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Summarising the latest support & guidance from various official sources on COVID-19 in Indonesia & the UK.

The information will link to the statistics of COVID-19 cases, Indonesia & UK latest news updates, and local government support which could effectively reduce risks while working or living in Indonesia.

Condition in Indonesia

Per 7 JUNE 2020

Positive : 31,186

Cured : 10,498

[Infographic per June 7, 2020](#)

Click [here](#) for details on COVID-19 cases in DKI Jakarta.

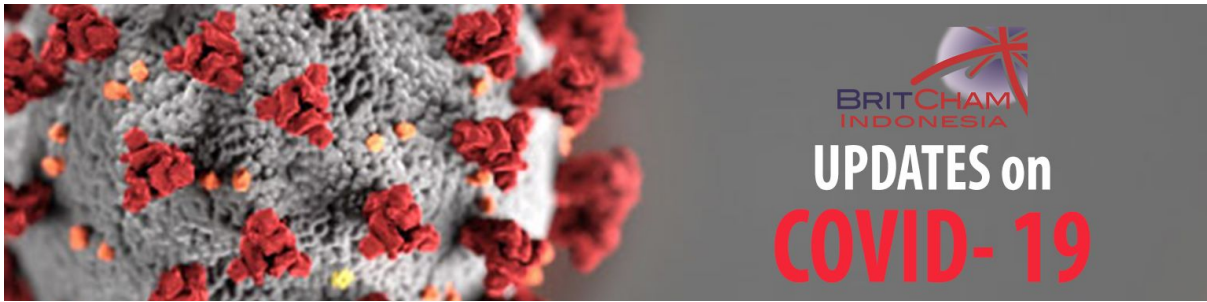
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INFORMATION FROM INDONESIA

1. Our Message

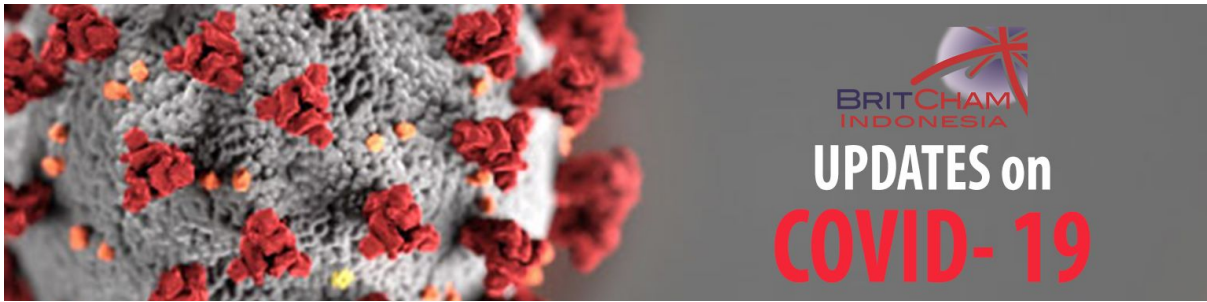
- [Chairman's Message 27 April 2020](#)
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- [Executive Director's Message 29 May 2020](#)

2. Message from HMA Owen Jenkins 25 March 2020



3. Regulations relating to British & other Foreign Nationals Holding Stay Permit Returning to Indonesia_updated on 07/06

- [The British Embassy Jakarta Note to the RI Ministry of Health](#) confirming NHS tests as swab/PCR tests on June 7, 2020. You may bring this letter along with your PCR test result while entering Indonesia.
- Circular Note of the RI Ministry of Foreign Affairs to all Foreign Missions and International Organisations in Indonesia on their meeting with the COVID-19 Task Force regarding the entrance management. [[Official & Translation](#)] Issued on June 1, 2020
- [Letter of the Directorate General of the Prevention of Diseases Class I Port Health Office of Soekarno Hatta](#) on May 25, 2020 regarding the Health Protocols for International Arrivals.
- Circular Letter of RI Minister of Health on the Handling of Returning Indonesian Citizens and the Arrival of Foreign Nationals from Overseas at Soekarno Hatta Airport and Juanda Airport [[Official | MoFA Circular Note & Unofficial Translation](#)]. Issued on May 22, 2020.
- BRITISH & other foreign nationals with work and residence permits are required to obtain a PCR test PRIOR to checking in for a flight returning you to Indonesia. The test certificate should be within 7 days of arrival. **If you already have a negative PCR test result, you will not have to take the Rapid/PCR test again. Otherwise, you must take rapid test upon arrival, 1) if the result is reactive you will be referred to the local emergency hospital/ referral hospital; 2) if the result is non-reactive, you must take the PCR test and be quarantined at your own expense until your PCR test result is issued.** This is for guidance and you should always check the latest government advice.
- As the British Embassy/Consulate in Indonesia do not have the capacity to receive your health clearance, please submit your health clearance to the medical team at the airport to be forwarded to the local Health Office for supervising your 14-days self-quarantine.
- British Nationals who find difficulties or have queries on RI entry requirements, please contact the consular service of the British Embassy in Jakarta at **0212356-5200 (available 24/7)** or **send an email to returnfrom.indonesia@fco.gov.uk**.
- [Entry requirements](#) information by the British Embassy Jakarta.
- How to get Covid-19 test in the UK
 - [England](#)
 - [Scotland](#)
 - [Wales](#)
 - [Northern Ireland](#)
- If you are in the UK, the '[In Your Area](#)' App provides up to date information on NHS capability and testing locations and eligibility.



