

MOBILE UNITS, DRIVE-IN HUBS TO UP JAB RATE

Vaccination units sent to care homes to inoculate elderly, military to test drive-through centre

KUALA LUMPUR

DRIVE-THROUGH stations and mobile units are being set up to get more Malaysians to be vaccinated under the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme.

Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said drive-through vaccination was easier and safer, and would expedite the programme.

He said the Sungai Besi Military Camp has been selected as a drive-through vaccination centre for military personnel and their families.

"If it proves to be a success with

military personnel and their families, then more drive-through centres will be opened to the public. The locations will be announced later," he said after attending the launch of the Armed Forces Covid-19 Modular Hospital at the Tuanku Mizan Military Hospital here yesterday.

Earlier, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba visited a drive-through vaccination facility at Canselor Tuanku Muhriz Hospital, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, which is set to open this month.

Last week, Coordinating Minister for the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme Khairy Jamaluddin said the government was looking at opening more vaccination centres and drive-through vaccination stations.

He had said following the success of the pilot drive-through vaccination station at Universiti Sains Malaysia's Kubang Kerian campus in Kota Baru, several states have sought permission to set up similar operations.

Mobile units have started making the rounds in Penang and Selangor to inoculate senior citizens.

The Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Access Guarantee Special Committee on Twitter said the Penang Timur Laut Health Department's mobile unit has visited 54 elderly nursing homes and vaccinated 1,330 senior citizens and 663 carers.

"There are 80 centres (in the district) with the residents expected to receive the complete dose on June 30," it said.

In a separate Tweet, it said a mobile unit also vaccinated residents and staff at a nursing home in Kuala Langat.

"They are (from the) high-risk group and must be protected."

Mobile Covid-19 vaccination lorries are being used to reach people with limited mobility.

It was reported that 30 mobile vaccination lorries would be activated at People's Housing Project areas and construction sites in the federal capital to speed up vaccination. Each lorry is capable of administering 100 doses.



Health workers from a mobile vaccination unit at a care home in George Town, Penang, to inoculate the staff and residents. BERNAMA PIC