

'Sufficient supply needed for walk-ins'



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Site visit: Saarani (second from left) and Mah talking to vaccine recipients during a visit to the Covid-19 Vaccination Outreach Mobile Trailer programme at Dewan Semai Bakti Felda Trolak Satu. — Bernama

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

The Perak Menteri Besar said this was because the state government already has the required facilities and adequate manpower to carry out the

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"We are able to do (walk-in vaccinations) like in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur because our aim is to inoculate as many people and as soon as possible.

"However, we rely on vaccines delivered by Mosti (Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation), so I appeal for us to 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 yesterday.

Also present at the event was Deputy Education Minister Datuk Dr Mah Hang Soon.

Dr Mah said the initiative was an effective way to reach out to people, especially those in rural areas.

"I hope similar initiatives will be extended to more places.

"Such outreach events will help expedite the vaccination programme," he said when contacted.

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.

On Friday, Saarani reportedly 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 reached 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 welcomes any efforts from all quarters to help increase vaccinations among the people in Perak.

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

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