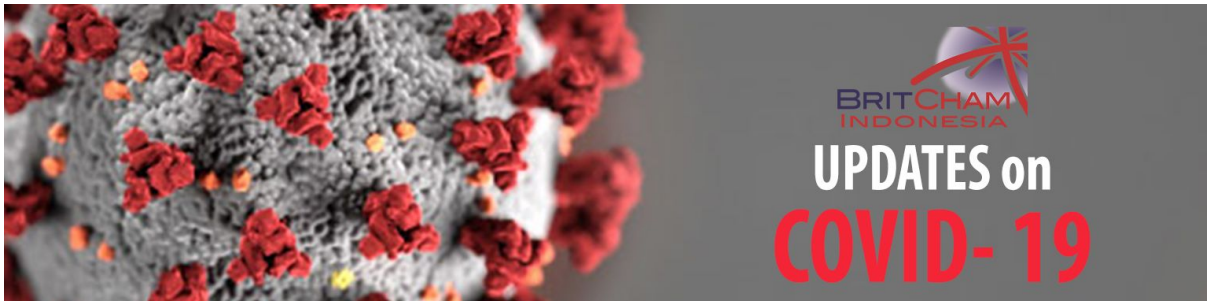
4. Large Scale Social Restriction_ updated on 05/06

DKI Jakarta Province

- Governor of DKI Jakarta Decree no. 563 (2020) on the Enactment, Stages and Implementation of LSSR Activities in the Transition Period towards Healthy, Safe, and Productive Communities. Issued on June 5, 2020. [[Official](#) | [Summary and Translation by Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices](#)].
- DKI Jakarta Provincial Government set 66 RW (hamlets) as Strictly Controlled Regions (WPK) during the Transition LSSR in June. [[Press Release](#)] Issued on June 4, 2020.
- On June 4, 2020, Governor Anies announced another extension of LSSR with some relaxations in DKI Jakarta Province. This also serves as the transition period. If there is no significant addition to COVID-19 cases, all activities will return to normal by the end of June. [[Full Presentation](#) | [Press Release](#)].
- [DKI Jakarta Governor Regulation no. 47 \(2020\)](#) on Restriction on Traveling Activities from and to DKI Jakarta Province to Prevent Further Covid-19 Transmissions. Effective on May 14, 2020. [[Informal Translation](#)]
- [DKI Jakarta Governor Regulation no. 41 \(2020\)](#) on the Imposition of Sanction against Violations of LSSR in DKI Jakarta. Effective on April 30, 2020. [[SSEK Indonesia Translation](#)]
- DKI Jakarta Provincial Government provides 3 incentives for local tax. [[Official](#) | [Informal translation](#)]. Published on April 27, 2020.
- LSSR in the region started on **Friday, April 10, 2020**. There are 8 exceptions for office activities in the following sectors i.e. 1) **health**, 2) **food & beverage**, 3) **energy e.g. water, electricity, petroleum**, 4) **communication**, 5) **finance and banking inc. capital market**, 6) **logistic**, 7) **daily needs e.g. retail and small stores**, 8) **strategic industries**.
- [Governor of DKI Jakarta Decree no. 380 \(2020\)](#) on the enforcement of LSSR Implementation. Effective on April 10, 2020. [[AmCham Indonesia translation](#)].
- [Governor of DKI Jakarta Regulation no. 33 \(2020\)](#) on LSSR implementation. Effective on April 9, 2020. [[AmCham Indonesia translation](#)].
- [Government Support during LSSR in DKI Jakarta - translated by AmCham Indonesia](#)

LSSR across Indonesia

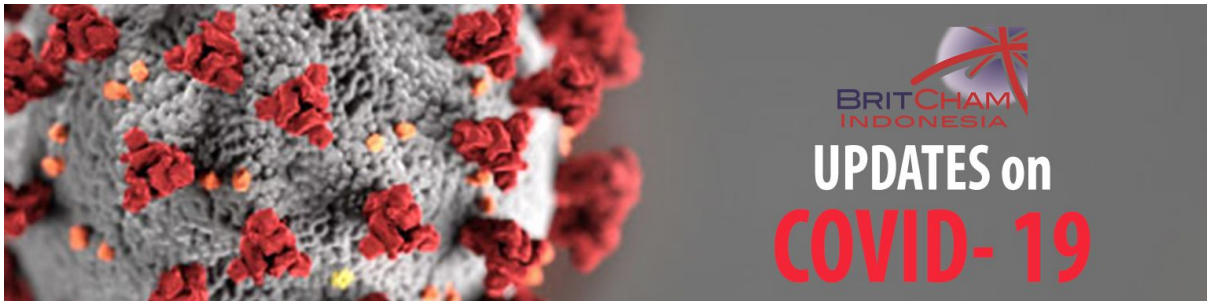
- **Tangerang, Banten Province** is extended to June 14, 2020 through Banten Governor Decree no. 443/Kep.161-Huk/2020. LSSR regulation: [Governor of Banten Decree no. 443/Kep.140-Huk/2020](#) [[SSEK translation](#)] and the Governor of Banten Regulation no. 16 (2020) [[SSEK translation](#)]
- **West Java** is extended through the [West Java Governor Decree no. 443 \(2020\)](#) to June 4, 2020 for Bogor, Depok and Bekasi and to June 12, 2020 for other regions. LSSR regulation: [West Java Governor Regulation no. 36 \(2020\)](#) & Guidance to Prepare for the New Normal: [West Java Governor Regulation no. 46 \(2020\)](#).
- **Buol Regency, Central Sulawesi** through is extended to June 10, 2020 through Buol Regent Decree no. 188.04/197.32/BAG HUKUM/2020.



- **Surabaya, Sidoarjo & Gresik** is extended until June 8, 2020 through East Java Governor Decree no. 188258/kpps/0132020. Current LSSR regulation: [East Java Governor Regulation no. 21 \(2020\)](#) which is an amendment to the [East Java Governor Regulation no. 18 \(2020\)](#) [[SSEK Indonesia Translation](#)].
- **West Sumatera** is extended to June 7, 2020. [[Press Release](#)]
- **Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan** replaced LSSR with Humanistic Village Social Restriction (*Pembatasan Sosial Kelurahan Humanis/PSKH*) since May 1, 2020.
- **Tarakan City, North Kalimantan** began to relax LSSR and prepare for the New Normal in June 2020.

