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GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ON COVID19 SPECIAL REPORT – COVID19 UPDATE

As of December 12, 2020

| GOVERNMENT POLICY RESPONSES:

As the world makes progress towards vaccines, Indonesia has purchased a worth of US\$ 45 million of vaccine from China, it is currently reviewed by BPOM and maybe approved for emergency uses. As of **December 11, 2020**, as many as **605,243** cases have been confirmed in Indonesia with **18,511** deaths and **496,886** recoveries recorded thus far.

For an official tally from the Indonesian government-mandated COVID-19 Task Force, click [here](#)*

1. Government Responses:

The Indonesian government has taken numerous measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This section contains a consolidated list of the measures that has or will come into effect in the near future.

- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 118/PMK.04/2020 on customs and excise facilities for the import of vaccines for the purpose of mitigating COVID-19. The regulation stipulates that the import of vaccines for the mitigation of COVID-19 will be exempt from customs and excise fees, as well as added value and luxury goods taxes. The importing company is also exempt from income taxes. This regulation applies towards the import of the vaccine, its ingredients, as well as the vaccination tools. A copy of the regulation [here](#)*
- The Minister of Education, the Minister of Religious of Affairs, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Home Affairs have issued a joint decree allowing regional governments to decide whether to allow schools to implement in-school education again. The decision was taken in response to the supposedly negative aspects of prolonged forced home-schooling, such as lack of social interaction. This decree will take effect as of the start of the next school year in January 2021. Article [here](#)*
- In order to further enforce the health protocols established at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minister of Home Affairs has issued Minister of Home Affairs Instruction No. 6/2020 on the enforcement of health protocols to control the spread of COVID-19. The instruction obliges all regional leaders in the country to be consistent in implementing and enforcing health protocols as well as to prioritize the health and safety of their citizens. A copy of the instruction [here](#)*

- The Jakarta administration has issued Jakarta Regional Regulation No. 2/2020 on countermeasures to COVID-19. The regulation stipulates administrative sanctions on those who refuse to be tested for COVID-19 as well as those who refuse to have bodies of their relatives, who died from COVID-19, to be buried as per the existing protocol, among other provisions. The regulation further obliges the Jakarta governor to first consult with the regional parliament before taking any lockdown related policies. A Copy of the official regulation [here](#)*
- President Joko Widodo has issued Presidential Regulation No. 103/2020 on Central Government guarantee on the financing of development programs in boosting the national economy and/or for the National Economic Recovery program. The regulation effectively provides financial institutions with guarantee of liquidity for financing programs that are related to national development and/or the government's National Economic Recovery program. A copy of the official document [here](#)*
- Minister of Manpower Ida Fauziyah has issued Circular No. M/11/HK.04/2020 on Minimum wages directed to Governors and regional leaders across the archipelago. The circular stipulates that the minimum wage for 2021 will not be increased from 2020 levels, citing the need to support businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic in the effort to support national economic recovery. Copy of the Circular [here](#)*
- The Indonesian government will be granting 101 regencies and cities Rp 3.3 trillion (around US\$2.24 billion) to support the tourism industry in those areas until the end of the year. Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy Wishnutama Kusubandio said the grant will handed out directly to the respective regional governments as well as hotels and restaurants within the government's criteria of being popular tourist destinations or developing tourist destinations. Article [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Industry has issued Minister of Industry Regulation No. 31/2020 on the guidelines to the implementation of government-borne duty-free facility on the import of goods and materials for the production of goods and/or services by industry of certain sectors affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulation lays out the requirements needed for industries to apply and be eligible for the facility, further confirming that the facility also applies to the exit and entry of goods or materials to other duty-free areas such as bonded logistic zones and bonded warehouses. A copy of the official regulation [here](#)*
- Head of the COVID-19 and Economic Recovery Committee (KPCPEN) and Coordinating Minister of Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto stated that Indonesia will have 30 million vaccines by the end of the year. He said the government has ordered 50 million vaccines from Sinovac, Sinopharm and Astra Zeneca and that the government will begin the vaccination process immediately after as mandated by the Presidential Decree issued earlier this October. Article [here](#)*
- The Jakarta administration has decided to reinstate its policy of transitional PSBB, citing a decrease in the numbers of cases following the re-implementation of the city's stricter form of PSBB in the last four weeks. Through Jakarta Governor Decree No 101/2020, the transitional PSBB, which will be implemented from October 12 to October 25 barring any significant increase of COVID-19 cases, means that restaurants and movie theaters are allowed to admit customers, albeit at half capacity as stipulated in the regulation on transitional PSBB, among other stipulations. Article [here](#)*

Copy of the official regulation [here](#)*

- The Minister of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 149/PMK.04/2020 on the second amendment to Minister of Finance Regulation No. 34/PMK.04/2020 on the duty/customs and tax facilities for goods imported for the purpose of combating the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulation revises the list of goods eligible for the tax facility to no longer include hand sanitizers, disinfectants and hydrocholoquine, among others. The list now contains goods that include drugs increasingly being used to treat COVID-19 such as Favipiravir and Remdesivir. A copy of the official regulation [here](#)*
- President Joko Widodo has signed and issued a Presidential Decree on the Provision of Vaccines and the implementation of vaccination in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Presidential Decree No. 99/2020 stipulates that government will arrange for the provision, distribution and the vaccination process for the COVID-19 vaccine. The decree assigns state-owned pharmaceutical company PT Bio Farma to procure the vaccine in cooperation with international institutions. It also assigns the Ministry of Health to manage the distribution and the subsequent vaccination process. A copy of the official regulation [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation (PMK) No. 143/PMK.03/2020 on tax facilities for goods and services required in the handling of COVID-19 and on the extension of income tax facilities stipulated by Government Regulation (PP) No. 29/2020. The regulation effectively allows pharmaceuticals company to waive added value import tax for components or other goods and services related to the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulation also extends the income tax incentives stipulated by PP No. 29/2020 and regulated by PMK No. 28/2020 for companies buying and selling goods used to mitigate COVID-19 from September 2020 to December 2020. A copy of the official regulation [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 138/PMK.05/2020 on guidelines for the provision of interest subsidies in the effort to implement the National Economic Recovery program. The regulation effectively expands the government's coverage of interest subsidies from micro, small and medium enterprises to mortgage and vehicle payments as long as they use to do business. A copy of the official regulation [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance regulation No. 137/PMK.02/2020 on the determination of a zero rupiah tariff for the issuance of letter of origin services applicable to the Ministry of Trade in lieu of the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulation stipulates that the tariff for the issuance of letters of origin has been set at zero rupiah. This is done in the hope of boosting export activities, all exporters being eligible for the tariff. The tariff will remain at zero rupiah until December 31, 2020. Copy of the official regulation [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 136/PMK.02/2020 on the guidelines for the provision, payment and accountability for

- electrical subsidies from the state power company (PT PLN) to customers in the industry, business and social sector in the implementation of the National Economic Recovery (PEN) program. The regulation reaffirms the category of businesses that are eligible for the subsidy as well as the term for the subsidy, which has previously been announced to last until the end of 2020. A copy of the regulation [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 134/PMK.010/2020 on government borne duties for goods and materials imported for the provision of goods or services by certain industrial sectors affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulation lays out the requirements that must be fulfilled by the imported goods or materials in order for the government to bear the duty fees of the goods or materials, as well as the requirements that must be fulfilled by the importing company to apply for the waiver. This regulation will remain in force until December 31, 2020. A copy of the regulation [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Health and UNICEF have signed an agreement that will enable the procurement of vaccines under reasonable prices. The agreement is a renewal of a similar deal signed in 2004 which will enable Indonesia to procure vaccines through UNICEF's supply division. The signing is part of Indonesia's commitment to the WHO's Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator – COVAX Facility, which was established to ensure a fair and equal distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to all countries. Official press release [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Finance Minister Regulation No. 125/PMK.010/2020 on import Value Added Tax (VAT) for newsprint paper and/or magazine paper, borne by the 2020 state budget. The regulation stipulates that the import VAT for newsprint paper and/or magazine paper will be borne by the government until December 31, 2020. The tax incentive was issued to support newspaper and other print mass media companies in countering the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. A copy of the regulation [here](#)*
- The Jakarta administration has issued Jakarta Governor Decree No. 959/2020 on the implementation of Large-Scale Social Restriction (PSBB) in the handling of COVID-19 in Jakarta. The decree stipulates the revoking of the governor's transitional PSBB policy in reverting to the PSBB policy based on Jakarta Governor Regulation No. 88/2020, which amends Governor Decree No. 33/2020 issued in April on the implementation of the PSBB policy. The PSBB status will last until September 27, 2020, and may be extended to October 11, 2020, should there continuously be a significant rise in the number of COVID-19 infections.

