of Circular Letter of the Task Force for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Number 16 of 2022 of regarding Guidelines for Domestic Travellers During the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic.
3. Whereas based on the considerations as referred to in number 1 and number 2, it is necessary to stipulate a Circular Letter of the Task Force for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) regarding Provisions for Travel of Domestic People during the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic Period.

B. Purpose and Objective

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to implement health protocols for domestic travellers. The objective of this Circular Letter is to prevent an increase in the transmission of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

C. Scope

The scope of this Circular Letter is a health protocol for Domestic Travel Actors (PPDN) who use all modes of transportation throughout Indonesia.

D. Legal Basis

1. Law Number 4 of 1984 regarding Outbreaks of Communicable Diseases;
2. Law Number 24 of 2007 regarding Disaster Management;
3. Law Number 6 of 2018 regarding Health Quarantine;

4. Government Regulation Number 21 of 2018 regarding the Implementation of Disaster Management;
5. Government Regulation Number 21 of 2020 regarding concerning Large-Scale Social Restrictions in the Context of Accelerating Handling of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
6. 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 concerning Amendments to Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery;
7. Presidential Decree Number 11 of 2020 regarding the Determination of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency;
8. Presidential Decree Number 12 of 2020 regarding the Determination of Non-Natural Disasters Spreading Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as National Disasters;
9. Presidential Decree of the Republic of Indonesia Number 24 of 2021 regarding Determination of the Factual Status of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic in Indonesia.

E. Definition

1. Domestic Travellers, hereinafter abbreviated as PPDN, is a person who moves from one area to another based on the administrative boundaries of the province/regency/city by using private or public transportation modes either by land, railway, sea, river, lake, ferry, and air, except for pioneer flights, sea transportation to small islands, and essential logistics distribution needs.
2. Agglomeration is a unitary area consisting of several city centres or districts that are interconnected either by land or by sea.
3. 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.
4. Rapid antigen test is a method of direct detection of protein or viral antigen by lateral flow immunoassay whose samples are derived from nasopharyngeal swab tests or other respiratory and oral secretion fluids.

F. Protocol

1. Every individual who travels is required to apply and comply with health protocols, namely:
 - a. Use a 3-ply cloth mask or medical mask that covers the nose, mouth and chin while being indoors or when being in crowds;

- b. Change masks periodically every four hours, and dispose 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; and
 - e. It is encouraged not to speak one way or two ways by telephone or in person throughout the trip using public transportation modes of land, rail, sea, river, lake, ferry, and air;
2. Domestic Travel Actors (PPDN) must comply with the following provisions:
- a. Everyone who travels by private or public vehicle is responsible for his/her own health, and is subject to and complies with the applicable terms and conditions;
 - b. Every PPDN is required to use the *PeduliLindungi* application as a condition for traveling domestically.
 - c. PPDN with air, sea, land transportation modes using private or public vehicles, crossings, and intercity trains from and to regions throughout Indonesia, the following provisions apply:
 - 1) PPDN who have received the second and third dose of vaccination (booster) are not required to show a negative result of the RT-PCR test or rapid antigen test;
 - 2) PPDN that has received the first dose of vaccination is required to show a negative result of rapid antigen test whose sample is taken within 1 x 24 hours or a negative result of the RT-PCR test whose sample is taken within 3 x 24 hours before departure as a condition of travel;
 - 3) PPDN with special health conditions or comorbid diseases that prevent travellers from receiving vaccinations is exempted from the vaccination provisions, however he/she must show a negative result of rapid antigen test whose sample is taken within a maximum period of 1 x 24 hours or a negative result of the RT-PCR test whose sample is taken within a maximum period of 3 x 24 hours before departure as a condition of travel and mandatory requirement to attach a doctor's certificate from a Government Hospital stating that the person concerned has not and/or unable to take part in the COVID-19 vaccination; or
 - 4) PPDN under the age of 6 years are exempted from vaccination provisions and are not required to show negative results from the RT-PCR test or rapid antigen test, however must travel with a travel companion who has complied with the provisions for vaccination and COVID-19 examination and implemented strict health protocols.

- d. Specifically for routine trips using land transportation modes using private or public vehicles, and trains in one urban agglomeration area/area are exempted from the travel requirements as regulated in letter c.
3. The provisions as referred to in number 2 are excluded for pioneering modes of transportation including in border areas, 3T areas (lagging, leading, outermost), and limited shipping according to the conditions of each area.
4. Every transportation mode operator is required to use the *PeduliLindungi* application to check the travel requirements for each PPDN.
5. Ministries/Institutions, Provincial/Regency/Municipal Governments that will apply special criteria and requirements regarding travel agents in their area, may follow up by issuing other legal instruments that are in line with and do not conflict with this Circular Letter.
6. Other legal instruments that regulate the specific criteria and requirements as referred to in number 5 are an integral part of this circular letter.

G. Monitoring, Control and Evaluation

1. Enforcement of rules and supervision of community mobility through the implementation of random inspection activities of domestic travel requirements with the establishment of Service Posts in designated work areas and involving implementing institutions in transportation sector, the Civil Service Police Unit (*Satpol PP*), the Regional COVID-19 Handling Task Force together with the TNI and POLRI;
2. 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;
3. The authorities, managers and operators of public transportation carry out supervision during the operation of public transportation;
4. Ministries/Institutions, TNI, POLRI, and Regional Governments have the right to stop and/or prohibit people's travel on the basis of this Circular Letter which is consistent and does not conflict with and/or the provisions of laws and regulations;
5. Authorized agencies (Ministries/Institutions, TNI, POLRI, and Local Governments) carry out disciplining of COVID-19 health protocols and law enforcement in accordance with the provisions of applicable laws and regulations;
6. Public transportation administration authorities and/or officers examining negative certificates for RT-PCR tests or rapid test antigens as travel requirements are required to verify the validity of certificates based on the names of COVID-19 network laboratories and health facilities registered with the Indonesian Ministry of Health to prevent falsification of certificates of test results; and
7. Falsification of RT-PCR test certificate or rapid test antigen, doctor certificate, and other travel certificates that is used as a requirement for the travel of people shall be imposed with sanctions in accordance with the laws and regulations.

H. Closing

1. This Circular Letter is effective from May 18, 2022 until a later time that will be determined and will be evaluated further in accordance with the latest developments in the field or the evaluation results from Ministries/Institutions.
2. With the enactment of this Circular Letter, the Circular Letter of the Task Force for Handling COVID-19 Number 16 of 2022 and the Addendum of Circular Letter of the Task Force for Handling COVID-19 Number 16 of 2022 regarding Guidelines for Domestic Travellers- During The Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is revoked and declared invalid.

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

Stipulated in: Jakarta

Dated : May 18, 2022

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

(Signed and stamped)

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Copied to:

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2. Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia;
3. Chairman of the Policy Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery;
4. Minister/Heads of Institutions;
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