

Efforts to Prevent the Spread of Covid 19 Based on Riau Customary Law

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Abstract—Corona virus is a group of viruses from the subfamily Orthocoronavirinae in the Coronaviridae family and ordo Nidovirales. This group of viruses can cause disease in birds, mammals and humans. The purpose of this study is to explain the efforts to prevent the spread of Covid 19 based on Riau customary law. This type of research is sociological legal research, which is an empirical study research to find and apply norms in society. The results of this study are the efforts made by the Riau Malay Customary Institute (LAM RIAU) which publishes Warkah Maklumat, it is recommended to follow the provisions set by the government, to revive the way of life of the Riau Malay people who used to get used to cleaning themselves before entering the house with a water container being in front of the entrance of the house, and trying to generate knowledge of local wisdom about traditional Malay medicines, especially in curing diseases that are symptoms of Covid 19 as well as traditional medicines to increase people's immune systems.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Coronavirus is an RNA virus with a particle size of 120-160 nm. This virus mainly infects animals, including bats and camels. Before the COVID-19 outbreak, there were 6 types of coronavirus that could infect humans, namely alphacoronavirus 229E, alphacoronavirus NL63, betacoronavirus OC43, betacoronavirus HKU1, Severe Acute Respiratory Illness Coronavirus (SARS-CoV), and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) [1]. The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 belongs to the betacoronavirus genus. The results of phylogenetic analysis show that this virus belongs to the same subgenus as the coronavirus that caused the Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARS) outbreak in 2002-2004, namely Sarbecovirus. On this basis, the International

Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses proposed the name SARS-CoV-2 [2].

The spread of the corona virus in Indonesia is spread across 34 provinces in Indonesia. The spread of the corona virus in Indonesia has also occurred in the Riau Province, as is known from the Riau 19 Covid Monitoring Data as of July 1, 2020, namely the Total People in the Monitoring Process (ODP) totaling 80,371 people with details of 75,396 people completing monitoring and 4,975 people in the monitoring process; The total number of patients under surveillance (PDP) is 2,113 people with details of 1,760 people being allowed to go home and declared healthy, 185 people died, and 168 PDPs are still being treated; and Positive Cases of Covid 19 totaling 227 people with details of 39 people being treated, 178 people returning and healthy, and 10 people dying [3].

The Riau Provincial Government has made efforts to respond to the corona virus outbreak through policies, namely issuing regulations to accelerate the handling of the corona virus outbreak, namely:

- Riau Governor Decree Number: Kpts. 568/III/2020 Regarding the Designation of Referral Hospitals for the Management of Certain Emerging Infectious Diseases in Riau Province, on March 16, 2020.
- Riau Governor Decree Number: Kpts. 596/III/2020 Concerning the Determination of Emergency Alert Status for Non-Natural Disasters Due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) in Riau Province in 2020, on March 17, 2020.
- Riau Governor Circular Letter Number: 85/SE/2020 Regarding the Implementation of the Work System for Civil Servants and Non-PNS Employees in the Context of Preventing the Spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019

(Covid-19) in the Riau Province Government, on March 20, 2020.