A copy of the decree [here](#)*

A copy of the regulation [here](#)*

- The Jakarta administration has decided to hit the brakes and revoke its policy of a transitional Large-Scale Social Restriction (PSBB). Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan said the city will revert to the stricter form of the policy seen when the policy was originally implemented. This means that, starting from Monday, September 14, 2020, to an as of yet to be disclosed time, all offices are to be closed and workers are obliged to work from home aside from 11 essential business categories decreed by the government. Watch the complete announcement [here](#)*

- President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo has established a National Team for the Acceleration of the Development of a COVID-19 Vaccine. Presidential Decree No. 18/2020, issued on September 3, stipulates the creation of a COVID-19 Vaccine Development Team to be supervised by the Coordinating Minister of Economic Affairs. The Ministry of Research and Technology will be responsible for reporting to the President on the day-to-day work of the team. A copy of the regulation [here](#)*
- The government has issued Government Regulation No. 49/2020 on the adjustment to the Social Security Program for Manpower (BPJS Manpower) premiums for throughout the Non-natural Disaster COVID-19 Pandemic period. Employers and workers registered with BPJS Manpower are given several leeways with regard to paying the monthly premium fees for the program’s Accident insurance (JKK), Life Insurance (JKM), Old-Age Benefits (JHT), and Pension Fund (JP). These leeways are a later deadline, lower monthly fees of up to 99% less, and the postponement of the payment obligation. A copy of the regulation [here](#)*
- The Government and Parliament have agreed to adjust the price of stamp duty to Rp 10,000 (around 0.68 US cents) from Rp 6,000 and Rp 3,000 previously in a revision of the stamp duty law. Due to COVID-19, the regulation is planned to only take effect on January 31, 2021, following an effective ratification and promulgation of the regulation. The law will further expand the categories, as well as increase the value threshold, of the objects that are imposed by the stamp duty. Official press release [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance regulation No. 118/PMK.06/2020 on Government Investment in the National Economic Recovery program. The regulation allows the government to rescue ailing or COVID-19 affected state-owned enterprises (SoEs) by directly investing in the SoEs or by purchasing their Bonds. A copy of the regulation [here](#)*
- The government has issued Government Regulation No. 48/2020 on the amendment to Government Regulation No. 81/2015 on the import and/or submission of taxable strategic goods that are exempted from added value taxes. The regulation added Liquefied Natural Gas or LNG of which the imports will no longer be charged with added-value tax. The amendment is aimed at boosting the country's effort to provide energy to the nation in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has battered the Indonesian economy as a whole. A copy of the regulation [here](#)*
- On Thursday, August 27, 2020, President Joko Widodo officially launched the government’s salary subsidy program, in which workers paid less than Rp 5 million (around US\$340) per month will receive Rp 2.4 million. As many as 15.7 million Indonesian are eligible for the subsidy, and the distribution is slated to be completed by September 2020. Official press release [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance has released Minister of Finance Regulation No. 110/PMK.03/2020 on the amendment to Minister of Finance Regulation No. 86/PMK.03/2020 on Tax Incentive for Taxpayers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulation effectively increases the discount in article 25 income tax from 30% to 50% for taxpayers that conduct activities in 1,013 specific business fields, companies



that receive import facilities for export purposes, as well as companies in bonded zones. Find a copy of the regulation [here](#)*

- President Joko Widodo announced that the government will allocate Rp 366.5 trillion (US\$24 billion) towards accelerating the National Economic Recovery (PEN) program in the 2021 state budget following the various economic stimulus that have been launched in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In his state of the nation address at the Parliament on August 14, President Widodo said the budget would be allocated towards six fields, namely healthcare (Rp 25.4 Tn), social protection (Rp 110.2 Tn), Ministries/Institution and Regional Governments (Rp 136.7 Tn) for sectoral improvement, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (Rp 48.8 Tn), funding for corporates (Rp 14.9 Tn), and business incentives (Rp 20.4 Tn). Official press release [here](#)*
- President Joko Widodo has issued Government Regulation No. 43/2020 on the Amendment to Government Regulation No. 23/2020 on the Execution of the National Economic Recovery (PEN) program in the Event of Supporting State Financial Policies in Mitigating the COVID-19 Pandemic and/or Other Threats to the National Economy and/or the Stability of the Financial System as Well as in Saving the National Economy. The regulation streamlines the president's policy with those subsequently issued by his ministers since the announcement of the PEN program, such as the appointment of state-owned PT Sarana Multi Infrastruktur to distribute PEN loans to regions and the Indonesia Export Financing Institution and PT Penjaminan Infrastruktur Indonesia to execute the government's loan guarantee program. The regulation also gives his ministers more authority in executing the PEN program. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- President Joko Widodo has issued Presidential Instruction No. 6/2020 on the Intensification of Discipline and Enforcement of Health Protocol Laws in the Prevention and Mitigation of COVID-19. The document instructs all ministers, the COVID-19 task force, law enforcement apparatuses, as well as governors, regents and mayors, to take all necessary measures to intensify their efforts in preventing further COVID-19 infections in their respective jurisdictions. The document further allows the necessary funding for these efforts to be taken from the state budget. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 98/PMK.08/2020 on the procedures to obtain Government Guarantee for Corporate Business through the appointed Guaranteeing Institutions in carrying out the National Economic Recovery program. The regulation officially appoints the Indonesia Export Financing Institution (LPEI) and the Indonesia Infrastructure Insurance company (PII) as the government's guaranteeing institutions, further laying out the requirements needed from corporations to receive a government's guarantee. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 96/PMK.010/2020 on the amendment to Minister of Finance Regulation No. 11/PMK.010/2020 on the implementation of Government Regulation No. 78/2019 on Income Tax Facilitation for Investment in Certain Business Fields and/or Certain Regions.

The regulation effectively gives the Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) the authority to determine the eligibility of companies for the tax allowance as the application must now be done through the BKPM's Online Single Submission (OSS) system. This regulation comes into effect starting August 10, 2020. A copy of the official document [here](#)

- Bank Indonesia has issued BI Regulation No. 22/10/PBI/2020 and BI Board of Governors Council Regulation No. 22/19/PAD/2020 on Statutory Reserves Requirements (GWM) for banks in Rupiah and Foreign currencies. The regulations allow banks that are able to fulfill a daily and average GWM of 1.5% per year to receive the central bank's checkings (giro) services with a limit of 3% of the bank's third-party funds. This regulation was issued to maintain economic and financial system stability amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Press release [here](#)
- The Indonesian government has launched its credit program for manpower-intensive companies affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Up to Rp 1 trillion (roughly US\$68.7 bn) are available per company, though only companies with more than 300 employees and a high-multiplier effect are eligible. Companies within the tourism, automotive, textiles, footwear, electronics, furniture and paper sectors are given priority. The government will be working with 15 private banks to distribute the loan. Furthermore, the Indonesian Export Financing Institution (LPEI) and Indonesia Eximbank will act as the government's guarantor in this program. Official press release [here](#)
- The Ministry of Health has issued the fifth revision of the Guidelines to prevent and control COVID-19, which includes new terminologies for patients stipulated in Minister of Health Decree No. 413/2020 as well the latest epidemiological control methods the government has adopted in accordance with the WHO's latest guidelines. A copy of the guideline [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation no. 88/PMK.010/2020 on Requirements and Procedures for Government Loans to the Savings Guarantee Institution (LPS) in Responding to Threats to the National Economy and/or the Financial System. The regulation allows the Ministry of Finance to extend loans to the LPS to further ensure the availability of liquidity in the market. This regulation takes effect starting July 20, 2020. A copy of the regulation [here](#)
- President Joko Widodo has issued President Regulation No. 82/2020 on the creation of a committee for the handling of COVID-19 and National Economic Recovery. Announced by Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto on Monday, July 20, 2020, the regulation stipulates the creation of a committee comprising ministers within Mr. Widodo's cabinet tasked with developing policies and strategies to accelerate the handling of COVID-19 and to ensure economic recovery. This committee will be led by Mr. Hartarto.

The regulation further stipulates the creation of two task forces that will be coordinated by his Ministry. They are:

- The COVID-19 Task Force chaired by the Head of the National Disaster Mitigation Agency Doni Monardo.

- The national Economic Recovery Task Force chaired by the Deputy Minister of State-Owned Enterprises Budi Gunadi Sadikin.

The regulation further appoints State-Owned Enterprises Minister Erick Thohir as the Chief Executive of the task forces. His task is to coordinate the efforts of both task forces in ensuring their effectiveness in implementing the government's policies in mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining the course for economic recovery.

The regulation further instructs the dismissal of the Task Force for the Acceleration of COVID-19 as well as its regional branches with their tasks to be handed over to the new COVID-19 Task Force.

Lastly, the regulation also stipulates the dissolution of 18 state institutions, agencies and committees established under Presidential Decrees. These institutions, as stipulated under Article 19 Paragraph (1), include the Committee for the Expansion and Acceleration of Indonesian Economic Growth (KP3EI), the National Team for Multilateral Trade Negotiations under the World Trade Organization framework, and the National Committee for the Preparation of the Implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community, amongst others. A copy of the official document [here](#).

- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 87/PMK.07/2020 on the Management of Additional Regional Incentive Fund for the 2020 budget year. The regulation grants an additional Rp 5 trillion (roughly US\$338 million) to be gradually distributed to regional governments in July, September and October 2020 at the latest. The funds are meant to assist regional governments in handling the COVID-19 pandemic in their respective regions, further stipulating additional incentive funds for good governance. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- President Joko Widodo has signed another Government Regulation mandating the creation of a task force to manage the government's National Economic Recovery Program (PEN). The task force, to be coordinated by the Coordinating Minister of the Economy Airlangga Hartarto, with the implementation of the task force's policy to be led by Minister of State-Owned Enterprises Erick Thohir, must ensure that the government's PEN programs have the intended effect of saving the nation's economy by continually monitoring the day-to-day development of the government's economic policies in relation to the existing health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Official press release [here](#)
- The Indonesian government has extended the fiscal stimulus period in relation to tax incentives to December 2020 from previously September 2020. According to Minister of Finance Regulation No. 86/PMK.03/2020 on tax incentives for taxpayers affected by COVID-19, taxpayers working in 1,189 categories of industries and companies that obtain import facilities for export purposes are eligible for Article 21 Income Tax (PPH) incentives. The regulation also extends the Article 22 import tax exemption for companies in bonded logistic zones, as well as the incentives for Income Tax Article 25 installments for taxpayers engaged in one of 1,013 specific industrial fields, among several other tax reduction initiatives announced since Indonesia announced that it is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. A copy of the official document [here](#)

- The Indonesian government has retracted its recommended list of COVID-19 Rapid Tests (RDT) effective as of July 14, 2020. Any RDT products that can enter Indonesia are those that have been verified by the Indonesian Ministry of Health through the Indonesia National Single Window (INSW) system. Verified products will have the recommendation of the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB). Official announcement [here](#)

The last RDT list issued by the COVID-19 was on May 15 and can be found [here](#)

- The Ministry of Health has issued Minister of Health Decree No. HK.01.07/Menkes/413/2020 on the guideline to prevent and mitigate COVID-19. The decree revokes the previous guideline stipulated in Minister of Health Decree No. HK.01.07/Menkes/247/2020 and replaces a number of terms found in the previous regulation, such as Person in Surveillance (*Orang Dalam Pemantauan* or ODP) and Person Without Symptoms (*Orang Tanpa Gejala* or OTG). The new guideline now enforces terms that include Probable Case, Suspect Case, and Confirmed Without Symptoms Case, among other changes. A copy of the official document [here](#).
- The Indonesian government, as part of its National Economic Recovery (PEN) program, will soon inject over Rp 14.1 trillion (around one billion US dollars) to finance four state owned enterprises to improve their capacity and to ensure their operations during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The financing schemes are laid out in several Government Regulations (*Peraturan Pemerintah* or PP) signed by President Joko Widodo on July 6 and July 8. They are as follows:
 - Rp 1 trillion for PT Permodalan Nasional Madani, which is charged with providing micro loans for women, as stipulated by PP No. 31/2020.
 - Rp 3.5 trillion for construction company PT Hutama Karya, which is charged with completing the Trans Sumatra Toll Road, as stipulated by PP No. 32/2020
 - Over Rp 4.6 trillion, as well as an additional Rp 5 trillion, for state power company PT PLN, as stipulated by PP No. 36/2020.

Find official copies of the documents [here](#)

- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 85/PMK.05/2020 on guidelines for the granting of interest subsidies / credit margin subsidies / financing for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in implementing the National Economic Recovery Program. This regulation revokes Minister of Finance Regulation No. 675/PMK.05/2020 on subsidies for micro, small and medium enterprises and introduces simpler guidelines for the granting of subsidies from MSMEs, such as by erasing various definitions concerning bank accounts and introducing the Finance and Development Supervisory Agency (BPKB) as the programs' internal supervising body. Copy of the official document [here](#)
- The Indonesian government has issued Government Regulation No. 72/2020 on the amendments to the development of work competence through the pre-work card program. Through this regulation, the government aims to further sharpen the

program's ability to target citizens who are in need of vocational education or other training resources as the regulation now allows officials to demand retribution from recipients of pre-work cards who do not use it to obtain work competence, including by pressing criminal charges. Copy of the official document [here](#)

- The Indonesian government has issued Government Regulation No. 33/2020 on the Executorial Authority of Guarantor Institutions in Implementing Measures to Solve Problems Related to the Stability of the Financial System. The regulation details the steps Guarantor institutions, in this case the Indonesia Savings Guarantee Institution (*Lembaga Penjamin Simpanan* or LPS) can take in rescuing troubled banks, particularly amidst the economic uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes issuing bonds or shares to sell to the Central Bank in order to maintain liquidity, or to offer the bank's assets to potential investors, among other provisions. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- The Ministry of Education and Culture and the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy issued joint Ministerial Decrees No. 02/KB/2020 and No. KN/1/UM.04.00/M-K/2020 on the technical guidelines for preventing and controlling COVID-19 in the culture and creative economy sectors. The joint decree lays out the guidelines for the reopening of museums, movie theatres, as well as other cultural and educational venues for the general public amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and it includes provisions such as the required social distancing measures as well as obliging all operators of such venues to wear health masks. Copy of the official document [here](#)
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 83/PMK.04/2020 on the amendment to Minister of Finance Regulation No. 34/PMK.04/2020 on the facilitation of Customs and/or Excise and Tax on the import of goods for the purpose of mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic. The amendments further clarify the requirements necessary for whether the imported goods can be freed from taxes after the status of national non-natural disaster has been revoked. Official copy of the document [here](#)
- In response to public protest over the fluctuating prices of rapid tests conducted by healthcare providers, the Ministry of Health has issued Circular HK.02.02/I/2875/2020 on tariff ceiling for antibody rapid tests. The Circular sets the highest allowed tariff for Antibody rapid tests at Rp 150,000 (around US\$10) per rapid test requested privately. A copy of the Circular [here](#)
- The Ministry of Health issued Circular HK.02.01/Menkes/382/2020 on the monitoring protocols of domestic travelers at airports and seaports in implementing a productive and COVID-19 safe society. The Circular further regulates the travel of person(s) at Indonesia's entry ports under the revision that Negative Results on PCR tests and/or non-reactive Rapid Test results can be valid for 14 days since the date of issuance. The Circular also obliges domestic travelers to have a Health Alert Card, which is obtainable at the port of entry or by downloading the eHAC app here (<https://inahac.kemkes.go.id/>). A copy of the official document [here](#)
- The Ministry of Religious Affairs issued Circular No. 18/2020 regulating the Islamic Holiday of Sacrifice or Eid Al Adha, which would fall on July 30. The Circular regulates the Eid prayer as well as the religious animal slaughtering under New Normal protocols, such as the provisions on temperature checks and washing facilities on

slaughter sites, while also discouraging children and the elderly to participate in the Eid prayer to prevent possible COVID-19 infections. Copy of official document [here](#)

- The President's office has issued President Regulation (Perpres) No. 72/2020 on the amendment to President Regulation No. 54/2020 on the revisions to state budget 2020. Perpres No. 72/2020 stipulates a further increase in state spending to fund the government's effort to mitigate the economic impact from COVID-19. These include Rp 358 trillion (US\$24.92 Bn) in direct spending for COVID-19 mitigation efforts, as well as an additional Rp 5 trillion in special fund transfers. The regulation also effectively extends the period for income tax incentives to December 2020 from September 2020, among other provisions, according to the Ministry of Finance. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- The Ministry of Finance released Minister of Finance Regulation no. 71/PMK.08/2020 on the Provisions of Government Guarantee Via Appointed Guarantor Companies within the National Economic Recovery Program. The regulation allows for banks and small-and-medium-sized enterprises to obtain financial guarantees from the government via state owned PT Jamkrindo and PT Askrindo in securing loans and supporting their business operations. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- The Indonesian COVID-19 Task Force has issued Circular No. 9/2020 on the amendment to Circular No. 7/2020 on the provisions of the travel of persons in the period of adaptation towards a productive and COVID-19 safe society. The Circular further loosens the provisions for domestic travel by allowing PCR tests and /or Rapid Test results to be valid for 14 days from the day of departure, as opposed to 7 days for PCR Test and 3 days for Rapid Test as stipulated in the previous Circular, among other changes. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- The government has launched a risk-zone map for COVID-19 in Indonesia, further announcing that, as of June 21, as many as 112 regencies and cities are considered as COVID-19 free "green" zones, 188 low-risk "yellow" zones, 157 medium-risk "orange" zones, and 57 high-risk "red" zones. This data would be updated weekly. Official press release [here](#)
- The Ministry of Finance has issued Finance Minister Regulation No. 70/PMK.05/2020 on the placement of state funds in public banks towards National Economic Recovery. The provisions in the regulation detail the public banks that are eligible for the deposit of state funds, as well as the obligations that the public banks must fulfil in order to ensure the safety of the funds and to ensure that the funds deposited would have a real impact to the Indonesian economy. Official copy of the regulation [here](#)
- The government has issued Government Regulation No. 29/2020 on Income Tax Facilities in the Effort to Mitigate COVID-19. The regulation stipulates that any individual or companies that are helping the effort to mitigate COVID-19 by participating in any category of five activities listed in the regulation, which include producing medical devices and/or Household Health Items related to the effort to mitigate COVID-19 (Health Mask, hand sanitizers, etc) and/or buying back shares from shareholders to stabilize the stock market, are eligible for tax cuts. This regulation took effect on June 10, 2020. A copy of the official document [here](#)

- The Ministry of Health has issued Minister of Health Decree No. HK.01.07/Menkes/382/2020 on Health Protocol for Citizens in Public Areas and Facilities in Mitigating COVID-19. The decree is a comprehensive guideline that covers the health protocols for various categories of workers, from office workers to athletes, as well as the health protocols for various public areas, from markets to houses of worship, for the relevant officials to enforce. A copy of the decree [here](#)
- The Trade Ministry has revoked the temporary ban on exporting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and its raw materials. Minister of Trade Regulation No. 57/2020 effectively revokes Minister of Trade Regulation No. 23/2020 in conjunction with Minister of Trade Regulation No. 34/2020 on export ban of PPE, citing enough supply to meet domestic needs. Official press release [here](#)
- The Finance Ministry has again increased the state budget expenditure for the government's PEN program to Rp 695.20 trillion. The Rp 18 trillion are comprised of additional Rp 9 trillion for government institutions and regional governments, as well as another additional Rp 9 trillion to support small-and-medium-sized enterprises. Official press release [here](#)
- The Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) has issued announcement No. 8/Pengumuman/A.5/2020 on the protocol for Foreign Company Representatives and/or Foreign Expert Visits during the COVID-19 pandemic. The announcement provides the steps that foreign companies can take in order to obtain a Letter of Support from BKPM for the visitation of their representative or expert in Indonesia. The letter should provide additional credentials during the COVID-19 pandemic while travelling into Indonesia is still strictly regulated under significant health and safety protocols. A copy of the document [here](#)
- The Indonesian COVID-19 Task Force has issued Circular No. 8/2020 on Work Hours During the Adaptation to a New Habit Period Towards Creating a COVID-19 Safe and Productive Society for the Greater Jakarta Area (Jabodetabek). The Circular provides guidelines as to how companies in the Jabodetabek area can prevent any further spread of COVID-19 specifically by arranging their employees' work hours into shifts while continuing the Work-From-Home practice until the COVID-19 pandemic is decreed to be over. A copy of the Circular can be found [here](#)
- The Ministry of Transportation has issued Minister of Transportation Regulation No. 41/2020 on the amendments to Minister of Transportation Regulation No. 18/2020 on the Management of Transportation in the Effort to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19, which relaxes the various restrictions placed by the amended regulation. The relaxations include increasing the passenger flight capacity limit to 70%, as well as allowing motorcycle taxis to continue operating again as long as they adhere to strict safety protocols. This regulation took effect on June 8. A copy of the document [here](#)

