

17,000 Malaysians vaccinated against Covid-19 as of today

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Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said the top five vaccine doses administered by districts was Kuching (1,677), Sibü (1,360), Kinta (1,141), Kuantan (1,075) and Mukah (822).

Khairy, who is also the Coordinating Minister for the NIP, said the three states that have administered the most Covid-19 vaccines so far were Sarawak with 7,402, Pahang with 2,419 and Perak with 1,277.

He said this after the Special Committee on Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Access Guarantee (JKJAV) meeting which he co-chaired with Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba in Putrajaya today.

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Over 1.4 million people have registered via the MySejahtera app to receive their Covid-19 vaccines as at 11am today, which equates to 6.1 per cent of the nation's population.

"The level of registration percentage is quite low when our target is to get 80 per cent of Malaysians vaccinated. We need to heighten our efforts and communications to enable the people to register so they can get vaccinated.

"I believe it will increase after March 5 when hotlines and website registrations are opened. All hospitals and clinics are also opening up registration counters and this is one way to up the numbers.

"(However) It is all wait and see. We expected this from before. But when we have more frontliners getting vaccinated in Phase 1, the rakyat will be more confident (in getting their doses)," he said in a virtual press conference with Dr Adham.

In the meeting, Khairy and Dr Adham had also signed a guideline that states the list of frontliners eligible for Phase 1 vaccination, which he said, will serve as a deterrent for queue cutting.

"The guidelines specify in detail who are frontliners and the list will be uploaded on the website so the definitions are clear. Queue cutting will not arise as at the federal government level, there are clear guidelines and it must be adhered to," added Khairy.



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