

Last update: 18 JANUARY 2021

Latest updates on regulation, from various official sources on COVID-19 in Indonesia & the UK.

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

Condition in Indonesia

Per 17 JANUARY 2020

Positive : 907,929

Cured : 736,460

[COVID-19 cases in DKI Jakarta.](#)

DKI Jakarta's COVID-19 emergency line: 112 / 0811 1211 2112 / 0812 8837 6955

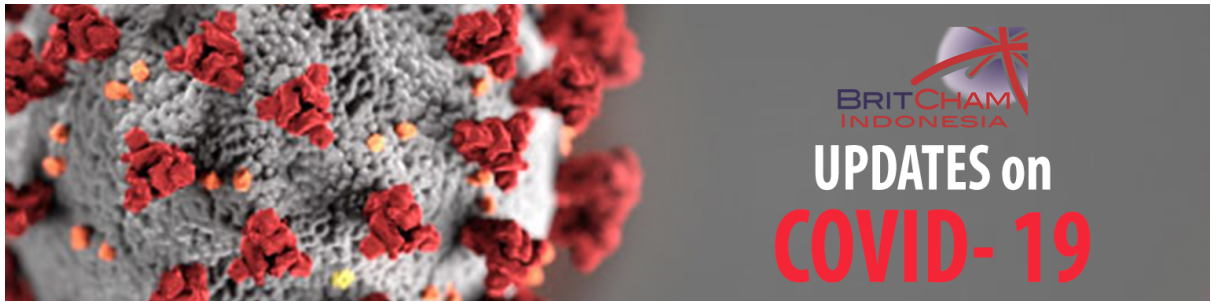
Please call 119 for RI COVID-19 Hotline Service

INFORMATION FROM INDONESIA

1. Message from HMA Owen Jenkins 25 March 2020

2. RI Immigration Policy_ updated on 15/01

- Following the [COVID-19 Task Force Circular no. 2 \(2021\)](#) [[SSEK English Translation](#)] on Health Protocol for International Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Indonesia applies a temporary restriction for entry of foreign nationals to Indonesia from 15 - 25 January 2021. [[Circular Letter](#) | SSEK English Translation]
- [Information on immigration regulations during the Covid-19 Pandemic per 15 January 2021.](#)
- [RI Immigration Policy in the New Normal](#) [[Key Points](#)] Delivered in the Joint Foreign Chambers Meeting with A.A. Majid, Deputy Director for International Cooperation at the RI Directorate General of Immigration on 9 November 2020.
- Applications for a [Family Unification Visa \(visa index 317\)](#) can now be made through the [Online Visa Approval application](#).



- [Letter of the Deputy Head of Mission & Consul General of British Embassy Jakarta to the RI Immigration Officers](#)

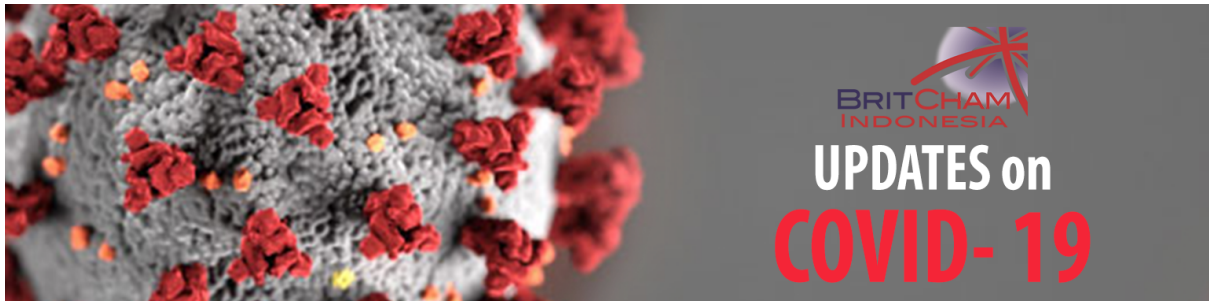
3. **Large Scale Social Restriction (PSBB)**_ *updated on 11/01*

Special Capital Region of Jakarta

- Decree of the Head of Manpower, Transmigration and Energy Service Office of DKI Jakarta no. 24 (2021) [[SSEK English Translation](#)] regarding Protocol for the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in Workplaces/Offices of Private-Owned, State-Owned Enterprises or Regional Owned Enterprises. Issued on 8 January 2021.
- [DKI Jakarta Governor Decree no. 19 \(2021\)](#) regarding the Enactment, Duration and Restriction on Outdoor Activities of Large Scale Social Restriction. Effective on 7 January 2021.
- [DKI Jakarta Governor Regulation no. 3 \(2021\)](#) [[SSEK English Translation](#)] regarding Implementation Rules of Regional Regulation no. 2 (2020) on the Mitigation of Coronavirus Disease 2019. Effective on 7 January 2021.
- [Decree of the DKI Jakarta Governor no. 979 \(2020\)](#) on the Location of Controlled Isolation of the DKI Jakarta Provincial Government for COVID-19 Mitigation. Effective on 22 September 2020.
- [Head of Transportation Office of DKI Jakarta Decree no. 156 \(2020\)](#) [[SSEK Translation](#)] on Technical Guidance for Large Scale Social Restriction on the Transportation Sector. Effective on 11 September 2020.
- [Governor Anies Baswedan's message to the International Community in the DKI Jakarta regarding the COVID-19 situation on 17 July 2020.](#)
- DKI Jakarta Provincial Government set out some RWs (hamlets) as [Strictly Controlled Areas \(WPK\)](#) during the PSBB Implementation.
- [Regulation of the DKI Jakarta Governor no. 60 \(2020\)](#) on Transportation Control in DKI Jakarta Region to Curb the COVID-19 Transmission. Effective on 25 June 2020. [[SSEK Translation](#)]
- [DKI Jakarta Governor Regulation no. 41 \(2020\)](#) on the Imposition of Sanction against Violations of PSBB in DKI Jakarta. Effective on 30 April 2020. [[SSEK Indonesia Translation](#)]

