



# Government Policy in Handling the Covid-19 Pandemic Judging from Law Number 2 of 2020

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**Abstract.** The world was shocked by the emergence of an infectious virus called COVID-19 at the end of 2019. Viruses that can be transmitted by camouflage by indiscriminately consuming every human life that lives on the surface of this earth, including in Indonesia. Indonesia is one of the countries with the most COVID-19 cases in the world, which has implications for the country's economic condition. Even in the health of the People of Indonesia with a fairly high death rate. The government then made a policy with the aim of minimizing the explosion of the number of COVID-19 victims who are increasing and harming many parties. The Government issued Law Number 2 of 2020 on The Establishment of Government Regulations in Lieu of Law Number 1 of 2020 on State Financial Policy and Financial System Stability for Handling the Coronavirus Disease Pandemic 2019 (Covid-19) and/or in Order to Deal with Threats that Endanger the National Economy and/or Financial System Stability into Law. This research uses a type of juridical normative research with a level on applicable laws and regulations. The policy regarding this rule has actually been implemented properly. However, the rights of the people related to the existence of Law Number 2 of 2020 are still not implemented properly. Further arrangements are needed that are more in favor of the condition of the people and the country's finances for the realization of good and clean government, so that the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic is in accordance with the common expectations of the Indonesian people.

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## 1 Introduction

Covid-19 is the 7th infectious virus that has been identified and has suffered from infection in humans, which is flexible. Finally, the human body system experiences a slow response to secrete antibodies against this virus. Covid-19 is a virus that originated in Wuhan, China at the end of 2019, this has become a scary thing for countries in the world, because it is felt that it will disrupt the flexibility of a country [1].

Amid the minuses of global leadership, there is a lot of long-standing debate between the contest over the effectiveness of authoritarian models of government and democracy in dealing with an outbreak [2]. Indonesia itself is one of the countries that have the highest rate of covid transmission in the world, which affects the country's economy.

The Covid virus itself entered for the first time in Indonesia with positive results from mothers and children that precisely occurred in 2020 in Depok area. Thus, the influence of Covid-19 brings changes to traffic in the country of Indonesia, not least social and community life in a country.

The presence of Covid-19 in Indonesia is a focus in itself, both for the Government in the field of health, economy, and even law. Efforts are carried out in the hope of getting the maximum results where these results are the country's economy, the safety of people's lives, and the running of state flexibility. Indonesia is also one of the countries in the world that implements laws to avoid the explosion of the Covid-19 virus bomb.

There are many laws that have been issued by this country to avoid Covid-19 which is increasingly widespread. This law was issued in accordance with government policies that hope to reduce the surge of Covid-19. Regulations and policies have been echoed by the Government such as PSBB, Lockdown, PPKM, and others. As a result of this policy came out a lot of regulations that hope to reduce the surge of Covid-19 victims. The policy issued by the Government is one of them with the issuance of Law Number 6 of 2018 on Health Quarantine [3], government regulation Number 21 of 2020 on PSBB (Large-Scale Social Restrictions) [4], then there is the policy of the Instruction of the Minister of Home Affairs Number 27 of 2021 [5].

But of the many regulations issued, only one regulates the economic stability of the community and the country, namely with the enactment of Law Number 2 of 2020. But if we are transparent, the economy becomes the most important thing after human life.

Law Number 2 of 2020 here is echoed with the aim to provide certainty of stability in a country and ensure the life of its people with ease in the economy. At the same time provide protection for the lives of people who are threatened by the spread of Covid-19.

## **2 Research Methods**

In writing this article the method used is a normative juridical approach, which is writing that emphasizes positive legal interpretation and analyzing it using literature materials, written legal norms. When viewed from the nature of writing used, then this method is descriptive analistic [6], which is trying to describe the symptoms that exist in society and the problems that arise in it and try to analyze and provide a solution. Based on data and information that is general, including the approach of legislation, which is a review of laws related to legal issues that will be discussed here. In addition, other references from several books and legal journals are used as supporting this writing to support laws and regulations, theories and doctrines, and expert opinions.

## **3 Discussion**

### **3.1 Covid-19**

#### **3.1.1 Definition of Covid-19**

Covid-19, which is currently a hot topic in the world, brings an immeasurable new perception to the minds and social lives of creatures on the surface of this earth. Covid-19 is currently one of the deadly viruses that infect the human body with symptoms of respiratory difficulty that infects the human lungs [7].