In this regard, the Ministry of Transportation has issued a number of circulars detailing the operational guidelines for each mode of transportation as viewable/obtainable below:

- Land transportation: [here](#)
- Railway: [here](#)

- Sea Transport: [here](#)
- Airways: [here](#)
- The COVID-19 Task Force has issued Circular No. 7/2020 on the travel of persons in the period of adaptation towards a productive and COVID-19 safe society. The circular aims at anticipating the potential increase in travelling among Indonesians, outlining in broad terms the various obligations individuals are required to have while travelling, as well as the responsibilities of public officials in supervising that the increase in travelling does not result in the further spread of COVID-19. The Circular further amends the COVID-19 Task Force Circular No. 4/2020 and Circular No. 5/2020 on travelling during the COVID-19 pandemic. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan issued Jakarta Governor Regulation No. 51/2020 on the implementation of PSBB in transitioning towards a healthy, safe and productive society. The document details the various regulations in place during the transitional PSBB period, such as allowing businesses to operate with 50% employees presence. This regulation came into effect on June 4. Obtain a copy of the document [here](#)
- In this regard, the Governor also issued Jakarta Governor Decree No. 563/2020 on the execution, phases and implementation of PSBB in transitioning towards a healthy, safe and productive society, which provides further details on the implementation of the transitional PSBB, specifically when certain business sectors can open and in what capacity. Obtain a copy of the document [here](#)
- The Ministry of Manpower has issued Circular No. M/7/AS.02.02/V/2020 on Ensuring the Sustainability of Business while Facing the COVID-19 Pandemic and Protocols to Prevent COVID-19 Infection in Companies. The circular lays out the various preparations' companies shall make in preventing more possible spread of COVID-19. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- The government will hand out a total of Rp 123.01 trillion (US\$8.67 billion) in tax incentives for businesses as part of its National Economic Recovery (PEN) program. As quoted from Finance Minister Sri Mulyani, the tax incentives include discounts on income taxes, import taxes for raw materials, as well as early retribution for value-added tax. Official press release [here](#)
- The total amount of funds earmarked for the government's economic recovery program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been further increased to Rp 677.2 trillion (US\$47.78 billion) from previously Rp 641.7 billion, according to Finance Minister Sri Mulyani. Official press release [here](#)
- The Ministry of Trade has issued Circular No. 12/2020 on Restoring Trade Activities During the COVID-19 Pandemic and the New Normal. The circular lays out the guidelines and protocols that must be followed by operators of trade hubs such as malls and entertainment centers that are reopening their businesses as part of the government's New Normal campaign. View a copy of the official document [here](#)

- The Minister of Religious Affairs has issued Circular No. 15/2020 on Guidelines for Organizing Religious Activities in Houses of Worship in Realizing a Productive but COVID-19-safe Society During a Pandemic, which effectively allows houses of worship to reopen, if it is deemed safe by its respective head of provincial/regency/city/district COVID-19 Task Force and as long as the houses of worship implement a strict health and hygiene protocol. A copy of the official document [here](#)
- The current situation has led the Indonesian investment authority BKPM (Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board) to issue this contact list:
OSS Services (Monday - Thursday: 9.00-14.00, Friday: 9.00-14.30 WIB)
Email: [info\(at\)bkpm.go.id](mailto:info(at)bkpm.go.id)
Call Center:
08071002576;
021-5252008 ext: 1135,1137,1145,1148,1163,1164,1167,1172,1181 or 1184

Other Consultations:

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For companies in Sumatra: 021-5202046; or 021-5252008 ext. 2712;

For companies in DKI Jakarta, DI Yogyakarta, Kalimantan: 021-5225839; or 021-5252008 ext. 2821;

For companies in Banten, West Java, Central Java, and Sulawesi: 021-5225838; or 021-5252008 ext. 2831;

For companies in East Java, Bali, Nusa Tenggara, Maluku, Maluku Utara, Papua and West Papua: 021-5275268; or 021-5252008 ext. 2841;

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Complaints: 021-5275266;

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For investments in the Mineral and Coal sector, please submit the hard-copy and the soft-copy of the documents through perizinanminerba@esdm.go.id. For further information please contact: 081388224694; 081388224695; or 081388224696.

3. Latest Updates

This section contains the latest relevant information on the COVID-19 situation in Indonesia as it develops. Here you'll find a consolidated list of the most recent news updates on COVID-19 in Indonesia as sourced from official accounts, reputable institutions as well as from EKONID's own verification process.

- As of **December 11, 2020**, the number of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases has risen by **6,310** from the previous day to **605,243** cases. In that same period, the number of deaths rose by 175 to 18,511, while the number of recovered patients rose by 4,911 to 496,886. Official tally by the Indonesian COVID-19 Task Force [here*](#)

- The government aims to be able to cover 67% of the 18-59 age group of the country's population, or 107 million out of 160 million people, under its free COVID-19 vaccination program, which further translates to a need of 246 million dosages in total, the Ministry of Health announced on Friday, December 11. The government has further prepared two schemes for the vaccination program, namely the government scheme, which will be implemented by the Ministry of Health, and the independent scheme, which will be implemented by the Ministry of State-Owned Enterprises. Article [here](#)*
- Bank Indonesia issued its latest Retail Sales Survey on December 10, which showed improvements with a shallower -0/4% (m-o-m) Retail Sales Index (RIS) in November 2020 compared to -5.3% RIS the previous month. This is a further boost in indicator following the increase in the banks' Consumer Confidence Index survey of 92 in October 2020 compared to 79 in September 2020. Article [here](#)*
- As many as 1.2 million dosages of COVID-19 vaccines have arrived in Indonesia on Sunday evening, December 6 – the first batch out of hundreds of millions of vaccines ordered by the country in implementing its mass vaccination program. The vaccines have since been transported to a local pharmaceutical Bio Farma facility where the local food and drug authority BPOM will first test the safety of the vaccine, with the President saying that all the procedures must be fulfilled before the government begins its mass vaccination program. Article [here](#)*
- Indonesia's manufacturing sector has shown signs of expansion again, with the latest Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) score from IHS Markit showing a three-point increase to 50.6 in November from 47.8 in October. Article [here](#)*
- Minister of Manpower Ida Fauziyah has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but is in a stable condition. She is the latest among a series of high-ranking officials who have been infected by the disease in recent days, including Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan and his Deputy Governor Ahmad Riza Patria. Article [here](#)*
- The EU and ASEAN has agreed to upgrade their relationship to a strategic partnership from a previous dialogue partnership, current EU president Germany said on Tuesday, December 2, 2020. This comes after a virtual meeting with his counterparts from the EU and ASEAN. The partnership will involve fields such as trade as well as security and health, specifically in the topic of COVID-19 vaccines. Article [here](#)
- To reduce a potential spike upwards in COVID-19 infection as a result of domestic travelling among Indonesian during the year-end holiday season, the Indonesian government has reverted back on its decision to increase the number of days within the year-end holiday season, declaring that 28-30 December will no longer national holidays as stipulated in a Joint Ministerial Decree issued on December 1, 2020. Article [here](#)*
- President Joko Widodo has disbanded an additional 10 non-structural government institutions for the purpose of efficiency and the effectiveness of his national development strategy. The disbanded institutions, as stipulated in President Regulation No. 112/2020, include the National Research Council, the Surabaya-Madura area Development Agency, and the Indonesian Telecommunication Regulation Agency, to name a few. Article [here](#)*