4. **RI Manpower Situation during the Covid-19 Pandemic**_ *updated on 14/01*

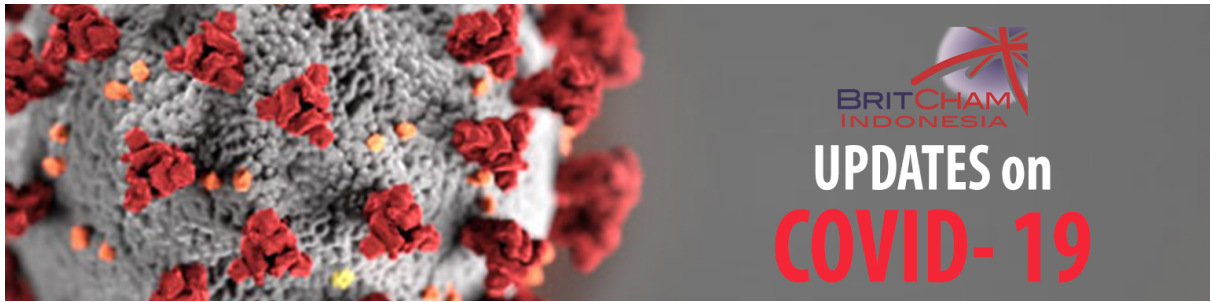
- The Minister of Manpower decided to temporarily suspend the licensing service for new application of the use of Foreign Workers from 14 January 2021 until 25 January 2021 through [Circular Letter number M/1/HK.04/I/2021](#).
- [Government Regulation no. 49 \(2020\)](#) on the Adjustment of the Manpower Social Security Programme Contribution during the Non-Natural Disaster of the Spread of the COVID-19. Effective on 1 September 2020. [[SSEK Translation](#)]



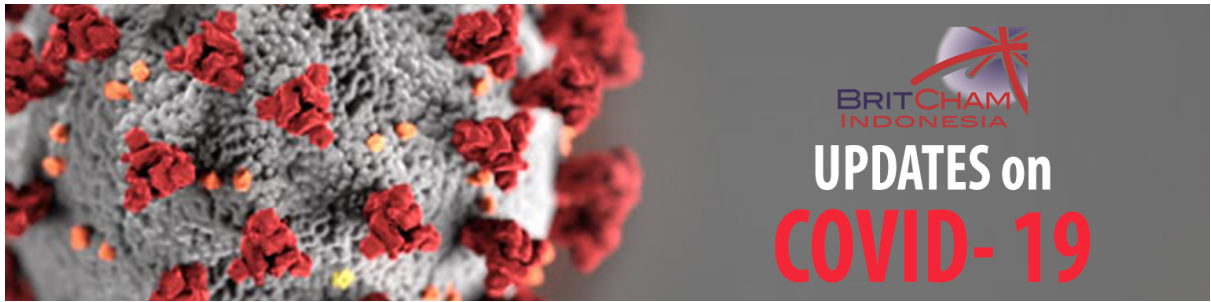
- Letter of Director General of Protocol and Consular of Foreign Affairs Ministry no. 06395/PK/06/2020/64 on 16 June 2020 requests some information on foreign workers in Indonesia who are infected by COVID-19 to be forwarded to their country representative. Please fill in the data through <https://bit.ly/dataTKA2020>. For more information, please call **Mohammad Reza Adenen** at (+62) 812-1989-8595 and **Ratih Kusuma Dewi** (+62) 813-1904-9503.
- [Return to Work Guidance by G4S and Hill Konsultan Indonesia.](#)
- [Foreign Workers Permit during the COVID-19 by the Directorate of Foreign Workers Utilization Control of the RI Manpower Ministry.](#) Delivered during SSEK Indonesia Webinar on 2 June 2020. [More details on the Q&A Summary.](#)
- Minister of Manpower Circular Letter on the Protection Programme of COVID-19 related accident for Workforce [[Official](#)]. Issued on 28 May 2020.
- The Manpower Minister Launched Diaspora Care Programme for Laid Off Workers on 18 May 2020. [[Press Release](#) | [Informal Translation](#)]
- [Joint Statement of ASEAN Labour Ministers on Response to the Impact of COVID-19 on Labour and Employment.](#) Published on 14 May 2020.
- [Force Majeure: The Impact of COVID-19 on Businesses in Indonesia by SSEK Indonesia.](#) Updated on 11 May 2020
- [Labour/Manpower Updates during the Covid-19 Pandemic by SSEK Indonesia.](#) Updated on 11 May 2020.
- [Presidential Regulation no. 64 \(2020\)](#) on Health Insurance containing the increased tariff for Health BPJS. Effective on 6 May 2020. [[Key Points Translation](#)].
- [Circular Letter of the Minister of Industry no.8 \(2020\)](#) on the Reporting Obligations for Industrial Companies and Industrial Estate Companies that Possess Operation and Industrial Activity Mobility Licenses. Issued on 24 April 2020. [[SSEK Translation](#)]
- [Circular of the Minister of Industry no. 7 \(2020\)](#) on the guidelines for licensing to operate during the public health emergency of the Covid-19 on 9 April 2020 [[Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices translation](#)]
- The Minister of Industry Circular on the procedures implementation within factories/industrial parks during the COVID-19 pandemic on 7 April 2020. [[Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices translation](#)].

