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PUTRAJAYA (June 14): The Phase 4 of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme, involving critical economic sectors, was activated today in an effort to contain workplace clusters, said the programme's coordinating minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

He said that Phase 4 is the pandemic control phase, to commence at industrial areas allowed to operate during the Movement Control Order period, which has been extended to June 28.

"This pandemic control phase involves critical economic sectors which are the backbone of the country's economic development, and it needs to be implemented as soon as possible so that workplace clusters can be contained," he said, referring to Covid-19 data released on Sunday which showed 11 out of 15 new clusters recorded were workplace clusters.

Khairy said the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) will coordinate the industry vaccination centres (PPVs) for the manufacturing sector.

"After that, more industry PPVs will be opened to other sectors such as construction,

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plantation, retail, and hospitality, in stages," he said in a joint press conference on the development of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme today with Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba.

According to Khairy, a total of 30,000 doses of vaccine were provided to the industry in June, excluding Sarawak.

MITI, on Saturday, said that Program Imunisasi Industri Covid-19 Kerjasama

Awam-Swasta for the manufacturing sector would be launched under Phase 4 of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme. It also said that it would be implemented with on-site vaccination at designated factories and industrial locations.

Meanwhile, Khairy said that the overall vaccination rate in the country under the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme recorded more than 100,000 doses administered daily.

The average doses administered last week, from June 7 to 13, were 130,842 doses daily, and there were an increase from the average of 94,481 doses daily in the previous week, he said.

Meanwhile, Khairy said that the Special Committee on Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Access Guarantee will distribute 30,000 doses of vaccine in Labuan due to the number of Covid-19 cases, which is quite critical for the island.

On June 7, the media reported that the number of active Covid-19 cases in Labuan had increased 63-fold since the beginning of last month.