- As many as 29.12 million people within Indonesia’s productive demography were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the Indonesia Statistics Office. These impacts include unemployment and inability to work full time, among other effects. Furthermore, 88% of companies surveyed by the Ministry of Manpower and Jakarta-based think tank INDEF experienced losses due to the Pandemic, while 9 out of 10 companies were directly or indirectly affected by the pandemic. Article [here](#)*
- Indonesia, through the Ministry of Health, and the government of China has signed an MoU in formulating an action plan to prevent and control the spread of communicable diseases. The MoU, which was signed in a virtual meeting between both parties on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Article [here](#)*
- The Indonesian central bank BI has again reduced its reference interest rate by 25 basis points to 3.75%, the lowest since BI began using the instrument as its benchmark in 2016. The move, which was forecasted by just 8 out of 22 economists surveyed in a Reuters poll, was taken to further boost the country’s effort in recovering from the recession caused by the COVID-19 pandemic late this year. Article [here](#)
- The Indonesian COVID-19 Task Force spokesperson Wiku Adisasmito said no dangerous side effects have been found during the third phase of the clinical trial of the COVID-19 vaccine from Chinese pharmaceutical company Sinovac held in Bandung, West Java. As many as 1,620 subjects have been administered the COVID-19 vaccine in this trial and the government has stated that it aims to have a mass vaccination of all Indonesian citizens by early next year. Article [here](#)*
- President Joko Widodo reiterated his expectation that the COVID-19 vaccine would be ready for the country’s mass vaccination program by the end of this year or early next year. This is because Indonesian authorities must still ascertain the effectiveness of the vaccine and ensure that the program distribution system are adequate, with the President saying that the safety and security of the people are preeminent in regards to this vaccination program. Article [here](#)*
- Indonesia’s manufacturing sector received Rp 72.3 trillion (US\$5.14 billion) in investment throughout the third quarter of 2020, an increase of 69.3% compared to the same period in 2019, according to data from the Indonesian Ministry of Industry. This translates to Rp 201.9 trillion in investments from the January to September 2020 period, or a 37% increase compared to the same period last year, with Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) making up the bulk of the investments. Article [here](#)*
- The government has allocated Rp 417.8 trillion (US\$29.73 billion) for infrastructure development in 2021. The budget would be used to fund “post-COVID-19 sustainable development” that specifically aims to strengthen the country’s digital infrastructure as well as to improve logistic efficiency and connectivity. Article [here](#)*
- Indonesia reported its biggest trade surplus in nearly a decade in October. Indonesia saw a surplus of US\$3.61 billion in October, more than the \$2.29 surplus expected by economists in a Reuters poll. The surplus is due to tumbling imports, which fell 26.93% on an annual basis, steeper than the 18.67% fall forecasted in the same poll. Exports fell 3.29% to \$14.39 billion. Article [here](#)



- As much as Rp 383.01 trillion or 55.1% of the funds the government had allocated for its National Economic Recovery (PEN) program have been absorbed, Minister of Finance Sri Mulyani said. She said the distribution of the funds accelerated significantly in the third quarter of 2020, adding that the government will continue to monitor the progress of the PEN program for the fourth quarter of 2020. Article [here](#)*
- The Jakarta administration is extending its transitional PSBB policy to November 22, citing a continuous decrease in cases over the past 14 days, but not significant enough to lift the semi-lockdown. The extension is stipulated by Jakarta Governor Decree No. 1100/2020. Additionally, the recovery rate in the city is also reported to be increasing, while the mortality rate remains stable at 2.1%. Article [here](#)*
- Indonesia officially enters a recession after the country's Central Statistics Agency (BPS) announced that the country's economy contracted 3.49% compared to the same quarter last year. It is still a 5.05% growth from the -5.32% GDP growth in the second quarter of 2020. The government aims to continue this trajectory by accelerating government spending, particularly in the regional areas. Article [here](#)*
- The government is finalizing its roadmap for its national COVID-19 vaccination program. COVID-19 Task Force spokesperson Wiku Adisasmito said the government considered all factors such as demand, supply up to the cold chain of the vaccine and the capacity of the available human resources to ensure that the vaccination program runs smoothly. Article [here](#)*
- President Joko Widodo has signed the Omnibus Law on Job Creation, making it effective as Law No. 11/2020. The bill is 1,187 pages long and contains a vast amount of revisions on 77 laws covering 186 articles and 15 chapters related to doing business in Indonesia. The bill is aimed at improving ease of doing business in Indonesia especially in light of the pursuit for economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Article [here](#)*
- President Joko Widodo announced that Indonesia's economy will contract by 3% by the end of the third quarter of 2020. He added that the government will ensure that its spending would be pushed to its "maximum" to improve economic growth for the fourth quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. Article [here](#)*
- A number of regional governments will increase their annual minimum wages despite an earlier issued Circular by the Ministry of Manpower encouraging not to do so in the effort to mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. These regions include Central Java, East Java, South Sulawesi and Yogyakarta. The greater Jakarta province meanwhile has decided to increase the minimum wage for companies that are not affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Article [here](#)*
- Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan has decided to extend the transitional PSBB period to November 8, citing no significant increase of COVID-19 cases in the city within the past two weeks of the previous transitional PSBB starting October 11. Article [here](#)*
- The Minister of Domestic Affairs has issued Circular No. 440/5876/SJ on Anticipating the Spread of COVID-19 during the Holiday and Communal Leave Period of 2020. The Circular urges instructs regional government leaders to urge their residents to avoid travelling long distances during the holidays and to adhere to the prevailing health protocols. Article [here](#)*

- The Indonesian government will extend loan restructuring incentive for some banks until March 2022 in order to prevent a spike in bad loans caused by the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. Indonesian Financial Services Authority (OJK) Chairman Wimboh Santoso said the extension would be handed selectively based on an assesment of banks to prevent moral hazard. Article [here](#)
- Indonesia’s incoming FDI grew 1.1% by the end of the third quarter of 2020, the first in three quarters, said BKPM Chairman Bahlil Lahadalia. The board recorded a total of Rp 106.1 trillion (US\$7.24 million) worth of Foreign Direct Investment, excluding those in the banking and oil and gas sectors. Article [here](#)
- The Ministry of Trade has started to implement the government’s zero-rupee tariff for the issuance of letter of origin service from Rp 25,000 previously as stipulated in Minister of Finance Regulation No. 137/PMK.02/2020. The implementation is expected to boost the country’s export in achieving National Economic Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Article [here](#)*
- The Indonesian government has secured a commitment from UK-based pharmaceutical AstraZeneca to supply 100 million dosages of COVID-19 vaccines. The agreement was made following a meeting between the company and Indonesia’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Retno Marsudi. The first batch of vaccines from AstraZeneca will be delivered starting on the first semester of 2021. Article [here](#)*
- Indonesia’s Central Bank, Bank Indonesia (BI) released the results of its latest Business Survey, which shows that business conditions are improving across all economic sectors as of the third quarter of 2020 - driven by the government’s adaptation to new normal policy in various regions. BI’s indicator of Weighted Net Balance (WNB) shows an improvement in business condition of –5.97% compared to –35.75% at the end of the second quarter. The Central Bank further noted that businesses are optimistic about further improvement, with the bank’s WNB forecasted to increase to 2.12%. Official press release [here](#)*
- The Indonesian Central Bank BI has decided to keep interest rates steady at its third BI Governors Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, further reiterating its pledge to use quantitative easing measures to support the economy. The BI Repo rate thus stands at 4%. The Central Bank has delivered 100 basis points of rate cuts this year to counter the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Article [here](#)
- The Indonesian government aims to finalize its roadmap for a complete COVID-19 vaccination of the country’s citizen by the end this week (ending on Friday, October 16, 2020). Coordinating Minister of Economic Affairs Mr. Airlangga Hartarto said five target groups comprising of medical workers, the police and the armed forces and public servants, will be prioritized for vaccinations. Article [here](#)*
- The Indonesian Parliament has passed the much-awaited Omnibus Bill on Job Creation into law on Monday, October 5, 2020, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The law introduces a number of sweeping changes into the Indonesian labor law, including the enabling of expatriates to be exempt from income tax under certain requirements and the elimination of certain job restrictions for foreign workers, among other provisions. The passing of the bill is expected to help Indonesia’s economic recovery by facilitating more foreign investment. Article [here](#)*

- The Indonesian government will set a price ceiling of Rp 900,000 for swab and RT-PCR test for COVID-19, the COVID-19 Task Force announced on Friday, October 2. The price includes all components of the testing, from the medical expertise to the reagents. The price ceiling will be enforced once the Ministry of Health issues the corresponding Circular. Article [here](#)*
- Indonesia's manufacturing sector took a hit following the re-implementation of a stricter form of its semi-lockdown policy known as PSBB. As announced by the Ministry of Industry, Indonesia's Purchasing Manager's Index fell to 47.2 from 50.8 according IHS Markit, signaling that manufacturers have again stopped expanding their production and are taking a more wait-and-see approach. Official press release [here](#)*
- The World Bank has forecasted a between -1.6 and -2% in economic growth for Indonesia, down from its previous forecast of 0% in July. The financial institution was more upbeat on the country's GDP growth in 2021, forecasting between 3 and 4.4%. The lower forecast was due to the lack in economic improvement from the country's COVID-19 response so far. Aside from hastening the country's COVID-19 response, the report also urges more government spending to offset any further decline in economic activity. Article [here](#)*
- The Jakarta administration will extend its policy of a tighter PSBB to October 11, 2020. The move was taken for fear of a resurgence in COVID-19 cases should the city revert to its more relaxed PSBB policy. This is also due to the fact that there was not any significant decrease in cases, Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan said, as quoted by Kompas. Article [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance is forecasting a third quarter of 2020 economic growth of between -2.9 and -1.1%, ensuring a recession for Indonesia should the prediction come to pass. The forecast is driven by weak domestic consumption and low investment, with government spending being the driving force for Indonesia's economy at this current point in time. Article [here](#)*
- The Minister of Religious Affairs Fachrul Rozi has been diagnosed with COVID-19. This follows a recent spate of high-level of officials being diagnosed with the virus, including the Minister of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Edhy Prabowo – who is said to be recovering – as well as the late Jakarta Secretary Saefullah, who passed away after contracting the virus on Wednesday, September 16. Article [here](#)*
- The Indonesian government expects economic growth in 2020 to be between -1.1 and 0.2%. Minister of Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto announced the forecast in a virtual meeting event on September, 15, adding that the forecast was consistent with the predictions announced by international institutions such as the World Bank, which predicted a 0% growth for 2020; the OECD, with -3.9%; and IMF, with -5.3% (year-to date). He noted however that economic growth would bounce back to around 5% in 2021, as predicted by the previously mentioned international institutions. Article [here](#)*
- Indonesia's exports and imports fell deeper than expected in August, with a trade surplus of US\$2.3 billion. Exports were down 8.36% (y-o-y) versus an expected drop of 5.79% in a Reuters poll. Imports fell by 24.19% against the poll's expectation of 20.58%, though slower than the drop of the previous month of 32.55%. Article [here](#)

