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**“THE KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDE OF PREVENTING COVID-19
TOWARDS THE NEW NORMAL ERA IN TAKATIDUNG SUB-
DISTRICT POLEWALI MANDAR REGENCY”**

ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND: COVID-19 or CoronaVirus Diseases 2019 is a disease caused by infection of the respiratory tract caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Corona virus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). In Indonesia itself, the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic occurred in early 2020 where the spread of this virus continues to increase to date. Based on the WHO, confirmed cases of COVID-19 in June 2022 in Indonesia were 6,046,467 and cases of death reached 156,240, while there were also the number of cases in West Sulawesi was 15,531 and cases of death reached 390 people, in Polewali Mandar 4,313 and cases of death of 160 people.

OBJECTIVE: To find out how the knowledge and attitudes of the people of the Takatidung sub-district, Polewali Mandar district, regarding the prevention of COVID-19 towards the new normal era.

METHOD: The method used is descriptive research with a cross sectional design approach. The data collection technique used in this study is primary data obtained through all the results of the questionnaire in the community of the Takatidung sub-district, Polewali Mandar district.

RESULTS: The total sample in this study was 93 samples. The results of this study indicate the level of knowledge and attitudes in the people of the Takatidung sub-district, Polewali Mandar district. In research on public knowledge, as many as 98.9% of the people of the Takatidung sub-district, Polewali Mandar district, had good knowledge about Covid-19, while 1.1% had less knowledge. a good attitude in efforts to prevent Covid-19, namely 90.3% who had a good attitude and 9.7% who had a bad attitude.

CONCLUSION: From the results of the study, it was found that most of the people in the Takatidung sub-district, Polewali Mandar district, had a good level of knowledge and attitude.

KEY WORDS: *COVID-19, New Normal, Takatidung Village, Polewali Mandar Regency, Attitudes and Knowledge.*