

COVID-19 HANDLING TASK FORCE

CIRCULAR LETTER NUMBER 23 OF 2022 REGARDING PROVISIONS FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL DURING THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

A. Background

1. Whereas in order to follow up on the dynamics of the situation of the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus as well as the attempt to restore the national economy, it is necessary to regulate the legal provisions for domestic travel during the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.
2. Whereas based on the results of a cross-sectoral evaluation of the development of the Covid-19 condition at the National level, it is necessary to adjust several provisions in the Circular Letter of the Task Force for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Number 21 of 2022 regarding the Provisions for Domestic Travel 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 the Provisions of Domestic Travel During The Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Pandemic.

B. Purpose and Objective

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

C. Definition

1. Domestic Travelers, hereinafter abbreviated as PPDN (*Pelaku Perjalanan Dalam Negeri*) are individuals who moves from one area to another based on the administrative region 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 flight travelers, sea transportation to small islands, and distribution purposes of essential logistics.
2. Agglomeration is a unitary area consisting of several city centers or districts that are interconnected either by land or by sea.
3. Reverse Transcriptase-Polymerase Chain Reaction hereinafter abbreviated 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 reserve-transcriptase enzyme and polymerase chain reaction.
4. Rapid test antigen is a method of direct detection of viral proteins or antigens by lateral flow immunoassay whose samples are derived from nasopharyngeal swab tests or other respiratory and oral secretion fluids.

D. Scope

The scope of this Circular Letter is a health protocol for PPDN that uses all modes of transportation throughout Indonesia, which includes:

- a. public health protocols;
- b. domestic travel requirements;
- c. other provisions; and
- d. monitoring, control, and evaluation.

E. Legal Basis

1. Law Number 4 of 1984 regarding Outbreak of Infectious Disease;
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 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 the Handling of the 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 the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) and National Economic Recovery;
7. Presidential Decree Number 11 of 2020 regarding the Stipulation of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid- 19) Public Health Emergency;
8. Presidential Decree Number 12 of 2020 regarding the Stipulation of Non-Natural Disaster of the Spread of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) as a National Disaster; and
9. Presidential Decree Number 24 of 2021 regarding the Stipulation of the Factual Status of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Pandemic in Indonesia.

F. General Health Protocol

General health protocol provisions for PPDN include:

- a. using a 3-ply cloth mask or medical mask that covers the nose, mouth and chin;
- b. replace 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 advised to not have a one-way or two-way conversation by telephone or in person throughout the course of the travel using public transportation modes by way of land, rail, sea, river, lake, ferry, and air.

G. Domestic Travel Requirements

1. Every person who travels by private or public vehicles are responsible for his/her own health and is subject to and shall comply with the applicable terms and conditions.
2. Every PPDN must use the *PeduliLindungi* application as a requirement for domestic travel.
3. PPDN aged 18 years and over by means of air, sea, land transportation using private or public vehicles, ferries, and intercity trains to and from regions throughout Indonesia, the following provisions apply:
 - a. PPDN who has received the third dose of vaccination (booster) are not required to show a negative result of the RT-PCR test or rapid antigen test;
 - b. PPDN who has received the second dose of vaccination or the first dose of vaccination, must show a negative result of the RT-PCR test whose sample is taken within 3 x 24 hours before departure; and
 - c. PPDN with special health conditions or comorbid diseases that cause them to be unable to receive vaccinations are exempt from vaccination requirements, but must show a negative result of the RT-PCR test whose sample was taken within 3 x 24 hours before departure and are required to attach a doctor's certificate from the Government Hospital stating that the person concerned has not and/or is unable to take part in the Covid-19 vaccination.
4. PPDN under 18 years of age by means of air, sea, land transportation using private or public vehicles, ferries, and intercity trains to and from regions throughout Indonesia, the following provisions applies:
 - a. PPDN aged 6-17 years and has received a second dose of vaccination, are not required to show a negative result of the RT-PCR test or rapid antigen test;
 - b. PPDN aged 6-17 years and has received the first dose of vaccination, must show a negative result of the 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;
 - c. PPDN aged 6-17 years who come from overseas travel and have not received vaccinations, are excluded from the obligation to show a vaccination card and are required to show a negative result of a rapid antigen test whose sample is taken within

