

Only 6.1% of target 80% have registered for Covid-19 vaccine so far, says Khairy

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The Science, Technology and Innovation Minister said that as of 11am on Monday (March 1), a total of 1,468,137 people have registered through the MySejahtera app.

"This represents only 6.1% out of the target of 80% vaccination of the population.

"The registration is somewhat low and we need to step up efforts to increase registration," he said on Monday at a joint press conference with Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba after chairing the Special Committee on Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Access Guarantee on Monday.

He attributed the low rate of registration to a "wait-and-see" attitude taken by some members of the public following the start of the national immunisation programme on Feb 24.

"We expected this to happen. The rakyat will be more confident once more frontliners receive the vaccines," he said.

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He also expected the number of registrations to increase following the launching of hotline and online website registration this coming Friday (March 5).

"Clinics and hospitals have also opened counters for vaccine registration," he added.

On a separate matter, Khairy said that as on 11am on Monday, a total of 17,064 people have been vaccinated.

He said that Sarawak topped the list of those vaccinated with 7,402 followed by Pahang (2,419) and Perak (1,277).

The country kicked off its mass vaccination programme on Wednesday (Feb 24), with Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin being the first to be vaccinated.

There are three phases to the immunisation programme, with frontliners being vaccinated in the first phase from February to April.

The second phase runs from April and August this year, with high-risk groups and senior citizens aged 60 and above being vaccinated.

The rest of the Malaysian population aged 18 years and above will be vaccinated in the third phase, which is from May 2021 to February 2022.

The national Covid-19 immunisation programme is expected to be completed before the end of this year, ahead of its projected completion date in February next year.



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