

COVID-19 HANDLING TASK FORCE

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ON

HEALTH PROTOCOL FOR TRAVELERS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**A. Background**

1. A new strain of SARS-CoV-2 has been found in South Wales, The United Kingdom. The new strain of the virus is called SARS-CoV-2 VUI 202012/01. Therefore additional special provisions are required for foreign travelers to protect Indonesian citizens from imported cases.
2. There has been an increase in the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV-2 variants of B117. Special provisions are needed for foreign travelers to protect Indonesian citizens from imported cases. Purpose and Objectives.

**B. Purpose and Objectives**

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to implement the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) health protocol followed by monitoring, control, and evaluation to prevent an increase in the transmission of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), including a new variant that has mutated into SARS -CoV-2 variant B117 reported in the UK.

**C. Period**

The temporary international border closures period for foreign nationals' entry from all countries to Indonesia in this Circular Letter is 1 - 14 January 2021.

**D. Scope**

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

**E. Legal Basis**

1. Law Number 4 of 1984 on Infectious Disease Outbreaks;
2. Law Number 24 of 2007 on Disaster Management;
3. Law Number 6 of 2018 on Health Quarantine;
4. Government Regulation Number 21 of 2018 on Implementation of Disaster Management;
5. Government Regulation Number 21 of 2020 on Large-Scale Social Restrictions in Accelerating the Handling of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
6. Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 on Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery, as amended by Presidential Regulation Number 108 of 2020 on Amendments to Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 on Committee for Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery;
7. Presidential Decree Number 11 of 2020 on Determination of Public Health Emergency of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

8. Presidential Decree Number 12 of 2020 on Determination of Non-Natural Disaster of the Spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a National Disaster;
9. Decision of the Limited Cabinet Meeting on 28 December 2020.

## **F. Definition**

A traveler is a person who has traveled from overseas in the last 14 days.

## **G. Protocols**

1. International travelers must comply with the following provisions:
  - a. Indonesia temporarily suspends the entry of foreign nationals from all countries to Indonesia.
  - b. Provisions in Supplement to Circular Letter Number 3 of 2020 on Health Protocol for Travelers During Christmas and New Year Holiday in the Time of Covid-19 Pandemic applies to all foreigners arriving 28 - 31 December 2020.
  - c. Indonesian citizens from overseas still follow the health protocol regulated by the government.
  - d. Foreign travelers from all countries who intend to enter Indonesia, either directly or transiting in a foreign country, are temporarily prohibited from entering Indonesia, except holders of diplomatic visas and official visas related to official visits of foreign officials at ministerial level or above with the implementation of strict health protocols.
  - e. Foreign nationals from overseas who still can enter Indonesia during the border closures are:
    - i. Holders of Diplomatic Stay Permit and Official Stay Permit;
    - ii. Holders of Temporary Stay Permit Card (KITAS) and Permanent Stay Permit Card (KITAP).
  - f. Indonesian citizens from overseas who enter Indonesia, either directly or transiting in a foreign country, must show negative results through the RT-PCR test in the country of origin whose samples are taken within a maximum period of 2 x 24 hours before the departure time and present it during health inspection or Indonesian International e-HAG in arrival airport/seaport/land border;
  - g. Upon arrival, RT-PCR re-examination are carried out for travelers and are required to undergo five days of quarantine for Indonesian citizens in designated quarantine accommodation provided by the government and for foreign nationals in quarantine accommodation at their own expense (Hotels / Lodging) who have received certification to facilitate COVID-19 quarantine accommodation by the Ministry of Health;
  - h. If the results of the RT-PCR re-examination on arrival show a positive (contracted Covid-19) result, then treatment is carried out in the hospital. The treatment cost for Indonesian citizens are being borne by the government and for foreigners at their own expense;
  - i. After five days of quarantine starting from the date of arrival for Indonesian citizens and foreigners, RT-PCR re-examination is carried out;

- j. If the result is negative (not contracted Covid-19) as referred to in letter i, Indonesian citizens and foreign nationals are allowed to continue their journey; and
- k. If the results is positive (contracted Covid-19) as referred to in letter i, then treatment is carried out in the hospital. The treatment cost for Indonesian citizens are being borne by the government and for foreigners at their own expense;

#### **H. Monitoring, Control, and Evaluation**

1. The Regional COVID-19 Handling Task Force, assisted by the public transportation administration authority, jointly carry out control of people traveling and safe public transportation during the COVID-19 pandemic by establishing an Integrated Security Post;
2. The authorities, administrators, and administrators of public transportation assign supervisors during the operation of public transport;
3. Ministries/government institutions, the Indonesian National Army, the Indonesian National Police, and local governments have the right to stop and/or prohibit the travel of persons under this Circular Letter and/or the provisions of laws and regulations; and
4. Authorized agencies (Ministries/ government institutions, the Indonesian National Army, the Indonesian National Police, and local governments) are obliged to enforce COVID-19 health protocol and the law under the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations.

#### **I. Closing**

This Circular Letter is valid from 28 December 2020 to 14 January 2021 and subject to changes according to developments in the situation.

Head of the Task Force for Handling COVID-19 Circular Letter Number 3 of 2020 on Health Protocol for Travelers During Christmas and New Year Holiday in the Time of Covid-19 Pandemic and Supplement to Circular Letter Number 3 of 2020 on Health Protocol for Travelers During Christmas and New Year Holiday in the Time of Covid-19 Pandemic are declared to remain valid as long as it does not conflict with this Circular Letter.

Therefore, this Circular Letter is considered as guidance and implemented with full responsibility.

Stipulated in Jakarta  
On 28 December 2020

Head of SNPS  
as Head of COVID-19 Handling Task Force

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Copy to:

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

3. Policy Committee of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery Committee;
4. The National Economic Recovery Task Force;
5. Ministers/Heads of Government Institutions;
6. Commander of the Indonesian National Army;
7. Chief of Indonesian National Police; and
8. Head of the Regional Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Task Force.