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## Walk-in vaccinations for seniors

## Private health facilities in Selangor and KL first to open doors to initiative

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PETALING JAYA: Walk-in vaccinations for those age 60 and above at over 3,000 private clinics in the Klang Valley will be allowed, says Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba.

He said the government had decided to rope in 2,229 private clinics or general practitioners in Selangor and 1,254 in Kuala Lumpur to join in giving the vaccinations.

"Currently, there are about 700 general practitioners in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur involved in the initiative.

"We are implementing it in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur first before expanding it to other states," he said at a press conference yester-

Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force in a statement said the implementation date of the initiative would be announced in the near

future.
Dr Adham said 2,478,289 from 2,988,678 senior citizens who had registered for the vaccination nationwide had received their first dose.

He also said that since each of the general practitioners could vacci-

nate about 100 people a day, an estimated over 300,000 doses could be given daily.

"Those age 60 and above who have not been vaccinated can just walk into these general practitioners to be vaccinated.

"We decided on this because we noticed there are still a number of individuals over the age of 60 who have yet to be vaccinated," he said, adding that they also decided that vaccination centres for the industrial sector in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Seremban could also

operate 24 hours a day.

He said the move was to ensure the vaccination process could be

wrapped up in the greater Klang Valley area as scheduled.

Dr Adham also said the states would begin dispensing more Pfizer vaccines over Sinovac as more supplies of the former had started arriving.

He said Malaysia had procured a total of 45.7 million doses of Pfizer vaccines – the country's biggest order of all.

"We will start to move on to Pfizer vaccines as we have given out a substantial amount of Sinovac vaccine to states already.

"We ordered 16 million doses of Sinovac vaccine, and half have been given out. "The other half needs to be kept for second doses.

"So after this, other states will also be switching gradually to Pfizer," he said, responding to a question on the Kelantan Health Department's announcement that it would be stopping Sinovac jabs at the end of this month.

Dr Adham said that as of Wednesday, 434,828 doses were administered, with 279,938 for the first dose and 154,890 for the second dose.

He said 12,647,558 of the population had been vaccinated, with 26.5% of the population receiving their first dose and 12.3% their second dose.