

COVID-19 HANDLING TASK FORCE

CIRCULAR LETTER

NUMBER 1 OF 2023

REGARDING

**HEALTH PROTOCOLS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD OF THE CORONA VIRUS
DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) ENDEMIC**

A. Background

1. Whereas to follow-up on developments in the situation of controlling the SARS-CoV-2 virus under conditions where the spread of cases in the world and Indonesia is increasingly under control, high public immunity, and relaxation of transportation policies in several countries, as well as the results of cross-sectoral evaluations of Covid-19 control, it is necessary to implement adjustments to the control mechanisms of health protocols during the endemic transition period to prevent the transmission of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19); and
2. Whereas based on the considerations as referred to in number 1, it is necessary to determine a Circular Letter regarding Health Protocols During the Transition Period of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Endemic.

B. Purpose and Objective

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to implement health protocols during the endemic transition period for domestic and foreign travelers, the implementation of large-scale activities, and activities in public facilities. The objective of this Circular Letter is to provide maximum protection to the public from the transmission of Covid-19.

C. Scope

The scope of this Circular Letter includes health protocols for domestic and foreign travelers, implementation of large-scale activities, and activities in public facilities during the transition period of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) endemic.

D. Legal Basis

1. Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) and National Economic Recovery, as amended by Presidential Regulation Number 108 of 2020 regarding Amendment to Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) and National Economic Recovery;
2. Presidential Decree of the Republic of Indonesia Number 11 of 2020 regarding Determination of a Public Health Emergency of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19);
3. Presidential Decree of the Republic of Indonesia Number 12 of 2020 regarding Determination of Non-Natural Disaster of the Spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) as a National Disaster;
4. 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;
5. Chairperson of the Policy Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) and National Economic Recovery Decree Number 1 of 2023 regarding Membership Composition and Organizational Structure of the Task Force for Handling Covid-19 Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) and National Economic Recovery; and
6. Results of the Ministerial Meeting regarding Follow-Up of Health Requirements for Foreign and Domestic Travelers and the Revocation of Vaccination Requirements Following the Revocation of Emergency Status dated June 4, 2023.

E. Health Protocol

1. All domestic and foreign travelers, participants in public facilities activities, and participants large-scale activities shall continue to make efforts to personally protect themselves from the transmission of Covid-19 and:
 - a. It is recommended to continue carrying out Covid-19 vaccination until the second or fourth dose of the booster, especially for people who are at high risk of contracting of Covid-19.
 - b. It is permissible not to wear a mask if in good health and are not at risk of contracting or transmitting Covid-19 and it is recommended to continue to wear a mask that is properly covered if in an unhealthy condition or at risk of Covid-19, before and during traveling and carrying out activities in public facilities.
 - c. It is recommended to carry hand sanitizer and/or use soap and running water to wash your hands regularly, especially after coming into contact with objects that are used together.
 - d. For people in an unhealthy condition and at risk of contracting or transmitting Covid-19, it is recommended to keep their distance or avoid crowds of people to prevent the transmission of Covid-19.
 - e. It is recommended to keep using the SATUSEHAT application to monitor personal health.

2. All managers and operators of transportation facilities, public facilities, and large-scale activities together with the local government are encouraged to:
 - a. Continue to protect the community through preventive and promotive efforts to control the transmission of Covid-19.
 - b. Continue to supervise, guide, control and enforce the implementation of health protocols to control the transmission of Covid-19.

F. Closing

1. With the enactment of this Circular Letter, thus:

- a. Circular Letter Number 19 of 2021 regarding the Establishment and Optimization of the Task Force for Health Protocols of Wearing Masks, Maintaining Distance, and Washing Hands in Public Facilities in the Context of Handling the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Pandemic;
 - b. Circular Letter Number 20 of 2022 regarding Health Protocols in the Implementation of Large-Scale Activities During the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Pandemic;
 - c. Circular Letter Number 24 of 2022 regarding Health Protocols for Domestic Travel During the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Pandemic and its Addendum; and
 - d. Circular Letter Number 25 of 2022 regarding Health Protocols for Overseas Travel During the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Pandemic and its Two Addendums,
is revoked and declared invalid.
2. All Ministries and Institutions related to the implementation of health protocols for domestic and foreign travelers, large-scale activities, and public facilities during the Covid-19 pandemic in accordance with Circular Letter of the Covid-19 Handling Task Force as referred to in letter F number 1 are to immediately issue legal instruments that aligns with and does not conflict with the applicable provisions of laws and regulations.
 3. This Circular Letter is effective from June 9, 2023, provided that restrictions may be tightened in the even that there is a significant increase in cases.

Thus may this be followed and implemented with full responsibility.

Stipulated in : Jakarta

Dated : June 9, 2023

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;
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.