- Riau Governor's Circular Letter Number: 93/SE/2020 Regarding Amendments to the Riau Governor's Circular Letter Number 85/SE/2020 Regarding the Implementation of the Work System for Civil Servants and Non-PNS Employees in the Context of Preventing the Spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) in the Environment Riau Provincial Government, on March 30, 2020.
- Riau Governor Decree Number: Kpts. 705/IV/2020 Regarding Determination of Emergency Response Status for Non-Natural Disasters Due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) in Riau Province in 2020, on April 3, 2020.
- Pekanbaru Mayor Regulation Number 74 of 2020 concerning Guidelines for the Implementation of Large-Scale Social Restrictions in Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) in Pekanbaru City, on April 15, 2020.
- Riau Governor's Circular Letter Number: 121/SE/2020 Regarding Restrictions on Activities for Traveling Outside the Region and/or Homecoming Activities and/or Leave for Civil Servants and Non-PNS in Efforts to Prevent the Spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) within the Government Riau Province, on April 17, 2020.
- Riau Governor's Circular Letter Number: 125/SE/2020 Regarding Changes in the Adjustment of the Work System of Civil Servants and Non-PNS in the Riau Provincial Government Environment towards Large-Scale Social Restrictions in Handling Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19), on April 21, 2020.
- Decree of the Minister of Health Number HK.01.07/MENKES/250/2020 concerning the Determination of PSBB in the Pekanbaru City Region, Riau Province in the Context of Accelerating the Handling of the Corona Virus.
- Decree of the Minister of Health Number HK.01.07/MENKES/308/2020 concerning the Determination of PSBB in the Kampar Regency, Pelalawan Regency, Siak Regency, Bengkalis Regency and Dumai City in the Context of Accelerating the Handling of the Corona Virus.
- Governor Regulation Number 27 of 2020 concerning Guidelines for Large-Scale Social Restrictions in Handling Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19) in Kampar Regency, Pelalawan Regency, Siak Regency, Bengkalis Regency and Dumai City.
- The Riau Provincial Government issues a Digital Book for the Heads and Heads of the Riau Province Responding to Covid-19.

- The Riau Provincial Government issues a Digital Book of Village Heads in Riau Province Responding to Covid-19.
- The Riau Provincial Government issues a Digital Book for the Head of RT/RW and Posyandu Cadres in Riau Province Responding to Covid-19.

The Riau Provincial Government has taken many steps to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in Riau Province, but the number of ODP, PDP and Positive Covid-19 cases is increasing. This really requires the role of traditional leaders and customary laws who again remind the Riau Malay customary law community that this epidemic is very dangerous.

II. RESEARCH METHODS

This type of research is sociological legal research, namely research in the form of field studies to find out the legal nature of society regarding the process of occurrence and about the process of working law in society [4]. Sources of data obtained from this study are divided into 2 (two) namely primary data sources and secondary data sources. Primary data sources are data sources obtained directly from the field. Researchers immediately went to the field to look for data. Researchers obtained primary data through direct interviews with competent people to answer the researcher's questions. Interviews were conducted with the Chairperson of the Riau LAM and the Riau Malay Customary Law Society. The data analysis technique used in this research is to use qualitative data analysis. Qualitative data analysis is data analysis by paying attention to the quality of research results. The conclusion drawn from the qualitative analysis used in this study is by deductive means, namely outlining specific premises and then drawing conclusions in general terms. Decomposition to arrive at general conclusions from specific ones is carried out descriptively, namely the data is described and then analyzed based on the theory used so as to produce the right conclusions.

III. RIAU PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE ON EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID 19 IN RIAU PROVINCE

The Riau People's Perspective on Efforts to Prevent the Spread of Covid-19 in Riau Province was carried out in 2020. The survey was carried out by distributing questionnaires evenly to the people of Riau Province. The questionnaire distributed contained several questions regarding the role of the Riau Malay indigenous community in preventing the spread of Covid-19 in Riau Province.

The ethnic groups of respondents who filled out this questionnaire were 41 % Malay, 22 % Minang, 15 % Javanese, 15 % Batak, 2 % Bugis, 1 % Sundanese, and 4 % others (fig. 1). Of the 41% ethnic Malays who became respondents, there were 13% Domo, 12% Piliang, 8% Talang Mamak, 8% Sakai, 3% Ujung Tanjung, 3% Pitopang, 3% Deli, 3% Kuti, 3% Bone, 3% Banjar, and 41% other Malay.

