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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 Warakah Maldumat, 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.

Keywords—prevention, Covid 19, Riau Customary Law

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 coronaviruses that could infect humans, namely alphascoronavirus 229E, alphacoronavirus 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 coronavirus in Indonesia is spread across 34 provinces in Indonesia. The spread of the coronavirus in Indonesia 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 (PPID) is 2,113 people with details of 1,760 people being allowed to go home and declared healthy, 185 people died, and 168 PPID are still being treated; and Positive Cases of Covid 19 totaling 227 people with details of 39 people being treated, 178 people recovering and healthy, and 10 people dying [3].

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


- 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 Leaving 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.


- 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/250/2020 concerning the Determination of PSBB in the Kampar Regency, Pekalawan 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, Pekalawan Regency, Siak Regency, Bengkalis Regency and Dumai City.


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 two (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% Javanes, 15% Batak, 2% Bugis, 1% Sundanese, and 4% others (fig. 1). Of the 41% ethnic Malays who became respondents, there were 13% Dombo, 12% Piliang, 8% Talang Manak, 8% Sakai, 3% Ujung Tanjung, 3% Piringon, 3% Deli, 3% Kuti, 3% Bone, 3% Batjar, and 41% other Malay.

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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 Riau 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 synchronize 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).

IV. WARKAH MAKLUMAT LEMBIAGA 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 dismak hikmahnya dapat
- Bila diperang beroleh manfaat
- WARKAH MAKLUMAT jadi pedoman
- Niatnya baik di tujuan
- Supaya aman rukun dan aman
- Terhindari dari segala kemalangan
- WARKAH MAKLUMAT disebut orang
- Bertis peluang yang patut dipegang
- Didakamnya ada pautan dan larang
- Bila dismak maknanya terang

Petunjuk is also found in eggs three Warkah Maklumat that: “Sesuai dengan prinsip tali berjalan tiga / tiga tungka sejajaran”, the head of government and leader of the indigenous people of Riau Malay in their respective territories for “setiap sekitar-seitam langkah-seciap bak cayam, sedencah bak bad" 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 couples 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).
government has declared Indonesia in a state of health emergency, the President of the Republic of Indonesia has signed and 

**issued (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 “*ali berputin tiga tungku segerangan*”, to the head of government and head of the Riau Malay indigenous peoples in their respective territories to *sesuai-sekait-seyuu lengkap* *seciap hak awam sedia menghadapi* 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 *rasional* solidarity, *senasib-sepemanggungan*, *ke air sama berbaasah, ke darat sama berhering, mendapat sama berlabar, hidup 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 of Indonesia, including on Tuesday 7 Syawal 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.
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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