5. RI Immigration Policy_ updated on 02/06

- The Directorate of Immigration Traffic presented the Immigration Policy during the COVID-19 Pandemic Period [[EN](#) | [ID](#)]. Delivered during SSEK Indonesia Webinar on June 2, 2020.
- The Directorate of Immigration Stay Permit presented the Role of Immigration during the COVID-19 Pandemic Period in Indonesia [[EN](#) | [ID](#)]. Delivered during SSEK Indonesia Webinar on June 2, 2020.
- Governor of Bali through Circular Letter no. 10925 (2020) [[Official](#) | [Press Release & Translation](#)] issued new requirements to enter Bali. This regulation is effective on May 28, 2020.
- [Updates on Indonesian Entry Protocol by SSEK Indonesia](#). Published on May 15, 2020
- [Circular Letter no. 2493 \(2020\)](#) [[SSEK-AmCham Indonesia Translation](#)] of the Directorate General of Immigration on the expansion of the [Circular no.2325 \(2020\) on Temporary Prohibition of Entry for Foreign Nationals](#). Published on May 6, 2020.
- The Directorate General of Immigration's [FAQ](#) - last update on 21/05. Further information is available [HERE](#).
- To curb COVID-19 outbreak in the country, the RI Government through the [Minister of Law and Human Rights Decree no. 11 \(2020\)](#) [[Informal Translation](#)] on the Temporary Prohibition for Foreign Nationals to enter Indonesia. Effective on April 2, 2020, replacing the Minister of Law & HR Decree no. 7 & 8 2020.
- For foreigners in Indonesia whose travel and stay permit is expired and/or cannot be extended will be automatically granted Emergency Stay Permit without submitting a request to Immigration Office. This service is **free of charge**.
- [Letter of the Deputy Head of Mission & Consul General of British Embassy Jakarta to the RI Immigration Officers](#)
- [Press Release on RI Temporary Travel Ban amidst COVID-19](#) on March 31, 2020.

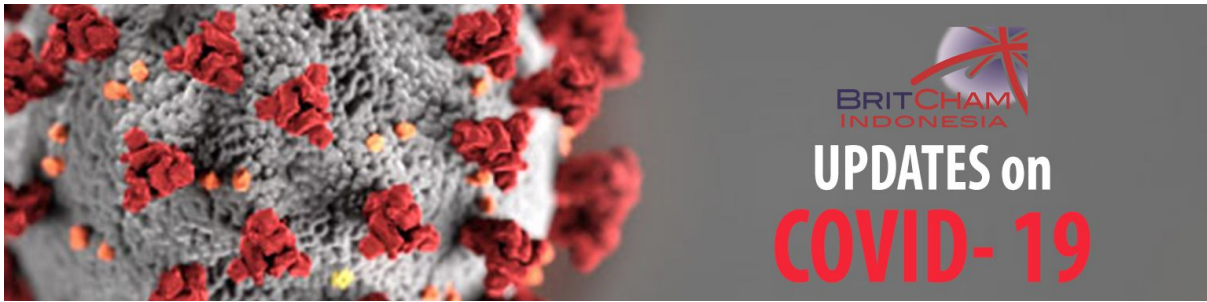


6. RI Manpower Situation during Covid-19 Period_updated on 02/06

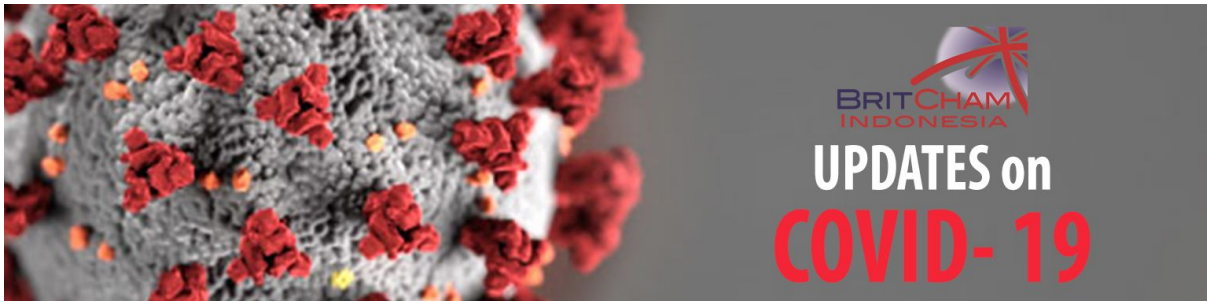
- [Foreign Workers Permit during the COVID-19 by the Directorate of Foreign Workers Utilization Control of the RI Manpower Ministry](#). Delivered during SSEK Indonesia Webinar on June 2, 2020. [More details on the Q&A Summary](#).
- Minister of Manpower Circular Letter on the Protection Programme of COVID-19 related accident for Workforce [[Official](#)]. Issued on May 28, 2020.
- The Manpower Minister Launched Diaspora Care Programme for Laid Off Workers on May 18, 2020. [[Press Release](#) | [Informal Translation](#)]
- [Joint Statement of ASEAN Labour Ministers on Response to the Impact of COVID-19 on Labour and Employment](#). Published on May 14, 2020.
- [Force Majeure: The Impact of COVID-19 on Businesses in Indonesia by SSEK Indonesia](#). Updated on May 11, 2020
- [Labour/Manpower Updates during the Covid-19 Pandemic by SSEK Indonesia](#). Updated on May 11, 2020.
- [Presidential Regulation no. 64 \(2020\)](#) on Health Insurance containing the increased tariff for Health BPJS. Effective on May 6, 2020. [[Key Points Translation](#)].
- [Circular Letter of the Minister of Manpower on the religious day allowance \(THR\) payment 2020 during Covid-19 pandemic](#). Issued on May 6, 2020. [[Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices Translation](#)].
- [Labour Situation in the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) by Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices.
- [Circular Letter of the Minister of Industry no.8 \(2020\)](#) on the Reporting Obligations for Industrial Companies and Industrial Estate Companies that Possess Operation and Industrial Activity Mobility Licenses. Issued on April 24, 2020. [[SSEK Translation](#)]
- [Circular of the Minister of Industry no. 7 \(2020\)](#) on the guidelines of licensing to operate during the public health emergency of Covid-19 on April 9, 2020 [[Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices translation](#)]
- The Minister of Manpower decided to temporarily suspend the licensing service for new application of the use of Foreign Workers on April 8, 2020 through the [Circular number M/4/HK.04/IV/2020](#). [[Informal translation](#)].
- The Minister of Industry issued a circular on the procedures implementation within factories/industrial parks during the COVID-19 pandemic on April 7, 2020. [[Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices translation](#)].

