

Covid-19: Sufficient vaccine supply needed to implement walk-in vaccinations, says Perak MB



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Datuk Saarani Mohamad. - Filepic/The Star

TANJUNG MALIM (Bernama): Perak needs sufficient Covid-19 vaccine supply in order to implement the walk-in vaccination initiative in the state, says Mentri Besar Datuk Saarani Mohamad.

He said this was because the state government already has the required facilities and adequate manpower to carry out the initiative.

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"However, we rely on vaccines delivered by Mosti (Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry), so I appeal that we get sufficient vaccine supply to complete the vaccination process quickly."

He said this to reporters after visiting the Covid-19 Vaccination Outreach Mobile Trailer programme for Batang Padang district at Dewan Semai Bakti Felda Trolak Satu, about 90km away from Ipoh on Saturday (July 24).

Two Cub Prix motorsports trailers were converted into a mobile vaccination centre for the convenience of residents in Felda Gunung Besout 1 to 6 here, in the three-day vaccination programme which began on Thursday (July 22).

On Friday (July 23), Saarani said that Perak hoped to receive the balance of the vaccine supply by the end of this month to ensure the Covid-19 vaccination rate in the state reaches 40%.

So far, Perak has received 452,610 of the 688,760 doses stipulated and until July 21, a total of 600,627 or 32% of the state's residents had received the first dose while 311,793 or 10.8% had completed both doses of their vaccination.

Meanwhile, Saarani said the state government welcomed any efforts by all parties to help increase the vaccination rate among the people in Perak.

He said the Covid-19 Vaccination Outreach Mobile Trailer programme organised by Cub Prix Malaysia Fan Club and Safe Aim Mutual Sdn Bhd was among the efforts to help Perak move into the Third Phase of the National Recovery Plan (NRP) by fulfilling one of the threshold values, namely to achieve 40% of vaccination rate.

"We want to prevent Felda settlers and their children from travelling far to get their vaccine jabs, so similar initiatives can be carried out in other Felda areas in the state," he said. - Bernama

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