

Walk-in vaccinations off to a smooth start

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KUALA LUMPUR: The walk-in vaccinations for those above 18 got off to a smooth start at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre vaccination dispensing centre (PPV).

The walk-ins, which were slated to begin at 2pm yesterday, kicked off at noon for those who arrived early to register for their jabs.

Among them were accountant Khor Jye Yin, 28, and her husband who wanted to be known only as Koh, 27.

The couple were spotted dressed up in personal protective suits when signing up for their vaccines.

"I registered for vaccination in February but did not get a date while my husband had to cancel his appointment last week.

"We decided to try walking in for the vaccine when we learned about it in the news," she said at the centre yesterday.

Khor said her husband ran into a bit of difficulty initially owing to his earlier appointment cancellation but was allowed to get his jab after officers handling the registration counter sorted the matter out.

"Everything went smoothly eventually. I am glad that we got our vaccinations done as we have been worried not only for our safety but also that of our 15-month-old son," she said.

Another was Dolly Dass, 59, who accompanied her 18-year-old son Keith Lee Bryan to give him moral support.

"My son was supposed to have gotten his first vaccine dose on July 31 but had to cancel it as we had a funeral to attend.

"We arrived at the centre early at about 12.30pm to try our luck and see if he could get his vaccine through the walk-in registration.

"Everything went smoothly and it was green light all the way," she said.

Dass, whose entire family from Ampang Jaya would be vaccinated



No such thing as too safe: Khor and husband Koh filling out the forms to get their jabs at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre PPV. — AZHAR MAHFOF/The Star

by Aug 26, advised others to get their vaccination as soon as possible and not "shop around" to get it done at a particular PPV.

Another to walk in was university student Mellody, 20, from Setapak, who registered for her vaccine in February but did not get an appointment date.

"I learned of the walk-in registration through the Health Ministry's website and decided to come.

"I am glad that I have gotten my first dose as it gives me a sense of security that I will be much safer if anything should happen," she said.

Meanwhile, several fans of local actor Tony Eusoff had a surprise when they spotted him helping out as a volunteer at the PPV.

Several had to do a double take

when they recognised the actor through his mask, with some posing for photographs with him.

"One of my friends is a doctor who is serving here and I asked him how I could help out.

"It is just a small gesture to help the nation's vaccination process and also for me to have a change of environment after being cooped up at home for so long," he said.

The walk-in initiative at the PPV in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor began on Monday for those above 40 and people with comorbidities.

The walk-in exercise for Malaysians aged above 18 in the Klang Valley begins on Aug 5 and will last till Aug 22.

Foreigners are also divided into the two categories and will receive

their jabs from Aug 9 to 11 and Aug 12 to 22.

Apart from the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, walk-in registrations were also conducted at the Bangi Avenue Convention Centre, Hotel Wyndham, Klang Dewan TAR Sabak Bernam, Dewan Komuniti Serendah, Movenpick Hotel, Convention Centre KLIA and Ideal Convention Centre, Shah Alam.

Walk-in registrations for non-Malaysian citizens between Aug 9 and 22 will be held at Stadium Nasional Bukit Jalil.

National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme coordinating minister Khairy Jamaluddin had said that the walk-in exercise would be expanded to other states, with priority given to senior citizens.