7. Tax Incentives & Regulations during COVID-19 Pandemic Period _ updated on 02/06

- DGT's *Kring Pajak* phone service is available again from June 2, 2020 as DGT has returned to work from office again. Nevertheless, face-to-face service will resume on June 14, 2020. [[Press Release](#)]
- The Minister of Finance issued the [regulation no. 48 \(2020\)](#) on the Value-Added Tax (VAT) on Taxable Non-Tangible Products through Electronic System. It was signed on May 5, 2020 and will enter into force on July 1, 2020. [[Press Release](#) | [Informal Translation](#)].



- The Directorate General of Taxation issued a press release on the requirements for the expanded tax facilities including the revised submission deadlines. Published on May 2, 2020. [[Official](#) | [Informal translation](#)]
 - The Directorate General of Taxation issued a [press release](#) on the expanded Covid-19 tax incentives on April 30, 2020. [[Informal translation](#)]
 - The Minister of Finance issued the [regulation no. 44 \(2020\)](#) on incentives for taxpayers who are affected by COVID-19. Effective on April 27, 2020. [[DGT Guidance](#) | [SSEK Indonesia Translation](#)]
 - Adjustment of 2020 Income Tax Instalment following the Reduced Tariff of Corporate Income Tax [[Press Release](#) | [Informal translation](#)]. Issued on April 26, 2020.
 - Relaxation on the Submission of the Required Documents for Annual Tax Return – 2019 Tax Year [[Press Release](#) | [Informal translation](#)]. Published on April 18, 2020
 - The [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 28 \(2020\)](#) on Tax Facilities for Goods and Service Required in Covid-19 Mitigation. Effective on April 6, 2020
 - The [Minister of Finance Regulation no.23 \(2020\)](#) on Tax Incentives amid the COVID-19. [[Informal translation](#) | [Official Explanations](#)]
- 8. The New Normal Guidance & Regulation in Indonesia** *_updated on 30/05*
- The Head of COVID-19 Task Force announced 102 regions that are allowed to implement the New Normal on May 30, 2020. [[Press Release](#)]
 - The Minister of Trade Regulation no. 12 (2020) on the Recovery of Trade Activities Conducted during the Period of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the New Normal. [[Official](#) | [SSEK Indonesia Translation](#)]. Issued on May 28, 2020.
 - The Minister of SOEs issued a letter to anticipate the New Normal scenario in SOEs on May 15, 2020. [[Official](#) | [Informal Translation](#)]
- 9. Adjustment to the Working System of Government Agencies** *_updated on 29/05*
- The Minister of Administrative and Bureaucratic Reform Regulation no. 58 (2020) on the Working System for State Civil Apparatus under the New Normal. [[Official](#) | [English Press Release](#)]. Issued on May 29, 2020.
- 10. General Guidance on COVID-19 Handling** *_ updated on 29/05*
- Minister of Religious Affair Circular Letter no. 15 (2020) on the Guidance of Religious Activities at Public Praying Facilities to ensure Productive Communities during the Pandemic Period. [[Official](#) | [SSEK Indonesia Translation](#)]. Issued on May 29, 2020.
 - [Minister of Health Circular Letter no. 328 \(2020\)](#) on the COVID-19 Prevention and Management at Working and Industrial Site to Support Business Sustainability during the Pandemic Period [[Translation](#) & [Review by SSEK Indonesia](#)]. Effective on May 20, 2020.



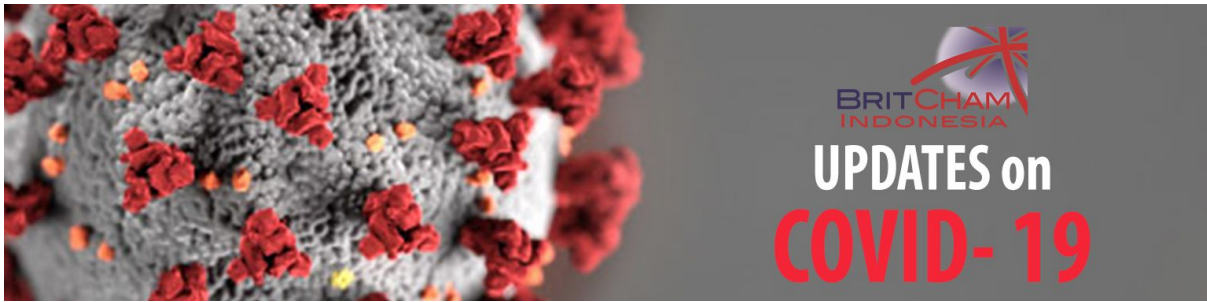
- [Minister of Health Regulation no. 9\(2020\)](#) on guidance of LSSR implementation during COVID-19 pandemic. Effective on April 3, 2020. [[Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices Translation](#)]
- [Government Regulations no. 21 \(2020\)](#) on Large-Scale Social Restriction. Effective on March 31, 2020. [[Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices Translation](#)]
- [Minister of Health Circular Letter no. 199 \(2020\)](#) on the Communication of COVID-19 Management. Issued on March 16, 2020. [[Translation & Appendix by SSEK Indonesia](#)].
- Other COVID-19 guidance from [RI Ministry of Health](#) and [Indonesian Food and Drug Authority \(BPOM\)](#).