5. **RI Guidance on COVID-19 Handling_ updated on 11/01**

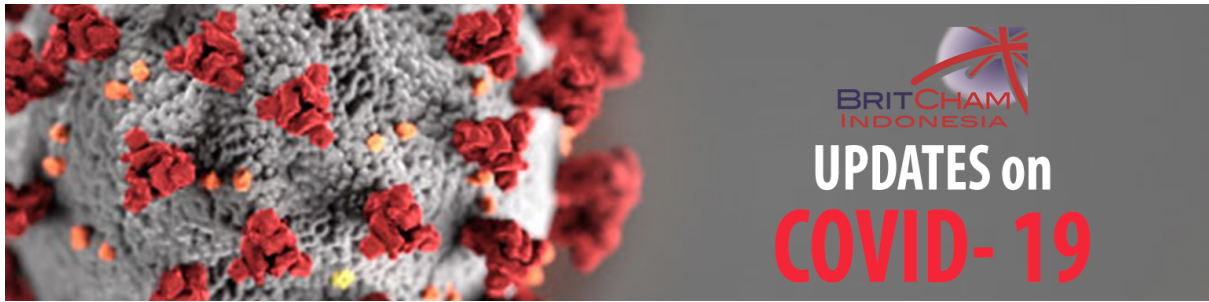
- BPOM issued an [Emergency Use Authorization](#) for CoronaVac on 11 January 2021.
- [Fatwa of Indonesian Ulema Council \(MUI\) no. 2 \(2021\) on COVID-19 Vaccine from Sinovac Life Sciences Co. Ltd. and PT Bio Farma \(Persero\).](#) Issued on 11 January 2021.
- [Decree of Director General of Disease Prevention and Control number HK.02.02/4/1/2021](#) on Technical Guidance for Vaccination in the Mitigation of COVID-19. Issued on 2 January 2021.



- [Minister of Health Decree no. Hk.01.07/Menkes/12757/2020](#) on the Stipulation of COVID-19 Vaccination Target. Issued on 28 Dec 2020.
 - [Collective Decree of the Minister of Education and Culture, the Minister of Religious Affairs, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Domestic Affairs on the Guidance of Learning for 2020/2021 Academic Year during the COVID-19 Pandemic Period. \[FAQ\]](#)
 - [Presidential Decree no. 18 \(2020\)](#) on the National Committee for the Acceleration of COVID-19 Vaccine Development. Effective on September 3, 2020.
 - [RI Presidential Instruction no. 6 \(2020\)](#) on the Increased Discipline and Law Enforcement on Health Protocol in the Prevention and Containment of COVID-19. Effective on August 4, 2020. [[SSEK Translation](#)]
 - The Minister of Health stipulates the highest rate for COVID-19 antibody rapid test to be IDR 150,000 through [Circular Letter no. HK.02.02/I/2875/2020](#). Issued on July 6, 2020.
 - [Minister of Health Circular Letter no. 328 \(2020\)](#) on the COVID-19 Prevention and Management at Working and Industrial Site to Support Business Sustainability during the Pandemic Period [[Translation & Review by SSEK Indonesia](#)]. Effective on May 20, 2020.
 - [Minister of Health Regulation no. 9\(2020\)](#) on guidance of PSBB implementation during COVID-19 pandemic. Effective on April 3, 2020. [[Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices Translation](#)]
 - [Government Regulations no. 21 \(2020\)](#) on Large-Scale Social Restriction. Effective (PSBB) on March 31, 2020. [[Sudjono & Rekan Law Offices Translation](#)]
 - [Minister of Health Circular Letter no. 199 \(2020\)](#) on the Communication of COVID-19 Management. Issued on March 16, 2020. [[Translation & Appendix by SSEK Indonesia](#)].
 - Other COVID-19 guidance from [RI Ministry of Health](#) and [Indonesian Food and Drug Authority \(BPOM\)](#).
- 6. Transportation Control during Covid-19 Pandemic Period _ updated on 09/01**
- [Circular of the COVID-19 Task Force no.1 \(2021\) on Policy for Domestic Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). Issued on 9 January 2021.
 - The Minister of Transportation Circular Letter on guidance for the operation of [Land Transportation](#), [Air Transportation](#), and [Train Transportation](#) during the New Normal to Prevent the COVID-19 Transmission. Issued on June 8, 2020.
 - [Minister of Transportation Regulation no. 41 \(2020\)](#) on Amendment to the Minister of Transportation no. 18 (2020) on Transportation Control to Prevent the Transmission of the COVID-19. Issued on June 8, 2020. [[SSEK Translation](#)]
- 7. Indonesia's Economic Recovery Plan_updated on 08/01**