- The COVID-19 Task Force has released a document that lists the various restrictions being imposed in Jakarta – along with the restrictions that were in place during the transitional PSBB for comparison – following the city’s reimplementation of the PSBB policy starting September 14. This includes the permission of offices to remain operational with 25% capacity, as well as the current policy regarding online app-based motorcycle taxis, which are currently still under review. Document [here](#)*
- The Jakarta city administration will consult with the Central Government on Saturday, September 12, on how the city will implement its PSBB policy before issuing the regulation and the technical guidelines. This is in response to the comment made by Coordinating Minister of Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto, who said that offices in Jakarta should be allowed to remain operational so long that they allow flexible working hours while keeping worker presence at 50% capacity. The Governor insisted however that the city was still moving on with its plan to restrict social activity starting Monday, September 14. Article [here](#)*
- The Jakarta administration will assemble a team to recover the economic and social damages incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic. Jakarta Governor Decree No. 916/2020 stipulates the creation of such a team, to be led by Assistant for Economic and Financial Affairs of the Jakarta Secretariat, tasked with the responsibility to formulate and implement policies with the goal of curbing the economic damages caused by the pandemic. A copy of the decree [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued joint Circulars on the acceleration of the distribution of transfers of regional and village funds in realizing the 2020 state budget for the handling of COVID-19 and for National Economic Recovery (PEN). The Circulars, SE-35/MK.07/2020 of the Ministry of Finance and SE No. 440/4918/SJ of the Ministry of Home Affairs, compel regional leaders to immediately spend their budget for a better handling of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as to implement the government’s PEN program. Official press release [here](#)*
- The government has earmarked Rp 7.21 trillion (US\$487.5 million) to subsidize the purchasing of internet data plans for students and teachers who are studying/working remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The subsidy will be made available until December 2020. Official press release [here](#)*
- Coordinating Minister of Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto confirmed that programs such as cash aid, discounts for electricity, salary subsidies, and the so-called productive aid for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises implemented to counter the impact of COVID-19 this year would be continued in 2021. He added that the priority for the government would be the mass vaccination against COVID-19, for which the government has allocated over Rp 40 trillion (US\$2.7 billion) to fund. Official press release [here](#)*
- Minister of Cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Teten Masduki called on SMEs to register their products to the government’s Goods and Services Procurement Agency (LKPP), adding that the government had already allocated Rp 307 trillion (US\$20.8 billion) for state-owned enterprises to procure goods and services from SMEs. Article [here](#)*

- The government will not extend the current scheme for income tax incentives to 2021, according to Finance Minister Sri Mulyani. At a hearing with Parliament, Minister Sri Mulyani said the government would continue to provide tax incentives under the government National Economic Recovery (PEN) program, but that income tax incentives PPh article 21, PPh article 25 and PPh article 22 on imports would no longer be given next year. Article [here](#)*
- The government's National Economic Recovery (PEN) Task Force expressed confidence that it would be able to spend the total PEN funds of Rp 695 trillion (slightly more than US\$47 billion) by the end of 2020. The Task Force claimed it has succeeded in delivering nearly Rp 200 trillion out of the Rp 400 trillion allocated in various cash aid and business support programs as of the beginning of September, with the most recent program being the salary subsidy program for workers registered in the country's social security program who are making less than Rp 5 million per month. Article [here](#)*
- Indonesia's manufacturing industry expanded for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic caused the sector to hit a record low in the country's Purchasing Manager Index (PMI) in April. The Ministry of Industry reported that the country's PMI rose above the 50-point neutral line to 50.8 in August from 46.9 in July according to data from IHS Markit. This was the first growth in the sector since February as businesses continue their operations following some easing in COVID-19-related restrictions. Official press release [here](#)*
- The Jakarta administration is reportedly preparing to issue a regulation that would mandate anyone known to be infected by COVID-19 to be isolated in government-owned facilities, having previously allowing those with mild or no symptoms to isolate themselves independently. Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan said those with severe and medium symptoms would be isolated in hospitals, while those experiencing light or no symptoms would be isolated in the government-owned Wisma Atlet facility. It is not yet clear how this regulation would affect those coming to Jakarta from overseas or outside the region who are diagnosed with COVID-19 at their point of entry. Article [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources has ordered the state power company PLN to reduce tariffs for all non-subsidized low-voltage users. The order, which was delivered in a letter to PLN dated August 31, 2020, states that electricity prices would be reduced by Rp 22.5 per kWh starting from October 2020 to December 2020 due to changes in the macroeconomic indicators of inflation, exchange rate, the Indonesian Crude Price and Coal Price. Official press release [here](#)*
- Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan has issued Jakarta Governor Decree No. 879/2020 on the extension of the Transitional Large-Scale Social Restriction (PSBB) towards a Healthy, Safe and Productive Society. Aside from officially extending the Transitional PSBB period to September 10, the decree also mandates an automatic two-week extension of the Transitional PSBB period. A copy of the regulation [here](#)*
- The Indonesian government will have the provisions for the procurement and the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines be issued as a Presidential Regulation (Perpres), Chairman of the Committee for the Handling of COVID-19 and National Economic Recovery, and concurrent Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs,

Airlangga Hartarto said. The Perpres will arrange, among others, the funds allocated for the procurement, the procurement process itself (which can be done through State-Owned Enterprises or through cooperation with international institutions), as well as the vaccination process, of which the Indonesian government is reportedly planning on implementing via free mass-vaccination programs. Article [here](#)*

- The COVID-19 task force announced that the government is planning to allow cinemas to reopen its business under certain health and safety protocols. COVID-19 Task Force spokesperson Wiku Adisasmito claimed that watching movies holds a beneficial effect towards a person's immune system and the task force has prepared nine guidelines to prepare cinema operators towards resuming their business. Additionally, Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan said his administration was preparing to reopen cinemas soon, though he did not provide an exact timeline. Official press release [here](#)*

The Jakarta Governor's statement [here](#)*

- The Indonesia Investment Coordinating Agency (BKPM) reiterated its commitment to facilitate German investors who are interested in relocating their investment into Indonesia. In a recent webinar titled "Indonesia Investment Opportunities in light of COVID-19: Prospects of Relocation", BKPM Deputy of Investment Promotions Ikmal Lukman said the BKPM was committed to providing an end-to-end solution for investors willing to relocate to Indonesia. In that same webinar, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Investments Luhut B. Pandjaitan stressed the various incentives offered by Indonesia, including the availability of rent-free land for the first five years, as well as the various applicable tax allowances. Article [here](#)*
- Indonesia has secured a commitment of a supply of up to 340 million COVID-19 vaccines that are currently being developed by various pharmaceutical companies up until the end of 2021. This includes the commitment of 30 million COVID-19 vaccines secured as of the end of 2020, as well as up to 130 million in the first quarter of 2021, and then another commitment of 210 million from the second to fourth quarter of 2021. Official press release [here](#)*
- The government plans to postpone the contribution payment towards the government's BPJS Ketenagakerjaan (Workers Social Security) program incurred by employers, Finance Minister Sri Mulyani said in a video conference. She said the government is currently working to finalize a government regulation on this incentive, adding that she hoped that the postponement could last until December 2020. Article [here](#)*
- In light of the continually rising number of COVID-19 infection in Indonesia's capital of Jakarta, Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan has issued Jakarta Governor Regulation No. 80/2020 the implementation of transitional large-scale social restriction towards a health, safe and productive society, which came into force on August 19, 2020. The regulation effectively extends the city's odd-even traffic policy to also affect two-wheeled vehicles from previously affecting only vehicles with four or more wheels. However, in an August 21 interview with *Kompas* daily, Jakarta Transportation Agency Chief Syafrin Liputo said the odd-even policy would not yet be enforced on two-wheeled vehicles. Furthermore, the regulation makes an exception for app-based, ride-sharing vehicles for both the two and the four-wheeled variety, Article [here](#)*

A copy of the regulation [here](#)*

- The government plans to regulate the price of swab tests for COVID-19, COVID-19 Taskforce spokesperson Wiku Adisasmito told the press. The government is already subsidizing swab tests for patients with COVID-19 symptoms or people suspected of having COVID-19 that are found via contact tracing. On the other hand, those who plans on taking swab tests independently can do so at a cost of between Rp 1-2 million at their healthcare provider of choice. Dr. Adisasmito said the government wants to the cost to be lowered so as to encourage those who are against being tested. Article [here](#)*
- The European Union and ASEAN has launched three new collaboration on development worth around 13 million euros. The collaboration will go towards supporting programs on smart cities, sustainable forest management, and government transparency and accountability. The collaboration also highlights the continued cooperation between the two economic blocs despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, during which the EU has mobilized a “Team Europe” economic package worth more than 800 million euros to help ASEAN and its member countries in dealing with various health crisis. Article [here](#)*
- The government will be offering interest-free work capital in the amount of Rp 10 million (around US\$681) to Indonesian citizens who have been laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as household wives at the end of August, said Iskandar Simorangkir, Coordinating Deputy Minister for Macro Economic Affairs and Finance at the Coordinating Minister for the Economic Affairs. The loan, dubbed super micro credit, will remain interest free until December 31, 2020, after which an interest of 6% will be applied to the loan. Article [here](#)*
- The COVID-19 Task Force has released its third and latest, as of August 11, 2020, revision on Standard Personal Protective Equipment. Find guideline [here](#)*
- The Indonesian government will distribute another Rp 22 trillion in cash assistance for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. Dubbed Productive Aid, the program will be distributed as direct aid and not as loans, according to the Head of the National Economic Recovery Task Force Budi Gunadi Sadikin. It was not yet announced how the money would be distributed. Official press release [here](#)*
- The Jakarta city administration will extend its policy of transitional PSBB (Large-Scale Social Restriction) for another 14 days by the end of the last extension on August 13, 2020. This means that various businesses must remain closed for operation at least until August 27. The decision was taken in response to high infection numbers in the weeks following the first implementation of the policy on June 5. Article [here](#)*
- The Indonesian government will dissolve between 11 and 13 additional state institutions following a previous dissolution of 18 institutions in July in order to cut bureaucracy and hasten economic recovery amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Administrative and Bureaucratic Reform Minister Tjahjo Kumolo said which state institutions would be dissolved would be announced in late August, and that the Presidential Decree on the issue are being prepared. Article [here](#)*

