Covid-19 Safety Protocols at Samboja Lestari

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, additional safety measures have been introduced at Samboja Lestari to ensure the safety of all volunteers, staff members and the orangutans. These are outlined in this document, and the most important of which is that you must be vaccinated against Covid-19 to take part (a minimum of 2 doses).

Additionally, you are required to take two Covid-19 tests during your stay, one on arrival and one on the fifth day. These are included and there are no additional costs.

Test 1 (Antigen test on arrival)

Upon arrival at the lodge, you will be asked to take a Rapid Antigen Test. If this is negative, you will continue with the project. If, however, this is positive, you will be required to take a PCR test, and if the result of this test is also positive, you will be required to self-isolate at the lodge for a minimum period of time and until you get a negative test result.

Test 2 (PCR test on day 5)

On your 5th day, you will be required to take a PCR test. If this is negative, you will continue with the project, but if the result is positive, you will be required to self-isolate at the lodge for a minimum period of time and until you get a negative PCR test result.

More Details - The reason for the tests is to firstly identify anyone who may have unwittingly contracted Covid-19 during their travels/flights through the Antigen test on arrival, and then ensure everyone is free from Covid-19 before working in closer proximity to the orangutans from the sixth day.

Face Masks

Face masks will be provided for all activities where it is necessary to ensure a minimum safety requirement is met, but please also take multiple face masks with you as it is mandatory to wear them at certain times, such as when in an enclosed space (e.g. a vehicle during your airport transfer).

Future Changes

As the requirements and guidelines surrounding Covid-19 can change at any time, these protocols are subject to change.