

Four mega PPVs to open

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PETALING JAYA: Four more mega vaccination centres (PPV) in Klang Valley will be opened tomorrow, as the country continues to accelerate its Covid-19 immunisation drive.

The four are Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Axiata Arena Bukit Jalil, Setia City Convention Centre and UiTM Puncak Alam.

They will have a combined daily capacity of serving 23,000 people when fully operational.

National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP) coordinating minister Khairy Jamaluddin had previously said that The Mines Convention Centre would also be used as a mega vaccination centre.

More such centres would be opened in other states, with Setia SPICE Arena being the first in Penang.

SPICE Arena is also scheduled to start operations tomorrow for the opt-in AstraZeneca vaccination programme. It is expected to administer up to 3,000 doses daily.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has said that more mega vaccination centres are expected to be set up in the near future, especially in densely populated areas such as Klang Valley, Penang, Johor and Sarawak.

The country's first mega vaccination centre is at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (Mitec), which opened its doors on May 30.

With a capacity to vaccinate about 2,000 people a day, the aim is for Mitec to eventually ramp up vaccinations to more than 6,000 people daily.

Meanwhile, the Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF) announced that changes will be made to the date and time of vaccination appointments of those in the Klang Valley as the mega vaccination centres open.

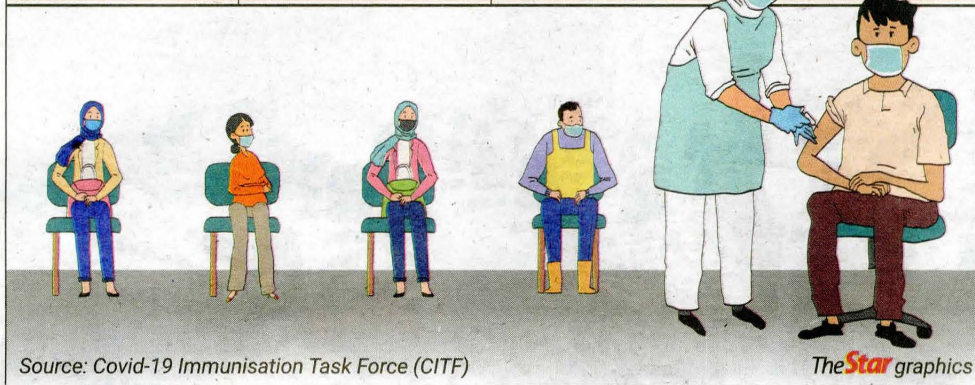
It said the changes were made to prevent congestion and enable physical distancing at the centres.

"It is also to ensure the comfort and safety of people there, especially senior citizens and persons with disability who will be vaccinated under Phase 2 of the National Immunisation Programme," CITF said in a statement yesterday.

MySejahtera users can now cancel or reschedule vaccine appointments via the app's new helpdesk feature.

Vaccine appointment changes

Original vaccination centres	Original appointment date	New vaccination centre	New appointment date
Manjalar Community Hall & Stadium Titiwangsa	June 7 to June 24	Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (Mitec)	Same date, but changes in appointment times
Manjalar Community Hall & Stadium Titiwangsa	Those who received first dose on May 17 and scheduled to receive second dose on June 8 at Mitec	Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (Mitec)	June 7 (Second dose)
Desa Tasik Sports Complex & Muhibbah Community Complex	June 7 to June 24	Axiata Arena Bukit Jalil	Same date, but changes in appointment time
Desa Tasik Sports Complex & Muhibbah Community Complex	Those who received first dose on May 17 and scheduled to receive second dose on June 8 at Axiata Arena	Axiata Arena Bukit Jalil	June 7 (Second dose)



Source: Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF)

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On the MySejahtera home page, users need to click on the "Helpdesk" feature and then the "Vaccination Appointment" option.

When "Vaccination Appointment" is opened, three options will appear, the first being for those who have not received a date despite getting a "Thank you" message after booking their slot for the AstraZeneca vaccine.

The second option is for those who want to know how to cancel their AstraZeneca appointment while the third is for date

changes for non-AstraZeneca appointments.

Although Khairy had previously described the mega vaccination centres as the "work-horse" of the NIP, he also stressed that they were only one part of the strategy to distribute and administer the vaccines quickly.

General practitioners (GPs) are also being marshalled as an essential part of the vaccination exercise, with the authorities targeting 1,000 GP clinics to be made vaccination centres by the end of June.