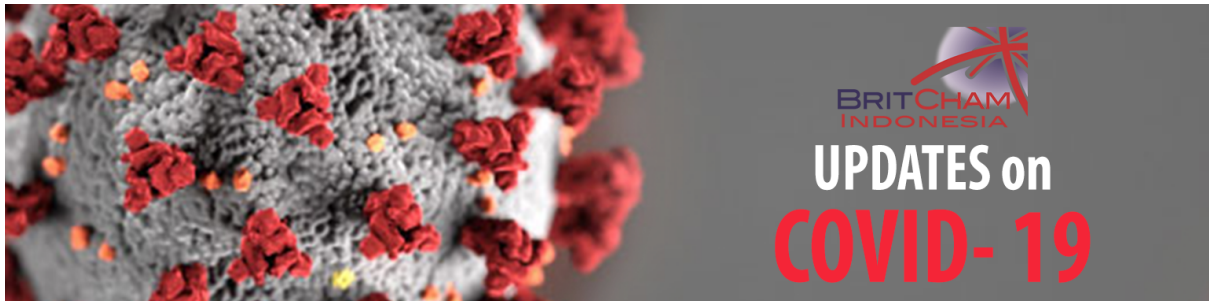
- Government realizes National Capital Participation (PMN) and Investment support in 2020 for Acceleration of National Economic Recovery and Mitigating COVID-19 Impact. [[Press Release](#)]
- RI Ministry of Finance provides loans to support 1 Million Houses Low Income Households Programme. [[Press Release](#)]
- [Collective Circular of Minister of Finance and Minister of Domestic Affairs on Accelerated Distribution of Regional and Village Funds, and Realization of Regional State Budget and Expenditure 2020 for COVID-19 Management and National Economic Recovery](#). Issued on September 3, 2020.
- [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 118 \(2020\)](#) on the Government Investment in the National Economic Recovery Programme. Effective on September 2, 2020.
- [Ministry of Finance Press Release no. 30 \(2020\) on the new policies in the National Economic Recovery Programme to support corporates](#). Issued on July 29, 2020.
- [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 98/PMK.08/2020](#) on the Procedure of Government Insurance for Corporate Business Entities through the Appointed Insurance Business Entities in the Implementation of the National Economic Recovery. Effective since July 28, 2020.
- [Presidential Regulation no. 82 \(2020\) \[SSEK Translation\]](#) on the Committee of COVID-19 Management and National Economic Recovery. Effective on July 20, 2020.
- [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 75 /PMK.09 /2020](#) on the Guidance for Supervision on the Implementation of National Economic Recovery Programme in order to Support National Financial Policy for COVID-19 Management and/or Addressing Threats that Jeopardize National Economy and/or Financial System Stability as well as Safeguarding National Economy. Effective on June 29, 2020.
- Government issued [Presidential Regulation no. 72/2020](#) for the Acceleration of Covid-19 Handling Spending and NER Programme. Effective on June 25, 2020. [[FAQ](#) | [Press Release](#) | [Informal Translation](#)]
- To recover our economy post-pandemic period, the 36th ASEAN High Level Conference on June 26, 2020 produced two documents 1) [ASEAN Leaders' Vision Statement on a Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN: Rising Above Challenges and Sustaining Growth](#) and 2) [ASEAN Declaration on Human Resources Development for the Changing World of Work](#).
- [Government of Indonesia's Latest Update in Mitigating COVID-19 Effects on National Economy by DR \(HC\). Ir. Airlangga Hartanto](#). Presented on June 16, 2020.
- On June 11, 2020, the Ministry of Finance and the Financial Services Authority signed the Collective Decree on the Implementation of Fund Placement and Interest Subsidy for the National Economic Recovery Programme. [[Press Release](#)]
- [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 65/PMK.05/2020](#) on the Procedure of Granting Interest Subsidy/Marginal Subsidy for Credit/Financing of Micro, Small and Medium Businesses in order to Support the Implementation of National Economic Recovery Programme. Issued on June 5, 2020.



- The Government issued the [regulation number 23 of 2020](#) on the Implementation of the National Economic Recovery (NER) Program through 1) [State Capital Participation \(PNM\)](#); 2) [placement of funds](#); 3) [government investment](#); and 4) [providing guarantee](#). It is effective on May 11, 2020.

