

Cuepacs supports decision to mandate vaccinations for all civil servants

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The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) has urged all unvaccinated civil servants to get themselves inoculated against Covid-19 in this next one month. -NSTP file pic

KUALA LUMPUR: The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) has urged all unvaccinated civil servants to get themselves inoculated against Covid-19 in this next one month.

Its secretary-general Abdul Rahman Mohd Nordin made this call following the announcement made by the Public Service Department (PSD) to make vaccinations mandatory among the civil service.

He said Cuepacs fully supported the PSD's directive, and went further by suggesting that civil servants should not return to offices until they have had their jabs.

"The remaining 1.6 per cent of civil servants who have not registered for the vaccine must quickly do so and set a good example for the public. Until they get vaccinated, they should not be allowed to enter office premises.

"However, those with health issues and contraindications should get a medical letter from their respective doctors and they should be exempted from any disciplinary actions," Rahman told the New Straits Times.

Meanwhile, Cuepacs president Adnan Mat said in a statement that PSD's announcement was not intended to punish civil servants.

He said there had been plenty of opportunities and time given to civil servants to get vaccinated since the Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme was launched.

"We are employed by the government. We receive our instructions from the government to implement its policies so that we can deliver government services.

"Any failure by a civil servant to abide by this will result in he or she being subjected to disciplinary action in accordance with the Public Officers (Conduct and Discipline) Regulations 1993," he said.

Adnan said the period given until Nov 1 for the remaining 1.6 per cent of civil servants to get vaccinated is sufficient.

"There are government vaccination centres which allows for walk-ins, and this will help expedite the process.

"The move is aligned with the public service sector's aspirations as almost 98 per cent of civil servants have been immunised.

"We call on all remaining civil servants to comply and get themselves vaccinated as we are now focused on restoring the country's economic and social sectors," he said.

Earlier today, the PSD announced that all federal public services officers are required complete their vaccination before Nov 1.