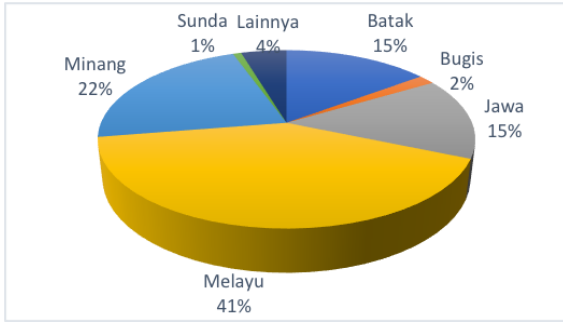


Fig. 1. Respondent's tribe.

The need for socio-cultural aspects, especially "Malay Culture" and the involvement of the Riau Malay indigenous community in an effort to prevent the spread of the Covid 19 outbreak in Riau Province, the community or respondents said that 78% said it was necessary to involve Malay culture through the Riau Malay Indigenous community. The community views that the government must involve the figures and the Malay Customary Law community in an effort to prevent the spread of the Covid 19 outbreak. Of the 78% of respondents' opinions on what the Riau Malay indigenous people should do in responding to the spread of the Covid 19 outbreak, there are 87% of respondents giving public opinion Riau Malay customs must synergize with the government in establishing and complying with all regulations or rules related to preventing the spread of COVID-19, for example by using masks, implementing physical distancing, reducing outside activities, etc.; and 5% of respondents think that the Riau Malay indigenous people should observe and re-examine the existence and level of transmission of this virus and not be too easy to believe all the information circulating.

The assessment of the government's performance, especially the Riau Provincial Government on efforts to prevent the spread of the Covid 19 outbreak carried out by respondents, namely only 3% said very well, 31% said good, 41% said enough, 21% said bad, and 4% said very bad (fig. 2)

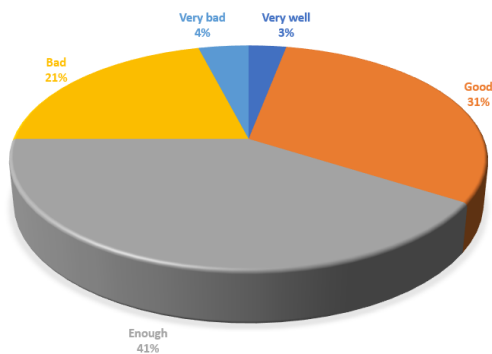


Fig. 2. Local government performance.

IV. WARKAH MAKLUMAT LEMBAGA ADAT MELAYU RIAU (LAMR) TO COVID 19

The principle of law is an important and essential element of the rule of law. Legal regulations are formed from laws or agreements (contracts).

Given Riau society is a society which is still dominated by the Malay customs and traditions that have joint teaching and guidance in life. With the effort to prevent the spread Covid-19 in Riau, Riau Malay Customary Institution issued correspondence to Accelerate Information on handling outbreaks Covid-19 Large Scale Social Restrictions No. 09 / LETTER / LAMR / IV / 2020. The contents of the Information Letter are:

*WARKAH MAKLUMAT Menurut adat,
Mengandung amanah serta nasihat
Bila disimak hikmahnya dapat
Bila dipegang beroleh manfaat
WARKAH MAKLUMAT jadi pedoman
Niatnya baik elok tujuan
Supaya umat rukun dan aman
Terhindar dari segala kemalangan
WARKAH MAKLUMAT disebut orang
Berisi petunjuk yang patut dipegang
Didalamnya ada pantang dan larang
Bila disimak maknanya terang*

Petatah petiitih is also found in eggs three Warkah Maklumat is that: "Sesuai dengan prinsip tali berpilin tiga / tiga tungku sejerangan", the head of government and leader of the indigenous people of Riau Malay in their respective territories for "seiya sekata-seayun langkah-seciap bak ayam, sedencing bak besi", shoulder-to-shoulder in breaking the chain and stopping the spread of Covid-19 in their respective environments.

Lembaga Adat Melayu Riau has been able to remind the public to prevent the spread of Covid-19, but the number of positive covid-19 is increasing every day. Therefore, it is necessary to conduct more in-depth research so that the community is more obedient to the rules of customary law. Therefore, in this research seeks to find ways of indigenous people Melayu once when hit by disease outbreaks.