The Covid-19 virus is one of the outbreaks of dangerous viruses that spread throughout the world. Regularity and familiarity don't make the infection any less frightening when it comes close. The outbreak itself caused a lot of panic for most of us [8].

Covid-19 is a pandemic that becomes an epidemic and affects many people in large numbers, both nationally and internationally. Covid is the 7th infectious virus that has been identified in the host's body. This virus has the ability to evolve even camouflage. One of the proofs is the presence of Covid-19 variants such as Covid Delta, Covid Alpha, Covid Beta, and so on. Therefore, Covid becomes a scary thing for every country in the world because it undermines the flexibility of its country's system.

This virus has the same symptoms as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), which when seen this virus has the same symptoms, namely attacking breathing. Although when viewed Covid-19 is not necessarily attacking breathing, such as SARS. But the Covid-19 virus and SARS will make sufferers can suffer from acute respiratory disorders, and many are attacked is the lungs.

### 3.1.2 Handling of Covid-19

Epidemiology about covid is the focus of attention around the world, because it is considered important related to the development and evolution of this virus. Because this virus tends to be more detrimental than beneficial. Efforts to break the chain of this virus the Government issued a policy on the implementation of PSBB until the most discussed until now about PPKM to minimize the spread of Covid-19.

The handling of Covid carried out by the Government is based on Law Number 6 of 2018 on Health Insurance in addition to the implementation of PSBB carried out in all regions of Indonesia within the scope of the red zone. The government chose to implement PSBB as a replacement for the lockdown because it felt psbb was the best solution. Although in handling Covid in the concept of PSBB, many people do not obey this rule. But if it is felt that this policy is a lot of exclusion rules that can actually be a space for the success of this PSBB running [9].

Health quarantine is held based on the principle of regulation, benefits, protection, equality, non-discrimination, public interest, alignment, understanding of law, state sovereignty as stated in article 2 of Law Number 6 of 2018, then the presence of Government Regulation Number 21 of 2020 concerning PSBB is also a policy carried out by the Government.

Other policies also have PPKM, and PPKM is a highlight of hot topics of conversation, both in social media and in terms of social (communication between citizens). The presence of the rules of this PPKM policy, based on the policy issued through the Instruction of the Minister of Home Affairs Number 27 of 2021 whose goal is to optimize the Covid-19 Virus handling post, both in the Village and the Village as an effort to control the spread of Covid-19.

But basically the handling that is also very preferred is in the field of economics. The reason, because there are so many polemics that occur during this pandemic. The biggest impact of this covid on the Government and the community, until the presence of Law Number 2 of 2020 as a handling of the welfare of the people of the Indonesian state, is considered as a form of economic handling for the stability of a country. This economy has a very broad purpose, the economy will make the people prosperous, the security of

the people and also as the stability of a country. And this economy as a measuring point where the work of a government system that is running.

## 3.2 Government Policy

### 3.2.1 Government Policy During Pandemic Covid-19

Policy itself is a decision that has been held by political officials on an issue that is being passed by the public, and continues from a decision or step that has a major impact on public/public [10].

The government is the representative of the people for difficulties during the ongoing Covid-19 virus pandemic. The ongoing pandemic in Indonesia is currently the only focus of the attention of the Government and also the people.

The focus of attention focused on this covid is due to the breakdown of the economic system order that occurs in the country, as well as the economy of the community. But it is not only the economy that is a concern, but also the loss of more and more people's lives.

The proliferation of Covid victims is the reason why the government implements its policies. The government actually very much applies policies such as PSBB until now which is crowded in public discussion, namely PPKM. The policy issued by the Government with the issuance of Law Number 6 of 2018 on health quarantine, Government Regulation Number 21 of 2021 on PSBB (Large-Scale Social Restrictions), then there is the Policy of the Minister of Home Affairs Instruction Number 27 of 2021 concerning the Enactment of Restrictions on Community Activities Level 4. Level 3, and Level 2 Corona Virus Disease 2019 in Java and Bali.

But the presence of the above policies only contains a regulation to prevent themselves so as not to contract or reduce fatalities due to this virus. In fact, if you look around us the biggest impact is not regulated at all in the Law above. The economy becomes a very big impact in the running of a country, both government and people. Because no matter how bad this virus is contagious, if there is economic stabilization there will certainly be no people who violate or do not comply with the regulations that have been made. In addition, the people will also be calm because they do not need to think for tomorrow about food.