11. COVID-19 Status in Indonesia_ updated on 27/05

- The Head of COVID-19 Task Force Circular Letter no. 6 (2020) on national health emergency status [[Official](#)]. Issued on May 27, 2020.
- President Jokowi through the [Presidential Decree no.12\(2020\)](#) [[English Translation](#)] declared Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a national disaster on April 13, 2020.
- President Jokowi declared National Health Emergency Status amidst COVID-19 outbreak through [Presidential Decree no. 11 \(2020\)](#) [[Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices Translation](#)] . Effective on March 31, 2020.

12. Transportation Control during Covid-19 Pandemic Period _ updated on 25/05

- Circular Letter of the COVID-19 Task Force no. 5(2020) [[Official document & SSEK Translation](#)] on Amendment to [the Circular Letter of the COVID-19 Task Force no. 4 \(2020\)](#) on the Criteria of Travel Restriction to Prevent Further COVID-19 Transmission [[SSEK Indonesia Translation](#)]. Effective until June 7, 2020.
- [Minister of Transportation Regulation no. 25 \(2020\)](#) on Transportation Control during Eid Al Fitr 1441 Hijri Period as the COVID-19 Transmissions Preventive Effort [[SSEK Indonesia translation | Infographic](#)]. Effective on April 23, 2020.
- [Minister of Transportation's Regulations no.18 \(2020\)](#) on Transportation Control to Curb COVID-19 Widespread [[Informal translation](#)] is effective on April 9, 2020.
- [Circular Letter of Management Board of Transportation in Jabodetabek no. 5 \(2020\)](#) regarding Recommendation on Restriction of Transportation Mode in Jabodetabek Area [[Informal translation](#)]



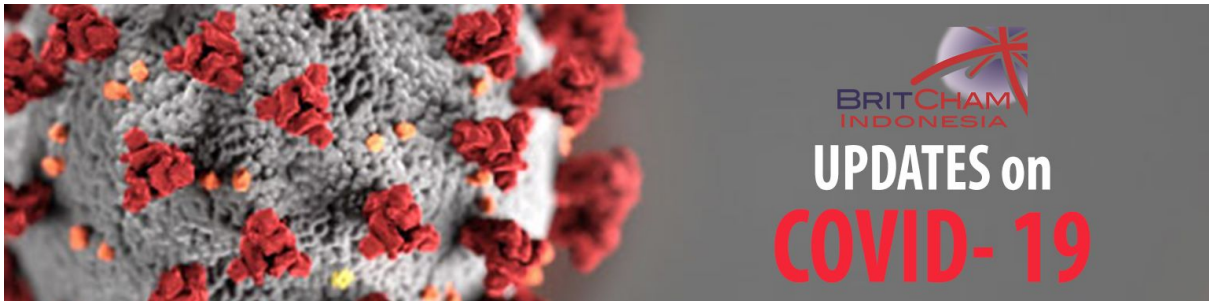
13. West Java Province COVID-19 Support Opportunity_updated on 18/05

During the joint foreign chambers webinar coordinated by BritCham, Governor Ridwan Kamil invited us to join and support West Java fight against Covid-19 in the following area: 1) **Healthcare facilities**; 2) **Testing capacity**; 3) **Social security net**; 4) **enhancing local supply chain for COVID-19 products**; and 5) **Research & Technical Assistant**. [[Full Presentation](#)]

If you are interested, please contact **Dani Ramdan**, the Head of Stakeholder & Partnership Division of West Java COVID-19 Task Force at **+6281220191515**

14. RI Government Support amidst COVID-19 Crisis _ updated on 18/05

- The Ministry of Communications and Informatics provides various trainings on digital sectors to ensure people's productivity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Issued on May 18, 2020. [[Press Release](#) | [Informal Translation](#)]
- [Indonesian Government Economic Relief for Businesses during COVID-19 Pandemic by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India \(ICAI\)](#). Published on May 9, 2020.
- On May 8, 2020, the Coordinating Minister of Human Development & Culture shared three strategies to combat the COVID-19 pandemic i.e. public health emergency measures, building social safety net, and building economic resilience. [[Press Release](#)]
- Government waives 450VA electricity tariff for small business and industry from May until October 2020. Published on May 3, 2020 [[Press Release](#) | [Informal Translation](#)].
- Government Grants Subsidy on Credit Interest of Business Affected by Covid-19 up to 6% for Six Months. Published on April 29, 2020. [[Official](#) | [Informal Translation](#)]
- To ensure affordable price of electricity, the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources stipulated low price on Gas for Power Plants. Published on April 27, 2020 [[Press Release](#)]
- Ministry of Finance cq Customs and Excise provides additional incentives for Bonded Zones companies and Ease of Import for Export Purposes through the [Minister of Finance Regulation no.31 \(2020\)](#) which is effective April 13, 2020. [[Official press release](#) | [Informal translation](#)]
- Ministry of Finance cq Customs and Excise grants Deferral Payment for Excise through the [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 30 \(2020\)](#) which is effective April 8, 2020. [[Press Release](#) | [Informal translation](#)]
- Circular Letter of the Covid-19 Task Force on the Ease of Access of Logistics and Provision of Basic Needs for the Community on April 9, 2020. [[SSEK translation](#)]
- Government grants relaxation on People's Business Credit (KUR) provisions to MSMEs that are affected by COVID-19 [[Informal translation](#)]
- Ministry of Public Works & Public Housing prepares IDR 10 trillion of funding for Cash for Work Programme [[Informal translation](#)]



15. Indonesia's Economic Recovery Plan After COVID-19_updated on 11/05

- The Government issued the [regulation number 23 of 2020](#) on the Implementation of the National Economic Recovery (NER) Program through 1) **State Capital Participation (PNM)**; 2) **placement of funds**; 3) **government investment**; and 4) **providing guarantee**. It is effective on May 11, 2020.
- The Coordinating Minister of Maritime and Investment Affairs, Luhut B. Pandjaitan, presented the economic recovery plan for Indonesia post-Covid-19. Full presentation is available [HERE](#).
- The Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs shared [the plan and timeline of the gradual economic recovery post-Covid 19](#).