The results of a survey conducted by the researcher to the respondents when asked about the legal and customary rules Riau Malay is known in the form of norms, carved-proverb, poem, poetry, and other related prevention of the spread of epidemics Covid 19, 8% said knowing there in couplets 12, only 6% know the correspondence information Board Melayu (LAMR), 8% were aware there in the Law and other regulations, 69% answered not Know, and 9% did not answer (Fig.3).

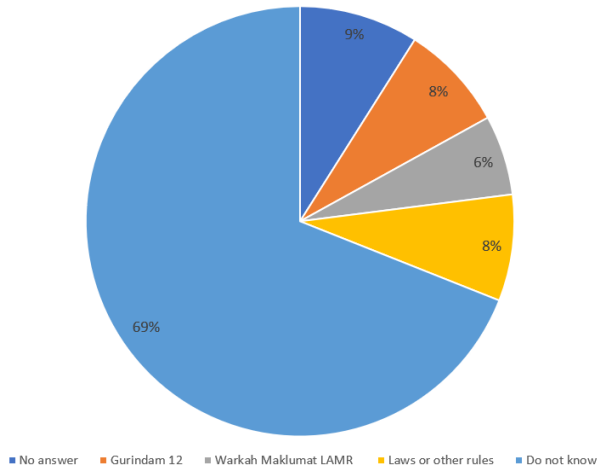


Fig. 3. Community knowledge of Riau Malay customary Law.

Figure 3 can be viewed only 6% know the correspondence information Lembaga Adat Melayu Riau, and 6% of those 30% say keep correspondence information Lembaga Adat Melayu Riau, 11% say they do not comply, and 59% answered do not know whether to obey or not (fig. 4).

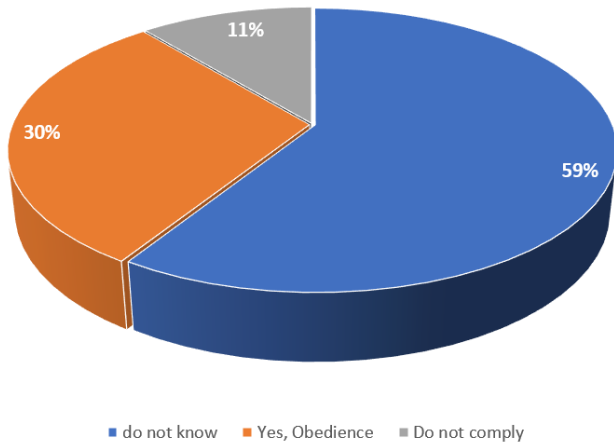


Fig. 4. Respondent's compliance with warkah maklumat LAMR to Covid 19.

V. CUSTOMARY LAW IN RIAU AND PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF COVID 19

Lembaga Adat Melayu (LAM) Riau is an organization engaged in the socio-cultural field in Riau. LAM Riau is not an organization under the government, but a partner of the government in the field of cultural preservation. LAM Riau was founded by Riau cultural figures for the development and preservation of Riau Malay culture.

The COVID-19 outbreak has brought tremendous harm. Various daily activities of the community, ranging from education, economy, socio-culture, are included as part of efforts to break and stop the spread of the virus. The

government has declared Indonesia in a state of health emergency, the President of the Republic of Indonesia has signed and announced (on March 31) the Government Regulation on Large-Scale Social Restrictions to accelerate the handling of the Covid-19 outbreak, followed by several policies to mitigate the economic impact it causes.

