

Slow vaccination due to slow vaccines delivery



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The Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Khairy Jamaluddin said that the national immunisation programme (NIP) is currently moving slowly due to the slow delivery of the vaccines as Malaysia only received 1.38 million doses to date.

Khairy however said that the country will receive larger deliveries of the vaccine starting from June 2021.



“We are expected to receive a large amount of vaccine starting from June, which has been agreed upon in previous negotiations.



“The supply chain all over the world is experiencing difficulties, as developed countries have booked and purchased in large amounts to the point that they can vaccinate their population five times, leading to emerging countries such as ours and Australia to receive lower doses,” he said during the NIP update in Putrajaya today.

The ministry, he said, will be publishing the plans and schedule for NIP as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, he said that currently the number of people who have registered for vaccination stands at 8.51 million, which is 35.1% to the country’s target.

“The states that are seeing the highest number of registrations are Putrajaya, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Pulau Pinang and Negeri Sembilan, while the lowest registrations are being seen in Sabah, Kelantan, Pahang, Terengganu and Kedah,” he said.

He added that as phase 2 will be beginning soon, a total of 31,776 appointment messages have been sent out to the people eligible for the group.

“So far, only 42% have responded to the messages stating that they will come for the appointment, and it is advisable for those who haven’t done so to state their intentions so that we can plan around the doses and not waste the vaccines that we have so far,” he said.

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