16. DKI Jakarta's Large Scale Social Collaboration_ updated on 28/04

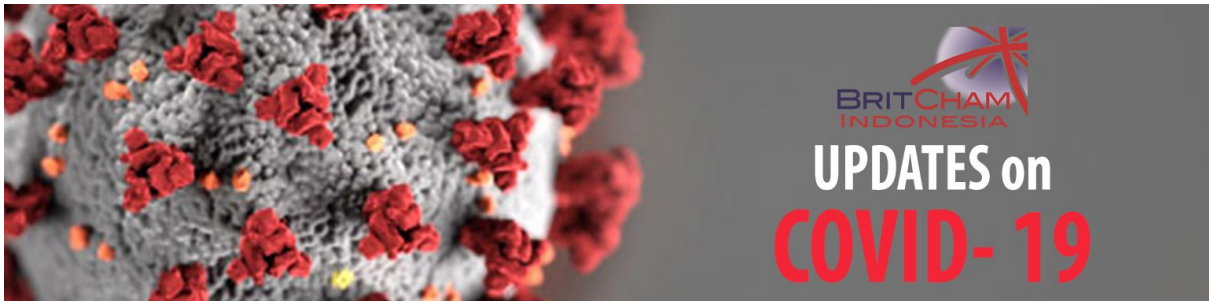
During the Virtual City Hall Meeting with various foreign chambers, MNCs and local companies on April 28, 2020, Governor Anies Baswedan introduced the new Covid-19 support programme called 'Large Scale Social Collaboration'. This will allow donors to choose the social assistance package and its recipient, in this case hamlets registered in DKI Jakarta database.

More details are available in [this presentation](#). Click [HERE](#) to contribute

[Frequently Asked Question on LSSC](#)

17. National Financial Regulation and Financial System Stability for the COVID-19 Mitigation_updated on 22/04

- To follow up the authority given in Perppu no.1(2020), the Financial Services Authority (OJK) issued 5 regulations (POJK) to address the impact of COVID-19. [[Official](#) | [Informal translation](#)]
- RI Government stipulated the [Government Regulation in lieu of Law no. 1\(2020\)](#) [[Informal translation](#)] on national financial regulation and financial system stability through [the Law no. 2 \(2020\)](#). Effective on March 31, 2020.
- [Financial Services Authority Regulations no. 11 \(2020\)](#) effective on March 16, 2020 [[Informal translation](#)].
- Executive Summary of Financial Services Authority no.11(2020) [[Official](#) | [Informal translation](#)]



18. Service Acceleration of Imported Goods for COVID-19 Management _ updated on 14/04

- [Presidential Regulation no. 58 \(2020\)](#) on the Structuring and Simplification of Import License. Enacted on April 14, 2020. [[SSEK translation](#)]
- Directorate General of Customs and Excise provided some facilities to accelerate service of imported goods for COVID-19 management. [[Official document](#) | [Informal Translation](#)]

19. Our Members' Survey

- Nielsen Indonesia's report entitled 'Festive Reshaped: Reinventing Ramadan and Eid Festive in Restricted Living'.
- Nielsen Indonesia's report on the response of Indonesian consumers following the widespread of COVID-19 in Indonesia.
- Korn Ferry snap survey result

INFORMATION FROM THE UK

1. Messages from PM Boris Johnson

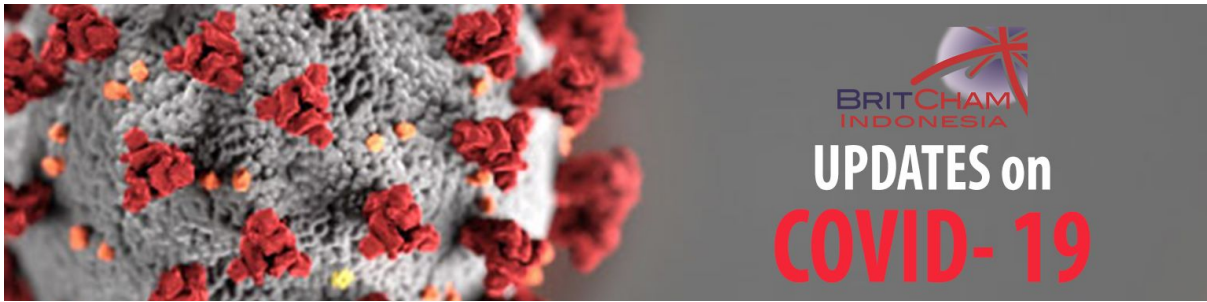
- On May 25, 2020, Prime Minister set out timeline for retail to reopen in June. [[Press Release](#) | [BCC Response](#)]
- [Prime Minister's address and next stage of Coronavirus response](#) on May 10, 2020. BCC response.
- [Prime Minister announces record UK aid funding towards COVID-19 vaccine](#) on 30 March 2020
- [Prime Minister announces strict lockdown across the UK](#) on 24 March 2020

2. TheCityUK recapitalisation report_updated on 08/06

On June 8, 2020, TheCityUK Recapitalisation Group published the [interim report](#) on the recapitalising UK companies following Coronavirus. [[BCC Response](#)]

3. Policy on Returning to/Entering the UK_updated on 03/06

- [BCC responds to confirmation of 14-day quarantine for air passengers](#) on June 3, 2020.
- [New British Government guidance on entering the UK](#). Effective on June 8, 2020.