8. Tax Incentives & Regulations during COVID-19 Pandemic Period _ updated on 01/01

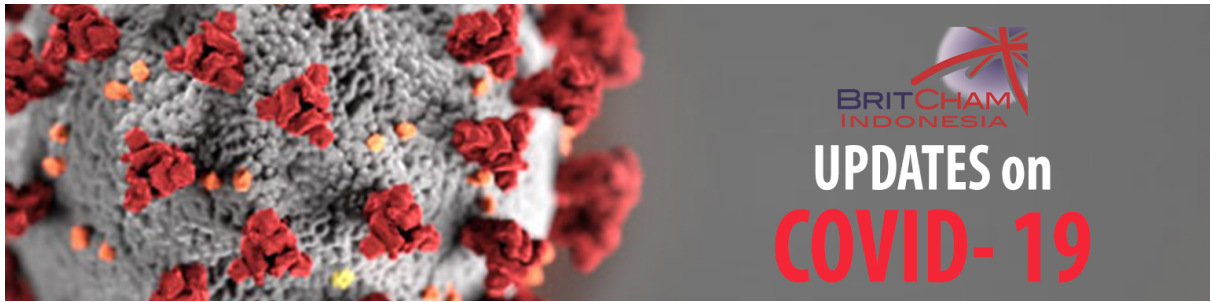
- Tax facilities for COVID-19 Mitigation are still available in 2021 through the [Minister of Finance Regulation \(PMK\) no. 239 \(2020\)](#) which extends the [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 143 \(2020\)](#). Effective from 1 January 2021. [[Press Release](#)]
- [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 149 \(2020\)](#) on the Customs and/or Excise and Tax Facilities on Import of Goods for COVID-19 Mitigation. Effective on 8 October 2020.
- [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 137 \(2020\)](#) on the Stipulation of Zero Tariff for the Service to Issue an Origin Statement Letter that Applied in the Ministry of Trade due to the COVID-19. Effective on 25 September 2020.
- [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 134 \(2020\)](#) on the Import Duty Borne by Government for Goods and Materials used to Produce Goods and/or Service by Certain Industrial Sectors that are Affected by COVID-19 Pandemic. Effective from 22 September - 31 December 2020.
- DGT provides an online queue application from 1 September 2020 which is accessible through <https://kunjung.pajak.go.id/> . [[Press Release](#)]
- [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 110 \(2020\)](#) on the Tax Incentives for Taxpayers who are Affected by the COVID-19. This is an amendment to [Minister of Finance Regulation \(PMK\) no. 86 \(2020\)](#) . Issued on 14 August 2020. [[Press Release](#)]
- Income Tax installment deduction is increased to 50% for taxpayers who are engaged in 1,013 business sectors. This is valid until the tax period of December 2020. [[Press Release](#)]
- [Regulation of the Director General of Taxes Number PER-12 / PJ / 2020](#) regarding Limitation on Certain Criteria for Collector and Appointing Collector, Collection, Submission and Reporting of VAT on Overseas Digital Products. Effective on 1 July 2020. [[Press Release](#) | [Informal Translation](#)].
- [Regulation of the Director General of Taxes Number PER-13 / PJ / 2020](#) regarding Technical Guidance on Giving a Principal Number of Taxpayers for the Issuance of Interest Subsidies / Margin Subsidies for Credit / Financing for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the Context of Supporting the Implementation of the National Economic Recovery Program. Effective on 26 June 2020.
- [Regulation of the Director General of Tax Number PER-10 / PJ / 2020](#) on Tax Application Service Providers. Effective on 19 June 2020.



- [Government Regulation no. 30 \(2020\)](#) on the Reduced Income Tax Rate for Publicly Listed Corporate Taxpayer in Country. Issued on 19 June 2020. [[FAQ](#) | [Press Release](#) | [Informal Translation](#)]
- [Government Regulation no. 29 \(2020\)](#) [[attachment](#)] on Income Tax Facilities in COVID-19 Management. Effective on 10 June 2020.
- DGT face-to-face service resumes on 15 June 2020. All taxation services are available with EXCEPTIONS to: 1) **Taxpayer number registration, Annual Tax Return report, request for Fiscal Statement and SSP PPhTB validation may be done online via DGT website;** 2) **EFIN activation to be done through Tax Office email;** 3) **Forget EFIN may be done via Tax Office's phone/email, live chat on DGT website, or *Kring Pajak*;** 4) **VAT refund to be done via Tax Office email that assists VAT refund.** [[Press Release](#)]
- The Minister of Finance issued the [regulation no. 48 \(2020\)](#) on the Value-Added Tax (VAT) on Taxable Non-Tangible Products through Electronic System. It was signed on May 5, 2020 and will enter into force on 1 July 2020. [[Press Release](#) | [Informal Translation](#)].
- [Presidential Regulation no. 58 \(2020\)](#) on the Structuring and Simplification of Import License. Enacted on 14 April 2020. [[SSEK translation](#)].

9. Regulations relating to British & other Foreign Nationals with Stay Permit Returning to Indonesia_*updated on 01/01*

- From 1 January 2021 until 25 January 2021, all non-Indonesian travellers are prohibited from entering Indonesia with some exceptions which include ITAS/ITAP holders. **You are required to provide a negative PCR test result which is issued not more than 72 hours before your departure. Upon your arrival in Indonesia, you will be required to take another PCR test and be quarantined for 5 days at your own expense in a designated hotel.** [Click here for further details.](#)
- [The British Embassy Jakarta Note to the RI Ministry of Health](#) confirming NHS tests as swab/PCR tests on June 7, 2020. You may bring this letter along with your PCR test result while entering Indonesia.
- [Letter of the Directorate General of the Prevention of Diseases Class I Port Health Office of Soekarno Hatta](#) on May 25, 2020 regarding the Health Protocols for International Arrivals.
- Circular Letter of RI Minister of Health on the Handling of Returning Indonesian Citizens and the Arrival of Foreign Nationals from Overseas at Soekarno Hatta Airport and Juanda Airport [[Official](#) | [MoFA Circular Note & Unofficial Translation](#)]. Issued on May 22, 2020.
- British Nationals who find difficulties or have queries on RI entry requirements, please contact the consular service of the British Embassy in Jakarta at **0212356-5200 (available 24/7)** or **send an email to returnfrom.indonesia@fco.gov.uk.**
- [Entry requirements](#) information by the British Embassy Jakarta.
- How to get Covid-19 test in the UK



- [England](#)
- [Scotland](#)
- [Wales](#)
- [Northern Ireland](#)
- If you are in the UK, the '[In Your Area](#)' App provides up to date information on NHS capability and testing locations and eligibility.

