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## Vaccination for manufacturing sector in two weeks



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GEORGE TOWN: Covid-19 vaccination for workers in the manufacturing sector will be launched in two weeks, said National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP) coordinating minister Khairy Jamaluddin today.

Khairy said he discussed the matter with International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali two days ago.

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"I will discuss with Penang Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow on plans to set up two additional PPVs in Bayan Lepas here and Batu Kawan on the mainland, so that factory workers who need to work during the lockdown period can be vaccinated," he said.

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Khairy, who is the Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti) Minister said this after a visit to the mega vaccine delivery centre (PPC) at SPICE Arena here today.

The event was attended by Chow.

Since the new year, Penang has been consistently registering daily three-figure Covid-19 cases, with the majority of those tested positive coming from the manufacturing clusters.

Chow had in the past appealed to Putrajaya to hasten vaccination for the economic frontliners.

Meanwhile, Khairy said the PPV at SPICE Arena would begin operations next Monday (June 7) for the opt-in AstraZeneca vaccination programme.

He said 133,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine would be available for Penang in this round of vaccination.

"For the first three days of operations, we are expecting 1,000 capacity for vaccination on each day. The capacity will be increased to 3,000 daily on working days and 2,000 daily for weekends.

"We also expect to speed up the Covid-19 vaccine supply to Penang from July onward," he said, adding another PPV would be opened in Penang next week at the Penang Pesta ground in Sungai Nibong here.

There are also 60 private clinics and six private hospitals in the state which are ready to be opened as PPVs.

Meanwhile, Chow said with the opening up of more PPVs, the state would

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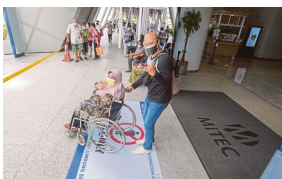
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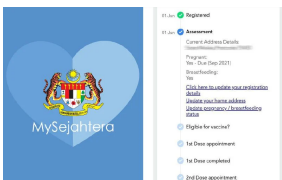
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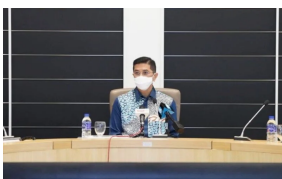


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be able to achieve its herd immunity by October.

"For that to happen, we are looking at vaccinating between 9,000 and 10,000 people daily," he added.



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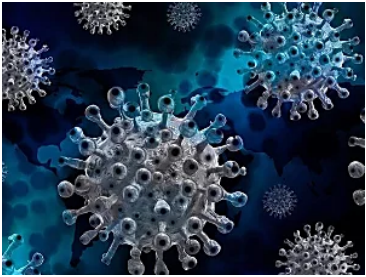
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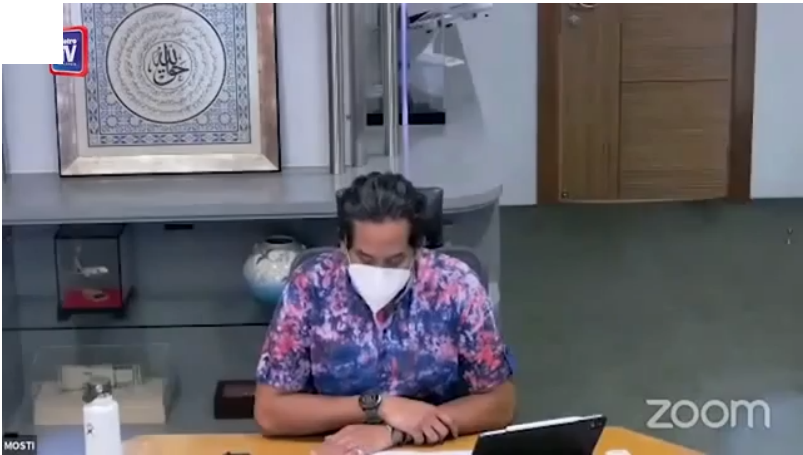
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