LAMR issues Warkah Maklumat to support the application of the principle of people's safety is the highest law, and the policies and implementation steps taken by the government and its apparatus in dealing with the spread of Covid-19, with the following points [5]:

- Requesting the Riau Malay indigenous community in particular, and all components of the Riau community, to comply with and implement the appeals, provisions, and protocols for handling the spread of Covid-19, which are stated among other things in the Decree of the Head of the Indonesian National Police (KAPOLRI) Number: Mak/2/III/2020.
- Carrying out the views of scholars regarding worship during the current epidemic, which is represented through the Majelis Ulama Indonesia institution (MUI).
- In accordance with the principle of *"tali berpilin tiga tungku sejerangan"*, to the head of government and head of the Riau Malay indigenous peoples in their respective territories to *seiya-sekata-seayun langkah-seciap bak ayam-sedencing bak besi-bahu-membahu* in breaking the chain and block the spread of Covid-19 in their respective environments.
- Inviting Riau Malay indigenous peoples and ethnic associations that have umbrellas for LAMR, as well as all components of Riau society, to increase social solidarity, *senasib-sepenanggungan, ke air sama berbasah, ke darat sama berkering, mendapat sama berlabah, hilang sama merugi*, in overcoming the real difficulties of the community in meeting the needs of daily life due to the Covid-19 outbreak.
- Request the government to accelerate the realization of assistance/ incentives/ subsidies and/or the Social Security Network Program for the economically weak/ underprivileged and small businesses (both in urban, rural areas, and villages of indigenous peoples in the interior), as announced by the President of the Republic Indonesia, including on Tuesday 7 Syakban 1441 H (31 March 2020).
- Requesting the Riau Provincial Government and Regency/City Governments throughout Riau to prioritize the availability of budget for handling 2020 APBD reallocations as well as from other legitimate sources.
- Asking the Riau Malay indigenous community and all components of the Riau community to increase discipline in carrying out health protocols to protect themselves, their families and others from Covid-19.

- Ask the government to immediately fulfill the need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for doctors and health workers in charge of monitoring and handling people who are positively infected, patients under surveillance (PDP) and people under monitoring (ODP).
- Calls on all Riau people not to create or disseminate or believe news/news/information about Covid-19 that does not originate from and/or is confirmed by official and authorized sources.
- Calls on all Riau people not to panic, and for traditional leaders/stakeholders and their apparatus to actively educate their children and nephews so as not to behave or take actions that can be classified as a form of exclusion from positive Covid-19 patients who recover, patients under surveillance (PDP), people under monitoring (ODP), and doctors/health workers who treat them.

With the letter issued by the Lembaga Adat Melayu Riau, is expected to prevent the spread of Covid-19, especially in the province of Riau Province. With these missives information or solicitation rules that have made the LAMR can be adhered to by society [6].

The chairman of Majelis Kerapatan Adat Lembaga Adat Melayu Riau, Datuk Seri Al Azhar said that there are many ways that the Riau Malay customary law community can do in an effort to prevent the spread of Covid-19, either by following the steps recommended by the government or those recommended by the LAMR. One of the efforts that can be made by the Riau Malay customary law community in preventing the spread of Covid-19 is to be able to consume herbal plants and plants that can increase the body's immunity which can make the body's immunity more awake.

The village guard program is also an effort that can be done in an effort to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus outbreak, with the village guard program, people who are outside the village or the residence of a community will be closely guarded and their health must be checked to enter the village. With these efforts to protect the village, it also greatly helps the spread of the Covid-19 virus outbreak.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Riau Malay Customary Law Society views the plague as a contagious disease that can be transmitted from one person to another. Prevention of transmission according to the Riau Malay Customary Law Society, namely at this time the Covid-19 outbreak can be done by maintaining cleanliness, by always washing hands when finished with activities, wearing masks and not shaking hands. The tradition of the Riau Malay Customary Law Community to maintain cleanliness has also been implemented before the Covid-19 outbreak broke out. Efforts that can be made by the Riau Malay customary law community in an effort to prevent the spread of Covid-19, either by following the steps recommended by the government or those recommended by the Riau Malay Traditional Institute. The Riau Malay customary law community in preventing the spread of Covid-19 can consume herbal plants and plants that can increase the body's immunity which can make the body's immunity more awake, and carry out a village guard program as an effort to control all activities in the village.

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