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INFORMATION**Circular Letter (SE) No. HK.02.01/Menkes/1391/2021 on the Prevention and Control of Omicron Variant COVID-19 Cases (B.1.1.529)**

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia has issued Circular Letter (SE) No. HK.02.01/Menkes/1391/2021 concerning Prevention and Control of Omicron Variant COVID-19 Cases (B.1.1.529). The issuance of this circular letter is intended to reinforce the coordination between the central government and local government along with health service facilities in terms of dealing with the transmission of the Omicron variant in Indonesia. The regulation was signed by the Minister of Health on December 30th, 2021.

There are several provisions for the prevention and control of cases of COVID-19 variant Omicron (B.1.1.529.) that needs to be implemented by the local government, including:

1. All probable and confirmed cases of the Omicron variant (symptomatic and asymptomatic) should be isolated in a hospital that provides COVID-19 services with several criteria for probable cases and confirmed Omicron variants are as follows:
 - a. The probable Omicron variant is a confirmed case of Covid-19 who's tested positive on the S-Gene Target Failure (SGTF) or had the result which leads to Omicron variant on the PCR-based Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) test.
 - b. Meanwhile, Confirmation of the Omicron variant which is a confirmed case of COVID-19 with positive sequencing results for Omicron SAR-COV-2.
2. Every probable case and confirmation of the Omicron variant found should be immediately contacted within a day to discover any close contacts, which should be immediately quarantined in a centralized quarantine facility for 10 days and inspection of entry and exit tests using Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) examination.
If the result comes out positive, then the SGTF examination must be continued and the specimens must be sent in parallel to the nearest Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) laboratory based on Decree of the Minister of Health No. HK.01.07/Menkes/4842/2021 which consist of;
 - Clinical laboratory; laboratories in the service facility health;
 - Regional health laboratory; environmental health engineering center or hall and disease control; health laboratory hall; Laboratory of Research and Development Agency Health;
 - And research laboratory in a university environment, or independent non-university institutions.
3. Close contacts of the Omicron variant referred in point 2 are people who have a contact history with probable cases or confirmed cases of the Omicron variant. As for finding close contacts from the case of the Omicron variant are as follows:
 - a. For symptomatic probable or confirmed cases: counted from 2 days before symptoms appear until 14 days after symptoms appear (or until the case is isolated).
 - b. For asymptomatic probable or confirmed cases: counted from 2 days before swab collection with positive results until 14 days after (or until the case is isolated).
4. Criteria for completed isolation and recovered for probable cases and confirmation of the Omicron variant are as follows:
 - a. For asymptomatic cases, a minimum of 10 days isolation since the confirmation of the diagnosis specimen was taken as well as negative result on the NAAT for 2 consecutive times (interval of >24 hours).
 - b. For symptomatic cases, 10 days isolation since the symptoms appearance as well as 3 days minimum of free fever symptoms and respiratory problems and a negative result on the NAAT for 2 consecutive times (interval of >24 hours).

With the issuance of the Circular Letter (SE) No. HK0201/Menkes/1391/2021, the Ministry of Health also encourages the local government to strengthen the 3Ts (Testing, Tracing, Treatment), actively monitor new COVID-19 cluster findings, and immediately report and coordinate with the central government if there are Omicron confirmation cases found in their area.

For your reference, please find attached the Circular Letter (SE) No. HK.02.01/Menkes/1391/2021 on the Prevention and Control of Omicron Variant COVID-19 Cases (B.1.1.529) in Bahasa Indonesia and English translation.

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