

Media Update
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PT Freeport Strengthens the Health Protocol in the Work Area to Protect Employees amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

Timika - PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) continues to strengthen efforts and coordination with Mimika COVID-19 Response Acceleration Task Force to protect employees from the risk of spreading the coronavirus in all work areas and the company's surrounding area. These efforts are including maximizing physical distancing, preparing medical facilities in Tembagapura, and Timika which are the company's main work areas, as well as closing access to Tembagapura.

"Amid the global commodity market sluggishness due to the industry slowdown in the COVID-19 mitigation efforts around the world, as a National Vital object in the mining sector, PTFI's operational activities are still ongoing so that the industrial raw materials can continue to be available, the local and national economy can continue to move, and the mining area can remain productive and maintain its stability. Nevertheless, we ensure that the employees' safety and health is our top priority," said **Vice President Corporate Communication of PT Freeport Indonesia, Riza Pratama**, on Saturday (2/5/2020) night.

Working with the Mimika Regency Task Force for the Acceleration of COVID-19 Handling since early of March 2020, PTFI has implemented various mitigation efforts that can double the health protocol in the work area. Some of the efforts are including:

1. Implementing Entry Ban and Restrictions on Overseas Travel

Impose the entry and travel ban for employees who travel from/to/through high-risk countries according to the government's instruction.

2. Conducting Body Temperature Check

The body temperature check for every employee who arrives at the airport and bus terminal and when to enter the PTFI work area is needed. Employees whose body temperature above 38 degrees Celcius are required not to work and have to check to the medical team.

3. Maximizing the Physical Distancing

By closing several facilities such as schools, places of worship, and restaurants/cafeteria in all work areas. For the public facilities that remain open such as employee canteens and supermarkets, however the distance between queues have been implemented. The similar distance restriction is also applied to trams and bus employees which only operate within the work area.

4. Promoting hygiene standards

Spraying disinfectants in all offices and work areas, actively releasing educational content for employees.

5. Closing All Enter Accesses to Tembagapura

The company has been closing access to Tembagapura since March 26th, 2020. However, all logistical transportation operations continue to be carried out as usual so that the basic needs such as food are still being fulfilled.

6. Holding a Rapid Test and Preparing Handling Procedure as well as Health Observing Accommodation

As a screening and early detection procedure for the risk of COVID-19 transmission among the employees, PTFI has carried out a rapid test in accordance with the contact tracing process and will be developed in stages so that people around the company can be checked. At the same time, PTFI also provides facilities, personnel, and medical procedures to anticipate the employees handling in the operation area who need special monitoring. PTFI has also provided special accommodation for the employees who have symptoms of the disease or require further examination by medical teams in all work areas, such as in Tembagapura and Kuala Kencana, Timika.

Dr. Firdy Permana, A Public Health Manager of International SOS as the company partner in handling PTFI employees' healthy asserted that they are ready to face various possibilities in the work area. "We are actively coordinating with Mimika Regency Task Force for the Acceleration of COVID-19 Handling, Mimika Regency Government, and Central Government to carry out all transmission prevention and handling efforts of the COVID-19. Starting from the tracking and surveillance through rapid and PCR tests. We have been able to quickly identify new cases that provided optimism from all efforts to break the chain of the spread of the COVID-19," said **dr. Firdy**.

Dr. Firdy added that PTFI had also increased medical equipment such as PPE and ventilators, as well as prepared quarantine and isolation rooms in hospitals, clinics, as well as many employees' barracks which were then relocated to a monitoring area.

This was also confirmed by **the Spokesman for Mimika Regency COVID-19 Task Force, Reynold Ubra**. "We coordinate with the management of PT Freeport Indonesia to ensure all the prevention and handling of the spread of COVID-19 efforts in the company run in accordance with the COVID-19 health protocol. Freeport Team has also prepared medical workers in handling this COVID-19 pandemic," explained **Reynold**. It is also asserted that so far, Freeport is very cooperative in supporting the government's efforts to prevent and control the COVID-19 spread. "Freeport has done many preventive efforts and has well system and procedures in handling the pandemic in the company," added **Reynold**.

PTFI hoped, several mitigation efforts, collaboration efforts with the International SOS and Mimika Regency Task Force for the Acceleration of COVID-19 Handling, and active communication with all related parties can protect the employees. "Let's do what we can do to flattening the COVID-19 curve, said **Riza**.

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