- 1 x 24 hours or a negative result of an RT-PCR test that the sample is taken within 3 x 24 hours before departure;
- d. PPDN aged 6-17 years with special health conditions or comorbid diseases that cause them to be unable to receive vaccinations are exempt from vaccination requirements, but must show a negative rapid antigen test result whose sample is taken within 1 x 24 hours or a negative RT-PCR test result whose samples are taken within 3 x 24 hours before departure and are required to attach a doctor's certificate from a Government Hospital stating that the person concerned has not and/or is unable to take part in the COVID-19 vaccination; and
 - e. PPDN under the age of 6 years are exempt from vaccination requirements and are not required to show negative results from the RT-PCR test or rapid antigen test, but must travel with a companion who has met the provisions for vaccination and COVID-19 examination and shall implement strict health protocols.
5. The provisions as referred to in number 1 to number 4 are excluded for pioneer modes of transportation including in border areas, 3T areas (*tertinggal, terdepan, terluar* or underdeveloped, leading, outermost), and limited shipping according to the conditions of each area.
 6. Specifically for routine trips using land transportation modes using private or public vehicles, and trains in one area/region urban agglomerations are excluded from the travel requirements as provided for in items 3 and 4.

H. Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Every transportation mode operator is required to use the *PeduliLindungi* application to check the travel requirements of each PPDN.
2. Ministries/Institutions, Provincial/Regency/City Governments that will apply special criteria and requirements regarding travelers in their regions, may follow up by issuing other legal instruments that are in line with and do not conflict with this Circular Letter.
3. Other legal instruments that regulate the specific criteria and requirements as referred to in number 2 are an integral part of this circular letter.

I. Monitoring, Control, and Evaluation

1. Enforcement of rules and supervision of community mobility through the implementation of random inspection activities of domestic travel requirements by establishing a Service Post in the designated work area and involving implementing agencies in the field of transportation, the Civil Service Police Unit (Satpol PP), the Regional Covid-19 Handling Task Force together with the Indonesian National Army (TNI) and the National Police.
2. The Regional Covid-19 Handling Task Force, which is assisted by the public transportation administration authority, will jointly control people's travel and safe public transportation for Covid-19 by establishing an Integrated Security Post.
3. Authorities, managers and operators of public transportation shall supervise the operation of public transportation.
4. Ministries/Agencies, the TNI, the National Police and Regional Governments have the right to stop and/or prohibit people from traveling on the basis of this Circular Letter and the provisions of laws and regulations.
5. Ministries/Agencies, the TNI, the National Police and Regional Governments carrying out disciplining of Covid-19 health protocols and law enforcement in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations.
6. Public transportation administration authorities and/or officers examine negative certificates for the RT-PCR test or rapid antigen test as travel requirements are required to verify the validity of the certificate based on the name of the Covid-19 network laboratories and health facilities registered with the Indonesian Ministry of Health to prevent the falsification of test result certificates.
7. Falsification of RT-PCR or rapid antigen test results certificates, doctor's certificates, and other travel certificates used as travel requirements will be subject to sanctions in accordance with laws and regulations.

J. Closing

1. This Circular Letter is effective starting from August 11, 2022 until a later date and will be evaluated further in accordance with the latest developments in the field or the evaluation results from Ministries/Agencies.
2. With the enactment of this Circular Letter, the Circular Letter of the Task Force for Handling Covid-19 Number 21 of 2022 regarding the Provisions for Domestic Travel During The Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Pandemic is revoked and declared invalid.

Thus this letter is made so that it can be followed and carried out with full responsibility.

Stipulated in Jakarta

Dated August 11, 2022

Head of the National Agency for Disaster
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(Signed and stamped)

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2. Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia;
3. 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.