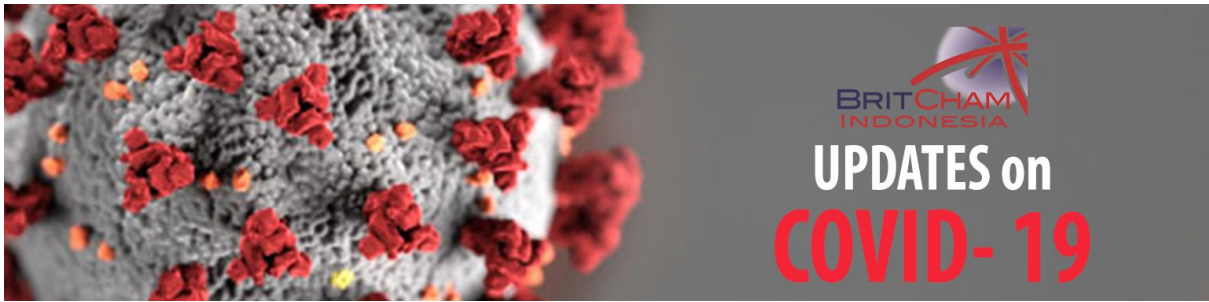
- Home Secretary announces new public health measures for all UK arrivals including 14-days self-isolation on May 22, 2020. [[Press Release](#) | [BCC Response](#)]
- **British nationals in Indonesia who wish to leave, should make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.**
- The number of international flights out of Indonesia is reducing daily, to destinations within the region and globally, so you may not be able to leave Indonesia when you had planned to. Flights and medical evacuation may not be available, or become very expensive if you do not depart soon.
- The British Embassy Jakarta is issuing regular updates on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) with the latest available information on flight departure options for British nationals wishing to leave Bali and other areas of Indonesia. More details [HERE](#)

4. NHS Test and Trace service_updated on 27/05

The UK Government will launch the new NHS Test and Trace service on 28th of May 2020 across England. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will need to share information about their recent interactions. People identified as having been in close contact with someone who has tested positive will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms. Please see the Government's [guidance for businesses](#). [[Press Release](#) | [BCC Response](#)]

5. UK Government Support and Funding for businesses_updated on 26/05

- [Government significantly boosts UK PPE supply with more than 100 new deals.](#)
- The Government has announced a [Clean Growth Fund of £40 million](#) to support green start-ups across the UK.
- [Five new ministerial-led taskforces have been set-up](#) to determine how and when closed businesses and venues can reopen safely.
- BCC response on the Government's discretionary fund for small businesses. [[Press Release](#)] Published on May 2, 2020.
- Data on local authority payments to small and medium businesses is available [HERE](#). Last update on April 27, 2020.
- The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has published the [data on the amount of money distributed to small and medium-sized businesses by local authorities in England](#) to support against coronavirus (COVID-19). So far, £6.11 billion has been paid out to 491,725 business properties.
- On March 23, 2020 BEIS launched a coronavirus (COVID-19) [business support website](#) as part of a new business information campaign. The website outlines the full range of support measures that have been made available to UK businesses and employees, including the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme and the Self-employment Income Support Scheme.
- UK businesses and stakeholders can now sign up to [BEIS' new Business and Employer Bulletin on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).



6. Transition Business & Employee Bulletin *_updated on 22/05*

In addition to the coronavirus (COVID-19) Bulletin for Business, BEIS is publishing a Transition Bulletin to help UK businesses prepare for changes that will take effect from 1 January 2021. Please click the following to [subscribe](#).

7. UK Government Business Guidance *_updated on 22/05*

- The UK Government published the [working safely guides](#) providing safety guidance for a range of workplace settings.
- The World Trade Organization has published a [new report on the standards and regulations](#) notified by members in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). Around half of the measures are trade facilitating.
- The National Cyber Security Centre has published [cyber security guidance](#) for businesses that have moved online due to coronavirus (COVID-19).
- The Department for Transport (DfT) has published [guidance for passengers on safely using transport](#) during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. DfT has also published [safety guidance for transport operators](#).
- The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has [8 new working safely guides](#) for covering multiple industries
- [Official guidance on How to Protect Your Business from Fraud and Cyber Crime](#)

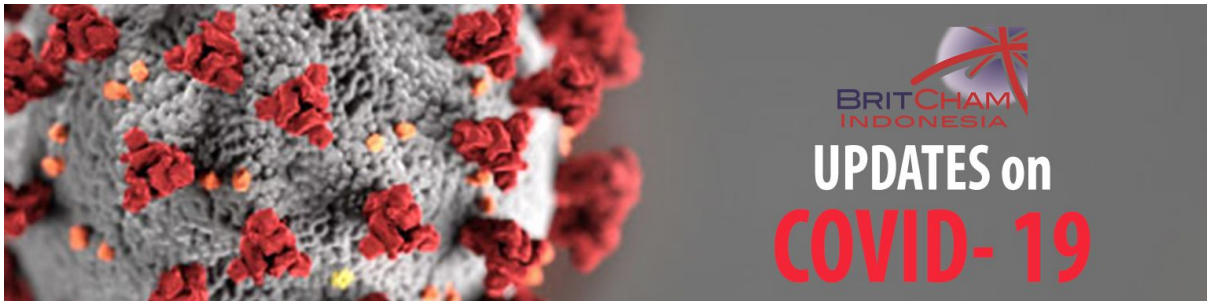
8. BCC Coronavirus Business Impact Tracker *_updated on 20/05*

Results from the latest BCC Coronavirus Business Impact Tracker reveal that the majority of firms surveyed are in a position to partially restart operations as lockdown restrictions are eased:

- 83 per cent of respondents report that they know some or a lot of details about government guidance on working safely
- 37 per cent of firms report they can implement the guidance and fully restart, and 45 per cent report they can partially restart
- 85 per cent of respondents have received payment from furlough scheme

More details [HERE](#)

Previous results [May 14](#) | [May 6](#) | [April 29](#) | [April 22](#) | [April 15](#) | [Infographic](#)



9. Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS)_updated on 19/05

- Government extended the maximum loan size available through the CLBILS from £50 million to £200 million on May 19, 2020. [[Press Release](#) | [BCC Response](#)]
- BCC responds to UK Finance's Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme applications update. [[May 7, 2020](#) | [April 30, 2020](#)].
- The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, announced on April 16, 2020 that the CLBILS has been [expanded to include businesses with over £500 million in turnover](#). As such, all viable businesses with turnover of more than £45 million will be able to apply.

