

COVID-19 HANDLING TASK FORCE

ADDENDUM TO CIRCULAR LETTER NUMBER 8 OF 2021 CONCERNING

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL HEALTH PROTOCOL DURING THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

A. Background

- 1. Whereas, there has been an increase in the transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus and other new SARS-CoV-2 variants (the Alpha variant, the Beta variant, the Delta variant, and the Gamma variant) in various countries in the world, including Indonesia, thus it is necessary for the Government to quickly respond by adding special provisions for international travelers entering Indonesian territory to protect Indonesian citizens (WNI) from imported cases.
- 2. Whereas, based on the considerations as referred to in number 1, it is necessary to stipulate an Addendum to the Circular Letter of the COVID-19 Handling Task Force Number 8 of 2021 concerning International Travel Health Protocols During the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic.

B. Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this Circular Letter Addendum is to implement stricter health protocols for international travelers. The objective of this Circular Letter Addendum is to conduct monitoring, control, and evaluation in order to prevent an increase in the transmission of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID 19), including the new SARS-CoV-2 virus variant which has mutated into the Alpha variant, Beta variant, Delta variant, and Gamma variant and the potential for the development of other new variants of the SARS CoV-2 virus:

C. Scope

Unchanged.

D. Legal Basis

16. Decision of the Ministerial Level Limited Coordination Meeting on July 2, 2021; and

17. Decision of the Ministerial Level Limited Coordination Meeting on July 3, 2021

E. Definition

1. Reverse Transcription 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.

F. Protocol

- I. Changed some provisions and added 1 (one) condition as follows:
 - 3. All International Travelers, both Indonesian Citizens (WNI) and Foreign Citizens (WNA) shall comply with the following conditions/requirements:
 - c. Upon arrival, international travelers shall perform RT-PCR retests be guarantined for 8 x 24 hours, with the following conditions:
 - 1) For Indonesian citizens, namely Indonesian Migrant Workers (PMI); Students; or Government Officials who return from overseas official trips in accordance with the Decree of the Head of the COVID-19 Handling Task Force Number 11 of 2021 concerning Entry Points, Quarantine Facilities, and RT-PCR Obligations for Indonesian Citizens as International Travelers at the cost borne by the government.
 - 2) For Indonesian citizens who do not meet the criteria as referred to in number 1) and for foreign nationals, including foreign diplomats, other than the head of the foreign representative and the family of the head of the foreign representative, shall be quarantined at a quarantine accommodation that has been certified by the Ministry of Health for providing COVID-19 quarantine accommodation, entirely at their own expense.
 - d. For heads of the foreign representative and their family serving in Indonesia, they may self-quarantine at their respective residences for 8 x 24 hours as referred to in letter c:
 - g. For Indonesian citizens and foreign nationals, a second RT-PCR test shall be performed on the 7th day of quarantine;
 - g bis. In the event that the RT-PCR retest as referred to in letter g shows a negative result, then after being quarantined for 8 x 24 hours, Indonesian citizens and foreign nationals can be declared to have completed quarantine;
 - h. In the event of a negative result as referred to in letter g *bis*, then Indonesian citizens and foreign nationals are allowed to continue their trips and are recommended to perform self-quarantine for 14 days and apply health protocols; and
 - i. In the event of a positive result as referred to in letter g *bis*, then treatment shall be carried out in a hospital for Indonesian citizens

at the cost borne by the government and for foreign nationals at the cost borne entirely at their own expense.

II. Added some conditions as follows:

- 5. All International Travelers, both Indonesian Citizens (WNI) and Foreign Citizens (WNA) must comply with the following conditions/requirements:
 - a. Indonesian citizens shall show a card or certificate (physical or digital) of full course of COVID-19 vaccine as a requirement to enter Indonesia, and in the event that Indonesian citizens have not received the vaccine abroad, they will be vaccinated at the quarantine place upon arrival in Indonesia after the second RT-PCR examination with negative results;
 - Foreign nationals shall show a card or certificate (physical or digital) of full course of COVID-19 vaccine as a requirement to enter Indonesia;
 - c. Foreign nationals who are already in Indonesia and will travel, both domestically and internationally, shall vaccinate through a program or mutual cooperation scheme in accordance with statutory regulations; and
 - d. The obligation to show a COVID-19 vaccination card or certificate (physical or digital) is excluded for foreign nationals holding diplomatic visas and official visas related to official/state visits of foreign officials at ministerial level and above and foreign nationals who enter Indonesia under the Travel Corridor Arrangement scheme, according to the principle of reciprocity while keep implementing strict health protocols.

G. Monitoring, Control, and Evaluation

Unchanged.

H. Closing

This Circular Letter Addendum is effective from July 6, 2021 until a later determined time. This Circular Letter Addendum will be evaluated further in accordance with the latest developments in the field and the evaluation results from Ministries/Agencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, to be used as a guidance and implemented with full responsibility.

On July 4, 2021

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Management as the Chief of the

COVID-19 Handling Task Force,

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- 1. President of the Republic of Indonesia;
- 2. Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia;
- 3. Chairperson of the Policy Committee of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery Committee;
- 4. Ministers/Heads of Agencies;
- 5. TNI (Army) Commander;
- 6. 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 Forces.