

KPJ Healthcare's role in protecting people against Covid-19



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AS at June 22, over 6.3 million doses of vaccine have been administered to Malaysians.

Khairy Jamaluddin, the minister in charge of the National Immunisation Programme (NIP), is optimistic that by December 80% of the population of almost 33 million would have been inoculated.

This is possible with cooperation from the private sector, which has volunteered assistance in the form of manpower and venue.

In support of the NIP, KPJ Healthcare Bhd has set up 20 vaccination centres – of which 16 PPV at the hospitals are already running and it has one at PPV Mega Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

KPJ's PPV centres are currently vaccinating approximately 4,000 people per day, making KPJ the largest healthcare provider supporting the NIP. More than 60,000 individuals have been vaccinated at KPJ PPVs since March this year.

By the end of June, the company will be capable of vaccinating more than 6,000 people per day, which would account for approximately 4% of the 150,000 daily that is targeted to be carried out nationwide.

"KPJ is the largest homegrown private healthcare provider that supports the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme," said KPJ president and managing director Ahmad Shahizam Mohd Shariff.

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KPJ chief transformation officer Suriaghandi Suppiah added that between 1,400 and 1,500 doses have been given out each day by KPJ at the PPV Mega KLCC since June 7. The KPJ PPV centre at PPV Mega KLCC can handle at least 3,000 doses per day.



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In addition, Suriaghandi said that KPJ deployed more than 1,500 of its staff and volunteers for the vaccination programme nationwide.

“Our medical specialists also volunteered their time to give free consultation to people who turn up for their vaccination. We see this initiative as our corporate social responsibility to help safeguard public health. The faster the economy can reopen, the sooner people can go back to their lives,” he said.



Consultation for vaccinees at KPJ's PPV at the KL Convention Centre.

He shared that KPJ is also liaising with the relevant authorities and companies to procure vaccines to inoculate personnel from the corporate sector.

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Suriaghandi in discussion with KPJ's regional CEO Dr Munirah Khudri on the vaccine programme at the KL Convention Centre.

The vaccination exercise at PPV Mega KLCC is from 9am-8pm, and at the KPJ hospitals from 9am-4pm daily.

KPJ's regional CEO Dr Munirah Khudri said that KPJ centres administered Pfizer vaccines during the first phase of the national Covid-19 immunisation programme for frontliners, while for the second phase covering senior citizens, disabled people and those with comorbidity, Sinovac is used.

Besides the vaccination services, KPJ hospitals also provide Covid-19 screening/swab tests and in-patient care for Covid-19 patients including ICU care, she added.

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