10. COVID-19 Status in Indonesia_updated on 27/05

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

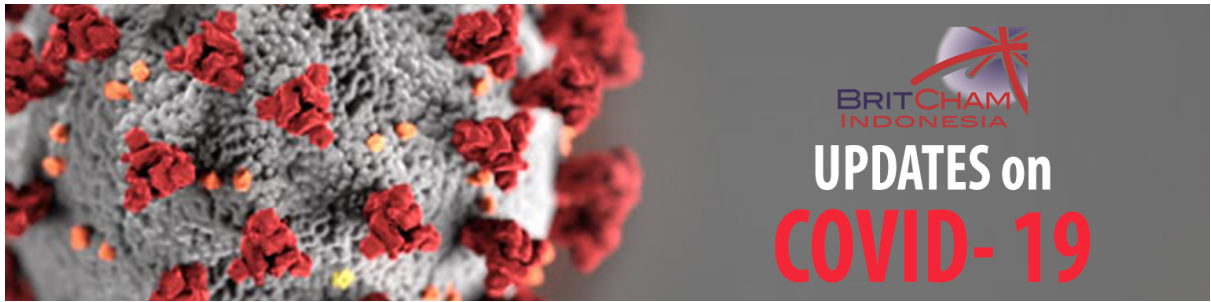
11. West Java Province COVID-19 Support Opportunity_updated on 18/05

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

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

12. RI Government Support amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic _ updated on 18/05

- The Ministry of Communications and Informatics provides various trainings on digital sectors to ensure people's productivity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Issued on May 18, 2020. [[Press Release | Informal Translation](#)]
- [Indonesian Government Economic Relief for Businesses during COVID-19 Pandemic by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India \(ICAI\)](#). Published on May 9, 2020.
- On May 8, 2020, the Coordinating Minister of Human Development & Culture shared three strategies to combat the COVID-19 pandemic i.e. public health emergency measures, building social safety net, and building economic resilience. [[Press Release](#)]
- Ministry of Finance cq Customs and Excise provides additional incentives for Bonded Zones companies and Ease of Import for Export Purposes through the



[Minister of Finance Regulation no.31 \(2020\)](#) which is effective April 13, 2020. [[Official press release](#) | [Informal translation](#)]

- Ministry of Finance cq Customs and Excise grants Deferral Payment for Excise through the [Minister of Finance Regulation no. 30 \(2020\)](#) which is effective April 8, 2020. [[Press Release](#) | [Informal translation](#)]
- Circular Letter of the Covid-19 Task Force on the Ease of Access of Logistics and Provision of Basic Needs for the Community on April 9, 2020. [[SSEK translation](#)]

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

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

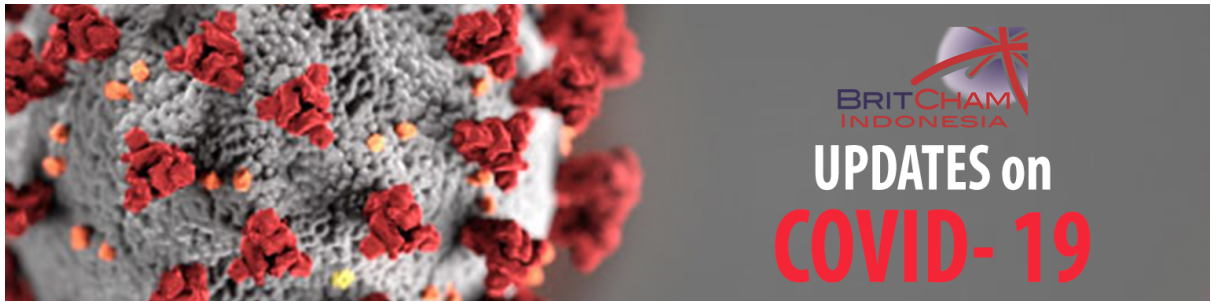
More details are available in [this presentation](#). Click [HERE](#) to contribute. [[FAQ](#)]

14. National Financial Regulation and Financial System Stability for the COVID-19 Mitigation_ updated on 22/04

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

15. News from Our Members

- Accenture & Rolls-Royce Report on [Designed, Supplied, Delivered: Coordinating production of medical ventilators from the UK](#)
- Nielsen Indonesia's report entitled 'Festive Reshaped: Reinventing Ramadan and Eid Festive in Restricted Living'.
- Nielsen Indonesia's report on the response of Indonesian consumers following the widespread of COVID-19 in Indonesia.
- Korn Ferry snap survey result