*The presence of Law Number 2 of 2020 on State Financial Policy and Financial System Stability for the Handling of the Covid-19 Pandemic, which in consideration point (a) "that the spread of covid-19 causes many fatalities, losses in material forms that affect the social, economic and welfare fields of the country" [11].*

With this policy, the Government has more hope that this law can be the stability of the country's system, both from the economic, health and social fields. However, even if it is the policy expectation of the government. Community participation is also very important for the success or failure of a policy implemented.

The reason, because the effects of this pandemic are too severe, for example the number of international global disasters that means that all countries in the world are also being ravaged by the stability of their country's systems, and one of them is the Indonesian state.

### 3.2.2 Community Impact on Government Policy

In the course of a policy must be needed a response from the community, where this response will be a success or failure of a predetermined policy. Thus, community participation becomes a very important point for the running of a policy that has been echoed [12].

Participation itself has a meaning in which a person voluntarily or sincerely to participate in social interaction at a certain time. Or there is another meaning, people who participate during the problem processes, the potential that exists in the community, and then participate in them in taking or choosing a decision to solve the problem and for a common purpose [13].

The presence of existing policies in this country, proves that the effects of this pandemic are already very fatal. Which has an impact on all sectors. The sector referred to here, namely as a livelihood and income for the community [14].

The loss of livelihoods, the layoffs in every company because they cannot pay employees due to the lack of consumers in this pandemic makes many people feel fog because they worry about daily food clothing. This concern is peaked when there are many people who tend not to follow the regulations that have been issued by the Government, such as PSBB to PPKM. Thus, the Government takes a firm stance against the non-compliance of the community.

It's only natural that people have a lot of concerns. Because there are so many fatalities lost in front of their eyes, coupled with work that does not exist. Therefore, the economy becomes an important role for the welfare of the community. Law Number 2 of 2020 became one of the handling in the economic field during this pandemic. This law aims to stabilize a country, which from this stability will issue many points.

The points referred to from the stability of this country in accordance with its considerations include the welfare of the people, the safety of life or life, the economy of the community, and social life. The presence of this rule is evidence of a protection about the impact of this virus. This regulation is also in line with the decision of the Constitutional Court (MK), because the DPR (House of Representatives) has given a statement agreeing on the size of the state budget deficit by bringing policies from the MD3 Act and Law Number 17 of 2003 on State Finance. Both formil and materiil are submitted for testing. But only material is approved on the grounds of adding phrases in good faith.

Based on Clause 8 of Law Number 2 of 2020, the public can apply for taxation due, then can request a reduction or cancellation of improper tax provisions, cancellation of the results of the examination. The content of the article already reflects that this policy is used for the welfare of the Indonesian people.

However, although the contents of this article have been carried out with easy things related to the people, such as the payment of taxes, public services, and others. However, it is still lacking in its implementation. If you look at or look at the environment around us there are still a lot of business people who tend to worry about selling or not trading tomorrow.

Whereas when viewed from Clause 11 paragraph (2) of Law Number 2 of 2020 *“the agenda as referred to in paragraph (1) has a purpose as a form of protecting, maintaining, and improving the economic capabilities of business actors from the real sector and the*

*financial sector to conduct their business*”. That is, the purpose as the economic ability of every business actor to run his business. But in Clause 11 this seems to still be less noticed or carried out optimally, as a result of the lack of running of provisions that have been regulated in Clause 11 Paragraph (2) Number 2 of 2020. There are many people who often violate the rules that have been set by the Government due to concerns about food clothing for their families.

The government should take an important role to resolve the polemic that is happening to its people. Efforts to implement the articles of Law Number 2 of 2020 must run optimally and absolutely not even half-and-half.

## 4 Conclusion

The Covid-19 outbreak that has spread throughout the world is contagious in human lung organs with symptoms of difficulty breathing/shortness of breath. Epidemiology about covid is the focus of attention around the world, because it is considered important related to the development and evolution of this virus. Because this virus tends to be more detrimental than beneficial. Handling for the sake of efforts to break the virus chain is carried out by the government issuing policies that are the application of PSBB to PPKM to minimize the spread of Covid-19.

But basically the handling that is also very preferred is also in the field of economics. Because the economy is a form of stability or balancing of the common state that exists in it, namely the People and the Government. The exit of Law Number 2 of 2020 aims that the handling of the welfare of the Indonesian people is considered as a form of handling for the stability of a country. It is expected that all articles of Law Number 2 of 2020 will be implemented to the maximum, especially for the welfare of the people and the economic stability of the Country.

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