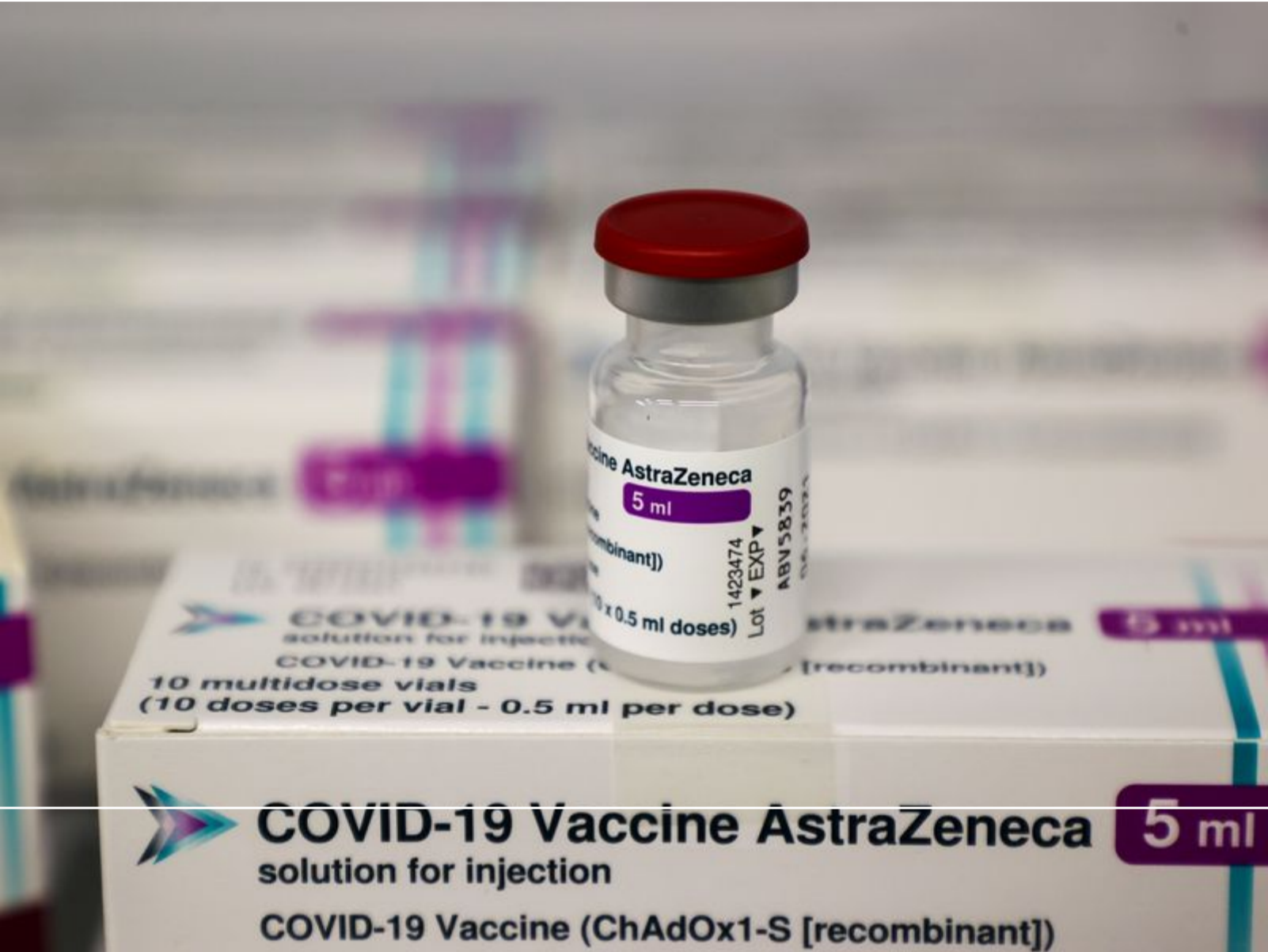


Malaysia gets 828,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine



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Malaysia received 828,000 doses of the expected 1,387,200 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine provided by the Covax Facility or Covid-19 Vaccine Allocation Plan.

The 559,200 doses of **AstraZeneca vaccines** that arrived this morning follows the April 21st Covax shipment of 268,800 doses to Kuala Lumpur.



Covax is a partnership between the World Health Organization (WHO), the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Gavi, and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).

“We are excited to see the second shipment of the Covid-19 vaccines as part of the COVAX Facility arriving in Malaysia this morning. We are very happy with this close partnership with the Government of Malaysia and relevant ministries for the opportunity to reach families and communities with life-saving vaccines,” said Dr Rashed Mus.



Sarwar, UNICEF Representative to Malaysia and Special Representative to Brunei Darussalam.

“This is another contribution to the government’s effort to safeguard the lives of citizens and non-citizens in Malaysia. Our partnership will continue, and we will overcome this pandemic together”, he added.

WHO Representative to Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam and Singapore Dr Lo Ying-Ru Jacqueline said the arrival of the vaccines through COVAX Facility is timely.

“As with the current surge of cases, we must take every opportunity available to vaccinate as many people as possible and reduce hospitalisation and deaths,” she said.

“Priority should be given to those who need it most – senior citizens and people with other underlying health conditions,” she said adding that WHO and its partners are working to ensure that more and different types of vaccines are made available through COVAX Facility.

The arrival in Kuala Lumpur marks an important milestone for the Covax Facility in its effort to deliver at least 2 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines by the end of 2021.

The COVAX Facility is an unprecedented global effort to provide every country in the world with equitable access to safe Covid-19 vaccines as rapidly as possible.

The government, through the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti) have been working together with WHO and Unicef to bring life-saving vaccines to the country.

Malaysia reported a total of 6,493 Covid cases as of noon today.

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