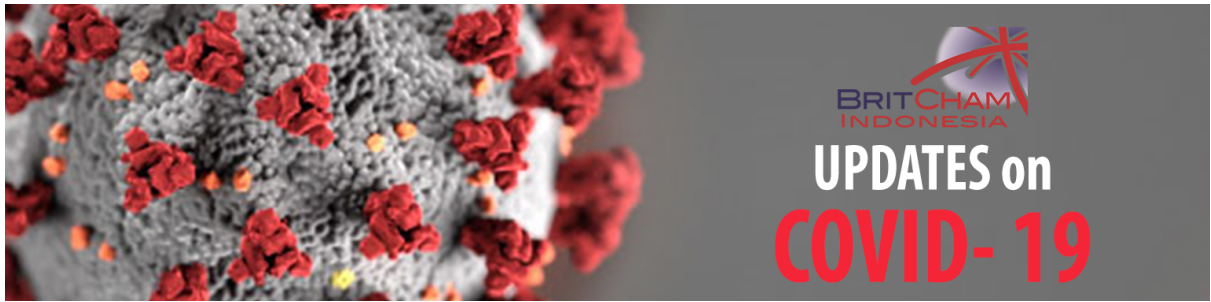
INFORMATION FROM THE UK

1. Messages from PM Boris Johnson

- Prime Minister announces national lockdown on 4 January 2021
- Prime Minister announces new local COVID Alert Levels: 12 October 2020 [BCC Response]
- Prime Minister's statement on coronavirus (COVID-19): 22 September 2020 [BCC Response]
- PM Boris Johnson made an announcement on 31 July about coronavirus (COVID-19). [BCC Response]
- Prime Minister's speech to set out the next chapter in the UK Government COVID-19 recovery strategy on July 17, 2020. [BCC Response]
- Prime Minister's statement on coronavirus (COVID-19): 3 July 2020. [BCC Response]
- On June 23, 2020, PM announced easing of lockdown restrictions in England from July 4, 2020. [Press Release | BCC Response]
- Prime Minister announces record UK aid funding towards COVID-19 vaccine on 30 March 2020

2. UK Government COVID-19 Guidance_updated on 18/01

- COVID-19 Guidance during national lockdown in January 2021.
- Government issued new tiered Coronavirus restrictions. [Full list of local restrictions in England | BCC Response]
- New National Restrictions from 5 November. [BCC Response]
- Government announced that shoppers in England must wear face masks from 24 July. [BCC Response]
- UK Government published guidance for businesses to reopen gradually from July 11 and July 13, 2020. BCC responds to the further easing of lockdown restrictions in the leisure, arts and beauty sectors [Press Release]
- New rules requiring passengers to wear a face covering on public transport come into force on June 12, 2020.
- On 11 June 2020, the Government published air travel safety guidance for both passengers and operators.
- The Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure has published guidance for businesses in financial distress on managing security risks during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) has published results from a survey on the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on businesses in DCMS sectors.



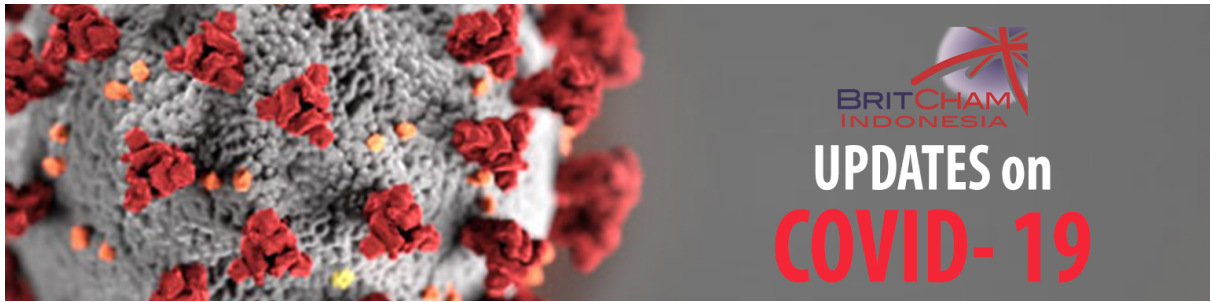
- The Second Secretary at the UK Delegation to the OSCE made a [statement](#) on the impact of coronavirus (COVID 19) on connectivity and trade.
- The UK Government published the [working safely guides](#) providing safety guidance for a range of workplace settings.
- The World Trade Organization has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

3. Policy on Returning to/Entering the UK *_updated on 18/01*

- [Travel corridors](#) were suspended 4am, 18 January 2021. If you arrive in England from anywhere outside the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man you will need to [self-isolate](#) for 10 days.
- [UK points-based immigration system: further details statement](#). [BCC Response]
- The Department for International Trade issued a [Flowchart Quarantine Queries](#) that sets out the procedure to process feedback and queries from business relating to quarantine measures.
- The British Embassy Jakarta is issuing regular updates on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) with the latest available information on flight departure options for British nationals wishing to leave Bali and other areas of Indonesia. More details [HERE](#)

4. UK Government Support and Funding for businesses *_updated on 18/01*

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Business support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Self-Employment Income Support Scheme grant extension](#). [BCC Response]
- Job Support Scheme expanded to firms required to close due to Covid Restrictions. [[Press Release](#) | [BCC Response](#)]
- The Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak presented our [Winter Economy Plan](#) to Parliament on Thursday 24 September 2020 to outline how the government will support jobs and the economy over the coming months.[[BCC Response](#)]
- Government extended support to stop business evictions this year. This move will help businesses over the coming months and protect people's jobs. This is an addition to the £160 billion package of support available for businesses during the pandemic. [[Press Release](#) | [BCC Response](#)]