10. Trade Credit Insurance guarantee_updated on 13/05

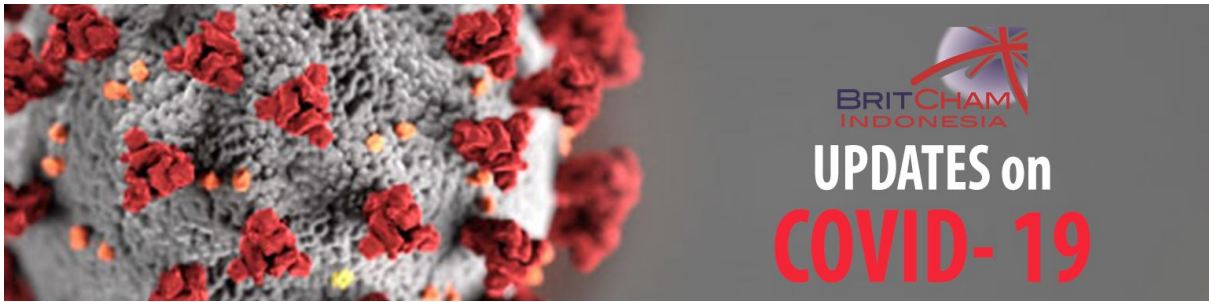
The UK Government will temporarily guarantee business-to-business transactions currently supported by Trade Credit Insurance, ensuring the majority of insurance coverage will be maintained across the market. This will support supply chains and help businesses to trade with confidence as they can trust that they will be protected if a customer defaults on payment. [[Full details](#) | [BCC Response](#)].

11. Job Retention Scheme_updated on 12/05

- HM Treasury has announced that the [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme \(CJRS\)](#), which allows employees to claim 80 percent of their salary up to £2,500 per month, will be [extended by four months until 31 October 2020](#). There will also be changes to the CJRS from August to allow more flexibility for workers returning on a part-time basis. [[BCC Response](#)]
- HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has published a recording of their [webinar on how to make a claim through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#). It was also announced that furloughed workers who take [paid parental or adoption leave](#) will be entitled to pay based on their usual earnings, as opposed to the furloughed pay rate. Full details on [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme GOV.UK guidance](#).
- The Opening of Job Retention Scheme online application portal [[Press release](#) | [BCC Response](#)] published on April 20, 2020.

12. The UK Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy_updated on 11/05

On May 11, 2020, the UK Government published the COVID-19 recovery plan and associated workplace guidance. [[Full Publication](#) | [BCC response](#)]



13. BCC sets out principles for safe restart of UK economy*_updated on 03/05*

British Chambers of Commerce President, Baroness Ruby McGregor-Smith, has written an [open letter](#) to the Prime Minister on May 3, 2020 setting out principles for a phased restart of the UK economy. [[Press Release](#)]

14. Chancellor announces new micro-loan scheme*_updated on 27/04*

In a [statement to the House of Commons on the economic response to the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#), the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, today announced a new micro-loan scheme for small businesses. From 4 May, businesses will be able to apply for the [new Bounce Back Loans scheme](#) online through a short and simple form. The scheme will allow businesses to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000, with the Government paying the interest for the first 12 months. The Government will guarantee 100% of the value of the loan to private lenders. No repayments will be due during the first 12 months.

Chancellor Strengthens Support on Offer for Business as First Government-Backed Loans Reach Firms in Need [[Press Release](#) | [BCC response](#)]

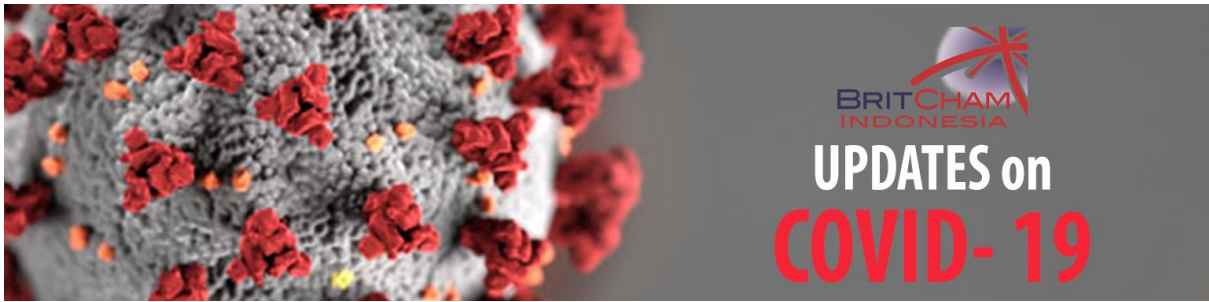
15. Launch of new business support tool*_updated on 22/04*

The Government has released a new [online 'support finder' tool](#), helping businesses and self-employed people across the UK to quickly and easily determine what financial support is available to them during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Full information is available [HERE](#)

- [Collection of UK Government financial supports for business during Covid-19](#)
- [DIT's support to exporters and investors](#)

16. Call for ventilators*_updated on 22/04*

- Since the Prime Minister's call for companies to design and build ventilators on 16 March, the [Government has received over 5,000 offers of support](#). Government is now working with manufacturers on the accelerated production and distribution of different types of ventilators.
- To support the supply of ventilators across the UK, please ask any companies to email C-19.FCO.ACT@fco.gov.uk



17. UK Government Future Fund *_updated on 20/04*

[Official site](#) | [British Chamber of Commerce response](#)

18. Advice for UK visa applicants and temporary UK residents

[This is advice](#) for visa customers and applicants in the UK, visa customers outside of the UK and British nationals overseas who need to apply for a passport affected by travel restrictions associated with coronavirus.

19. Chancellor unveils £350bn lifeline for economy *_ updated on 20/03* [HERE](#)

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