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INFORMATION

Updates on the Removal of the RT-PCR or Antigen Swab Test as a Domestic Travel Requirement and the Relaxation of the Mask Mandate in Indonesia

The Government of Indonesia has begun to ease several COVID-19 policies, including relaxing the mask mandate in outdoor places and revoking the COVID test (antigen and PCR tests) as a travel requirement for travelers who have been fully vaccinated. Through a press statement video that was published on the Cabinet Secretariat of the Republic of Indonesia's YouTube account on May 17th, 2022, the President of Indonesia, Joko Widodo, announced the good news regarding the Government's decision to ease several COVID-19 restrictions.

Previously, the mask mandate or the obligation to wear a mask was first enforced in April 2020, meanwhile, the COVID-19 test (travelers have to obtain a negative result) as a travel requirement was first enforced in June 2020. Since it was first implemented, the mask mandate has never been renewed or changed. Different from the mandatory use of masks, the travel requirement in Indonesia has received several changes gradually.

After more than 2 years after the declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, the government of Indonesia finally could ease its several COVID-19 policies. This decision was taken by observing the conditions for handling the COVID-19 pandemic in Indonesia, which is currently increasingly under control.

With this announcement, there are several updates regarding the COVID-19 policies in Indonesia, including:

1. The removal of the RT-PCR or antigen swab test as a travel requirement will be applicable for **domestic and international travelers who have been fully vaccinated**. Therefore, travelers that plan to travel within the country or arrive at Indonesia's entry points from abroad and have received the **second dose or the third dose (booster)** of vaccines are **no longer required to carry out an RT-PCR or antigen swab test** as a travel requirement.
2. Meanwhile, domestic travelers who only have received the first dose of vaccines are obligated to show a negative result of the antigen test (sampled within a day before the departure) or the RT-PCR test (sampled within 3 days before the departure).
3. For domestic travelers with special health conditions or comorbidities that cause the person to not be able to receive the vaccines, they are obligated to show a negative result of the antigen test (sampled within a day before the departure) or the RT-PCR test (sampled within 3 days before the departure) and are required to attach a doctor's certificate from the hospital Government stating that the person concerned has not or cannot receive the COVID-19 vaccines.
4. Furthermore, domestic travelers under the age of 6 (six) are excluded from the above provisions and can travel with a travel companion.
5. The Government of Indonesia decided to relax or ease the mask mandate by allowing people to not wear a mask in outdoor places. This regulation applies to people that doing outdoor activities or in open areas that are not crowded.
6. Meanwhile, for people who do activities in a closed room and on public transportation, the obligation to wear a mask will still be enforced.
7. People that are included and categorized as vulnerable, elderly, or those with comorbidity will still be recommended to wear a mask when doing activities.
8. People who experience symptoms of coughs and colds are obligated to wear masks when doing activities.

However, these regulation updates will be evaluated and adjusted by the Indonesian Government in responding to the development and the handling of the COVID-19 virus in Indonesia.

For your reference, please check the official announcement of the COVID-19 Response Acceleration Task Force about the removal of the RT-PCR or antigen swab test as a travel requirement and the relaxation of the mask mandate in Indonesia in the link [here](#) and the Circular Letter (SE) No. 18 Year 2022 on the updates regarding domestic travelers provisions in Bahasa Indonesia and English translation in the link [here](#).

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