- The Indonesian government has reportedly budgeted Rp 126.2 trillion in additional financial incentives to accelerate the National Economic Recovery (PEN) program. These incentives include more cash assistances for healthcare workers and the non-health sector to be made available up to December 2020 under a budget of Rp 23.3 trillion. Additionally, Rp 81.1 trillion had also been budgeted towards utilizing sectoral programs from the government's various ministries, institutions, as well as regional governments in order to provide productive assistance for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises at a nominal value of Rp 2.4 million per recipient, among other programs. Article [here](#)*
- The Indonesian government has increased the number of recipients of its planned cash assistances for workers earning less than Rp 5 million per month to more than 15.7 million recipients from 13 million reportedly initially. Minister of Manpower Ida Fauziah said the increase means that the budget for the cash assistance has also been subsequently increased to Rp 37.7 trillion from Rp 33.1 trillion. Press release [here](#)*
- Schools in yellow risk zones are allowed to reopen according to Minister of Education Nadiem Makarim. This is allowed under a revised joint decree issued by The Ministry of Education, The Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Domestic Affairs issued mid-June. The Ministry of Education also issued a decree allowing school to use special curriculums to allow student to adjust with the current COVID-19 pandemic situation. Article [here](#)
- The Indonesian government is reportedly planning on issuing cash assistance to workers that are making less than Rp 5 million (around US\$344) a month. This translates to a budget of about Rp 31.2 trillion for some estimated 13 million Indonesian eligible for the cash assistance. This program is among several other plans announced by Finance Minister Sri Mulyani regarding an additional Rp 70.6 trillion allocated for social assistances slated to be distributed in the September to December 2020 period under the government's National Economic Recovery (PEN) program. Article [here](#)
- Indonesia's economy contracted 5.32% (y-o-y) by the end of the second quarter of 2020 the Central Statistics Agency reported, deeper than the government's earlier prediction of between 4.3 and 4.8%. Among industries, the transportation and warehousing sector saw the most severe downturn in economic activity, having dropped 30.84% (y-o-y), followed by the accommodation and food and beverages sector, with a contraction of 22.02%. Among household consumption, restaurants and hotels saw the deepest cut, at minus 16.53%. Find the official release [here](#)
- The government's National Economic Recovery (PEN) program would continue on into 2021, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto said. In particular, social aid would continue to be distributed in 2021 before slowly being phased out in 2022, while assistances to manpower-intensive industries would continue on until 2022. He added that health policies would remain a top priority for the years 2020 and 2021. Official press release [here](#)*
- The Central Statistics Agency recorded an inflation of 0.98% (year-to-date) or 1.54% inflation (year-on-year) due to a 0.10% deflation at the end of July 2020, the weakest in the last two decades. The main contributor to the drop in prices were the food, drinks and tobacco category of expenses, followed by the transportation sector. The complete report [here](#)*

- Indonesia's Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) for the manufacturing sector rose again to 46.9 as of July 2020 from 39.1 in June 2020. Minister of Industry Agus Gumiwang Kartasasmita said the 7.8-point increase showed that, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the country's manufacturing has managed to continue to grow and was slowly rebounding from the initial shock at the start of the pandemic. Official press release [here](#)
- The Jakarta administration has extended the first phase of its policy of transitional Large-Scale Social Restriction to August 13 following a surge of new infections since the first time the first phase of the policy was put in place on June 5. At the announcement, Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan pledged to strictly enforce health and safety protocols in order to curb the infection rate. Additionally, a number of pre-lockdown policies, such as the odd-even traffic policy, shall be re-implemented. Watch the press conference [here](#) (announcement around the 4.00 minute mark)
- The Indonesian government plans to even further increase its budget deficit to between 4.7% and 5.2% in 2021 in order to stimulate the economy and counter the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which translates to a spending allowance of Rp 179 trillion (US\$12.27 bn). Finance Minister Sri Mulyani said the allocation would be prioritized to ensure foodstuff security, develop industrial zones and the supporting infrastructure, the Information and Technology sector, as well as the health and education sectors. Official press release [here](#)
- Offices are emerging as new clusters for COVID-19 as more and more infections are detected from within the work environment following recent loosening of social restrictions. As many as 440 workers from 68 offices in Jakarta alone have been infected with COVID-19 according to the city's health agency. In response, COVID-19 task force spokesperson Wiku Adisasmito has asked citizens as well as office area operators to continually enforce COVID-19 prevention practices such as by making health masks mandatory and maintaining social distance. Article [here](#)
- The Indonesian government plans to extend its micro credit program KUR (*Kredit Usaha Rakyat* or People's Enterprise Loan) beyond the non-producing or trade sector in countering the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto said his Ministry will issue the regulation soon. He added that the government's current incentive for its micro credit program, which include relaxation towards debt rescheduling as well as interest subsidies for the first three months, would apply to the new regulation. Official press release [here](#)
- The Indonesian will extend its electricity subsidies program, as well as its relaxation on subscription fees and electricity pricing, to other groups aside from low-income groups. Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto said the electricity subsidies program was among several that the committee established by President Joko Widodo for economic recovery was preparing in order to accelerate economic growth amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Official press release [here](#)
- Regional governments have begun taking loans from the national government in order to boost economic growth in their respective regions, with Jakarta and West Java being the first regions to do so. Finance Minister Sri Mulyani said the national government would continue to study the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on

Indonesia's many provinces and expects to provide enough financial support to accelerate their economic recovery. Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan said the funds would go towards flood control, waste management and infrastructure, among a few. West Java Governor Ridwan Kamil said the funds would go towards the region's waste-to-energy program, as well as its own lending program through the regional West Java Bank. Official press release [here](#)

- Foreign investments in the first half of 2020 increased slightly by 1.8%, at Rp 402.6 trillion (roughly US\$27.5 billion) compared to Rp 395.6 trillion in the same period last year, according to data from the Indonesian Investment authority BKPM. However, quarterly investments on year-on-year terms showed a drop in foreign investment of minus 4.3%, to Rp 191.9 trillion at the second quarter of 2020 from Rp 200.5 trillion in the same period in 2019. The same data shows that realized investment fell for the first time since the start of the US-China Trade War in 2018. Watch the press conference [here](#)*
- Indonesia is moving closer towards releasing a potential vaccine for COVID-19, with officials expecting a widespread public availability in the first quarter of 2021. This comes following the arrival of the potential COVID-19 vaccine developed by a China-based pharmaceutical company Sinovac, in cooperation with state-owned pharmaceutical company Bio Farma, to be entered into advanced clinical testing in Indonesia on Sunday, July 19. Article [here](#)
- The Jakarta administration has decided to extend the transitional Large-Scale Social Restriction (PSBB) policy for another two weeks. This comes with data from the last four weeks that showed that infection rate had been climbing, with Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan saying that it is not yet safe enough to move to phase 2 of the city's Transitional PSBB policy. Watch the announcement [here](#)
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- The Indonesian Central Bank BI has lowered the its BI 7-day Repo Rate by 25 basis points to 4% on July 16, further lowering Deposit Facility rate to 3.25% and Lending Facility rate to 4.75% in order to boost the economy and counter the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Official press release [here](#)
- The Central Bank further expects Indonesia's economy to have slowed by as low as minus four percent as of the second quarter of 2020 due to severe reduction in economic activity in both the months of April and May. Article [here](#)
- The COVID-19 Task Force has launched a second COVID-19 detection machine with the capacity to test 1,000 swab samples per day. The first machine is located in the Eijkman Institute for Molecular Biology in Jakarta. The Indonesian government aims to increase its testing capacity to 30,000 per day. Official press release [here](#)

- The Jakarta city administration has eliminated the requirement of an entry permit for Jakarta residents who wants to re-enter the capital. According to the Chief of the Jakarta Transportation Agency, Syafrin Liputo, resident would only be required to fill a self-assessment form known as CLM or Corona Likelihood Metric, which is available through the city's app found [here](#). Article [here](#)
- President Joko Widodo announced that the government is in the process of dissolving 18 government institutions in order to cut cost, as well as to cut red tape. The responsibilities of these institution would be passed over to existing directorate generals in the remaining institutions. Official press release [here](#)
- The government is preparing new regulations out of which penalties may be imposed on those who violate health protocols, according to President Joko Widodo in a recent cabinet meeting. The penalties, he said, may be in the form of fines or social work. Official press release [here](#)
- The West Java Administration will soon implement penalties for residents who fail to wear health masks in public areas, as well as for other failures to protect public health in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, West Java Governor Ridwan Kamil said on Monday, July 13, 2020. The penalties range from a fine of up to Rp 150,000, to jail time. He added that the regulation, which is still being prepared, will come into force on July 27, 2020. Read the article [here](#)*
- The Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs announced that the Indonesian Special Economic Zone Council has agreed to establish and develop two more Special Economic Zones. The zones, Nongsa Digital Park and MRO Batam Aero Technic are to be located in Batam, Riau Islands. The council plans to propose the establishment to the President, after which they are expected to be operational in the next three years. Official press release [here](#)
- The number of administrative areas categorized as green zones wherein no more cases have appeared has gone up to 104 as of July 5, 2020, from 99 a week earlier, the COVID-19 Task Force announced. On the other hand, the number of high-risk areas or red zones went up to 55 from 53 in the same period. Find the updated risk map [here](#)
- The government has officially launched its Loan Guarantee for Small-and-medium-sized-enterprise (UMKM) Program as regulated under the Indonesian National Economic Recovery (PEN) effort in mitigating the economic impact of COVID-19. As much as Rp 123.46 trillion (over US\$8,5 million) have been set aside to fund this program. Official press release [here](#)*
- The Bali administration has issued Circular No. 3355/2020 which lays out the protocols the island will enforce in order to fully reopen its tourism industry. The circular covers nearly all aspects of life on the island, from market activities to religious ceremonies, and it entails the main precautions that need to be taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, such as making face masks and social distancing mandatory. A copy of the Circular [here](#)*