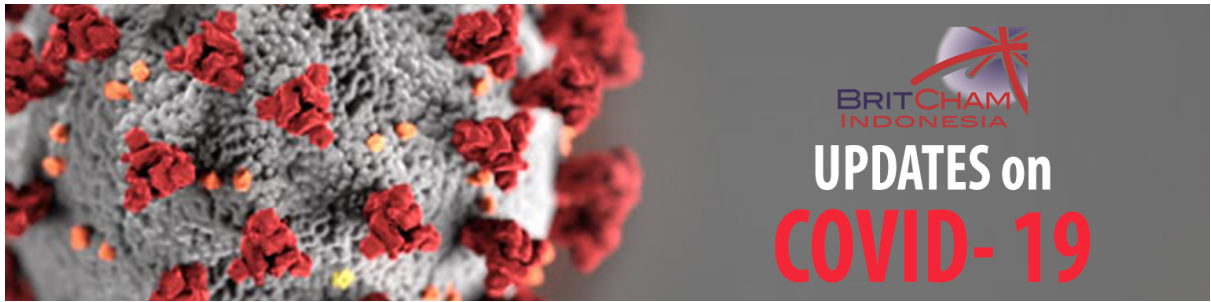
- UK Government launched the [Kickstart Scheme](#) on September 2, 2020. It provides funding to employers to create job placements for 16 to 24 year olds. [[BCC Response](#)]
- The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has published the [data on the amount of money distributed to small and medium-sized businesses by local authorities in England](#) to support against coronavirus (COVID-19). As of 23 August, £10.95 billion has been paid out to over 893,150 business properties.
- The Government's new [Sustainable Innovation Fund](#) opens for applications on June 29, 2020. The fund will provide £200 million in grants to support innovative UK businesses.
- The [Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill](#) received royal assent on 25 June 2020. The new measures (such as temporary easements for Company House filings and changes to the insolvency framework) will relieve the burden on businesses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- UK Export Finance (UKEF) has published its [2020 to 2024 Business Plan](#). The plan sets out UKEF's strategy over the next four years, including their role in the UK's recovery from the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- The UK Government will temporarily guarantee business-to-business transactions currently supported by Trade Credit Insurance, ensuring the majority of insurance coverage will be maintained across the market. [[Full details](#) | [BCC Response](#)].
- The Government has announced [new partnerships with four UK manufacturers](#) as part of efforts to rapidly produce and deliver PPE to frontline workers.
- [Government significantly boosts UK PPE supply with more than 100 new deals.](#)
- BCC response on the Government's discretionary fund for small businesses. [[Press Release](#)] Published on May 2, 2020.
- [DIT's support to exporters and investors](#). Last update on April 6, 2020.

5. BCC Coronavirus Business Impact Tracker *_updated on 19/08*

Results from the latest BCC Coronavirus Business Tracker reveal that business conditions improved only moderately in the weeks since the UK economy suffered an historic contraction in Q2 2020, with firms still reporting high levels of reliance on government support schemes to help stem cashflow issues.

- 38 per cent of firms reported improved revenue from UK customers
- More than 1 in 3 of businesses say they have three months or less worth of cash in reserve
- BCC continues to call for significant interventions to protect businesses and jobs

More details [HERE](#)



Previous results [Aug 04](#) | [July 22](#) | [May 20](#) | [May 14](#) | [May 6](#) | [April 29](#) | [April 22](#) | [April 15](#) | [Infographic](#)

6. **The UK's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy** *_updated on 08/06*

- On June 8, 2020, Business Secretary, Alok Sharma, announced the creation of [five new 'recovery roundtables'](#), bringing together businesses, business representative groups and leading academics, as part of the Government's plans to help the economy bounce back from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- On June 8, 2020, TheCityUK Recapitalisation Group published the [interim report](#) on the recapitalising UK companies following Coronavirus. [[BCC Response](#)]
- On May 11, 2020, the UK Government published the COVID-19 recovery plan and associated workplace guidance. [[Full Publication](#) | [BCC response](#)]
- British Chambers of Commerce President, Baroness Ruby McGregor-Smith, has written an [open letter](#) to the Prime Minister on May 3, 2020 setting out principles for a phased restart of the UK economy. [[Press Release](#)]

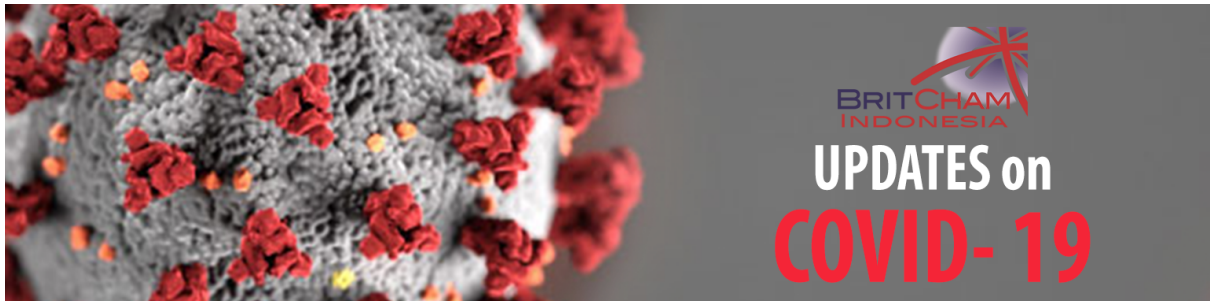
7. **NHS Test and Trace service** *_updated on 22/07*

The UK Government launched the new NHS Test and Trace service on May 28, 2020 across England. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will need to share information about their recent interactions. Please see the Government's [guidance for businesses](#). [[Press Release](#) | [BCC Response](#)]

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

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

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In compliance with the current regulations to mitigate COVID-19 infections, our Executive Office is open with limited capacity hence most of our team are working from home.

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