

Disciplinary action awaits civil servants who decline Covid-19 vaccines

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LABUAN: Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali has urged all civil servants to comply with the rules set in the circular issued by the Public Service Department (PSD) that it was mandatory for all civil servants to complete their Covid-19 vaccination before Nov 1.

He said disciplinary action can be taken against those who refused to get vaccinated.

"According to the circular, civil servants must abide by what has been decided by their respective department head," he said after receiving the Covid-19 vaccine booster dose at the Membedai Health Clinic, near here, today.

Mohd Zuki said since many civil servants have returned to their respective offices, those who refused to be vaccinated would only cause discomfort among their colleagues and create negative perception towards the public service.

On the vaccination rate among civil servants in Labuan, he said it had reached more than 90 per cent.

Meanwhile, Mohd Zuki, who is on a two-day working visit to Labuan beginning today, said the operation of government offices would be fully reopened after all states moved to Phase Four of National Recovery Plan (NRP).

On Sept 30, the PSD made it mandatory for federal civil servants to get a Covid-19 vaccine which must be completed by Nov 1, 2021.

Based on the PSD statement, nearly 98 per cent of civil servants have been vaccinated, while 1.6 per cent or 16,902 people have yet to register.

The decision was made to boost public confidence and ensure smooth delivery of public services to the people, in line with efforts to restore the government's services to full operational level based on the phases of the NRP. – Bernama