Furthermore, Bali Governor Wayan Koster said, under the protocols laid out in the Circular, his administration would gradually open up the island for tourism, starting with domestic tourists on July 31st, 2020, and international tourists starting on September 11th, 2020. Article [here](#)*

- The Ministry of Industry has reopened its Machine Restructuring program for micro and small-sized enterprises (IKM). The program allows IKM to apply for reimbursements for the purchase of local machines of 30% of the machine's price, or 25% of the machine's price if it's an imported machine with a minimum cut of Rp 5 million and a maximum cut of Rp 300 million. The Ministry of Industry has earmarked Rp 6.5 billion for this program. Applications would be accepted until October 11, 2020. Official press release [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration has issued Minister Decree No. 63/2020 on New Normal Protocols for Villages. The Decree provides guidelines on how villages, which is an administratively looser unit below district or *kecamatan*, should implement the government's New Normal campaign, which include the various hygiene and safety precautions also implemented nationwide, such social distancing and usage of health masks. Find a copy of the official document [here](#)*
- The Bali administration has issued Circular No. 305/GUGASCOVID19/VI/2020 on the control of human traffic at Bali entry ports in the adaptation period towards a productive and COVID-19 safe society. The Circular regulates the entry of people of domestic or international origin by obliging the possession of a negative PCR Test Result or a Letter of confirmation of a non-reactive Rapid Test result that is valid for 14 days since the date of issuance, among other provisions. The Circular further revokes Bali Governor Circular No. 10925/2020 on the control of the travelling of person(s) at Bali entry ports. Official copy of the document [here](#)
- Indonesia's manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Manager's Index) rose to 39.1 in June from 28.6 in May according to London-based firm IHS Markit. Minister of Industry Agus Gumiwang said the increase showed that the government's New Normal campaign, as well as the various economic incentives launched amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, were successful in slowly restarting the country's industry sector. Official press release [here](#)
- The World Bank has upgraded Indonesia's status to an upper middle-income country, following the increase in the country's per-capita Gross National Income (GNI) to US\$4,050 in 2019 from \$3,840 in the previous year. The World Bank's category for upper middle-income countries is a per-capita GNI of between \$4,046 and \$12,535. The category determines the institution's loan pricing, but it could also affect the country's reputation as an investment destination and/or trade partner. Official press release [here](#)
- The Indonesian COVID-19 Task Force has updated its Risk-Zone map, further providing additional details on the areas that are at a declining or increasing risk for COVID-19 infections. As many as 53 regencies/cities are now deemed high-risk for COVID-19 infection, while 177 are medium-risk areas. 185 are low-risk areas, while 99 areas have either seen no additional cases or were never impacted in the first place. Meanwhile, the detailed categories, as of July 1, are:
 - High-to-Medium Risk: 19 regencies/cities
 - Medium-to-High Risk: 14 regencies/cities
 - Medium-to-Low Risk: 31 regencies/cities
 - Low-to-High Risk: 1 regency/city
 - Low-to-Medium Risk: 37 regencies/cities
 - Low-to-Zero New Cases: 7 regencies/cities, official Press Release [here](#)

- Jakarta will extend its transitional PSBB status for another two weeks from July 3 to July 16, 2020, as announced by Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. Additionally, in coordination with West Java Governor Ridwan Kamil and Banten Governor Wahidin Halim, the areas around Jakarta, namely Bogor, Tangerang, Bekasi and Depok, shall also maintain their transitional PSBB status. A recording of the press conference [here](#)
- The West Java administration is set to lift its PSBB status and implement a “New Normal Adaptation” (AKB) period, West Java Governor Ridwan Kamil told reporters on Friday, June 26. This means that each administrative area in the province will work towards implementing new normal protocols, with the exception of the areas of Bogor, Depok and Bekasi, as they overlap with the Greater Jakarta Area and will thus follow regulations set in accordance with the Jakarta administration. Article [here](#)
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- The Indonesian investment authority (Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board or BKPM) established a special task force to facilitate investors looking to relocate from China. BKPM Chief Bahlil Lahadalia said the task force’s three main duties were to identify companies that are looking to relocate, compare the various investment facilities provided by other countries with Indonesia’s, and to allow the task force to take decisive actions in the negotiation process. Official press release [here](#)
- As many as 37 regencies and cities in 19 provinces have succeeded in becoming low-risk “green” zones for COVID-19 from their previous status as medium-risk “yellow” zones, according to the Indonesian COVID-19 Task Force. This means that nearly 60% of Indonesia’s territory are, as of June 24, 2020, at low-risk for COVID-19 transmissions. Article [here](#)
- On Wednesday, June 24, the Indonesian government announced that as much as Rp 30 trillion (US\$2.12 billion) of state funds would be deposited in public banks. As per the recently issued Minister of Finance Regulation No. 70/2020, the funds may be used in efforts that should support the national economic recovery program, such as for preferred loans for small and medium enterprises and interest subsidies for specific groups impacted by COVID-19. Official press release [here](#)
- Indonesia plans to ramp up the production of PCR tests, according to the Coordinating Minister of Human Development and Culture Muhadjir Effendy. Mr. Effendy said state-owned pharmaceutical company Bio Farma is already capable of producing 50,000 PCR test tools per week, and that President Joko Widodo has given the order to increase the production capacity to 2 million PCR test tools per month. Official press release [here](#)
- In relation to the WHO announcement that the drug dexamethasone may be an effective treatment against COVID-19, the Indonesian COVID-19 Task Force is urging caution against using the corticosteroid drug without a doctor’s prescription, and that

the Indonesian Food and Drug Supervisory Agency (BPOM) is keeping a close eye on the drug's distribution. Article [here](#)*

- The Manpower, Transmigration and Energy Agency of the Jakarta administration has issued Decree 1477/2020 on the Amendments to previously issued Decree 1363/2020 on the Protocols to Prevent and Control COVID-19 in the Workplace During the Transitional Period towards a Productive, Safe and Healthy society. The amendment obliges companies to have a minimum of 3-hour spacing between one work shift to another, among other provisions. Article [here](#)
- The Minister of Religious Affairs has issued Minister of Religious Affairs Decree No. 515/2020 on Tuition Subsidy for State Religious Universities in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The decree obliges State Religious Universities to provide subsidies or installment options for students whose, among other conditions, parents are deceased and/or have had their income severely reduced due to COVID-19. A copy of the decree [here](#)
- The Indonesian govt. is mulling over reopening the country for tourism to four countries of China, South Korea, Japan and Australia, an official said. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is said to be working on the criteria for the resumption of tourism travels between the Indonesia and the four countries, but no clear timetable have been defined for such a plan. Article [here](#)
- The Ministry of Industry announced that it is in “intensive” discussions to add more incentives or additional stimulus for sectors of industry that are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Minister of Industry Agus Gumiwang Kartasasmita said these incentives will include electricity subsidies, write-offs on taxes for export-oriented local raw materials, income taxes and added value taxes, as well as minimum payment per contract in the field of Natural Gas, among other incentives. Official press release [here](#)*
- The Ministry of Finance and the State Financial Authority (OJK) have signed an agreement in which the government will place funds among lending banks that has been vetted by the OJK as an implementation of the national Economic Recovery Program. The funds would be used to subsidize loan interests for small and medium enterprises, as well as to provide liquidity support to banks. Official Press Release [here](#)
- The COVID-19 Task Force has released a list of areas that are low-risk for COVID-19 outbreaks. As many as 136 regencies and cities are included in the list, which is created using 15 indicators, specifically 11 epidemiology indicators, 2 public health surveillance indicators and 2 health service indicators. This data will be assessed every week beginning June 7, 2020. Find the official press release and list [here](#)
- The East Java provincial administration has decided to allow the Greater Surabaya area, which includes the city of Surabaya as well as the regencies of Sidoarjo and Gresik, to transition to a New Normal for the next 14 days starting on June 8, 2020. Find the official press release [here](#)*
- Jakarta will have its PSBB status extended to an unspecified amount of time but will have the regulations modified as such to facilitate a transition into a New Normal, Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan said. He added that the protocols for the transition

phase would be issued soon. Watch the recorded broadcast of the announcement [here](#)*

- The Jakarta administration will be lifting its PSBB status on June 4, switching to a localized Community Unit (RW) based quarantine instead with as many as 62 RW to be quarantined for an unspecified amount of time, according to a city official. Article [here](#)*
- The South Tangerang administration has extended its PSBB status to June 14, 2020, citing a still increasing rate of infection and fatalities from COVID-19. Article [here](#)*

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