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Sabah needs more vaccines, BN MP says



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Datuk Mohamad Alamin (BN-Kimanis) urged the government through the Health Ministry as well as Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mosti) to send more vaccines to Sabah. - STR/MOHD ADAM ARININ

KUALA LUMPUR: Sabah is in need of more Covid-19 vaccines, including single-shot doses, since the vaccination rate in the state is relatively low compared to other states.

Datuk Mohamad Alamin (BN-Kimanis) urged the government through the Health Ministry as well as Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mosti) to send more vaccines to Sabah.

Given that Sabah is a big state where a number of its people live in rural areas, Mohamad said getting Sabahans in rural areas out to the vaccinations centres (PPVs) was not an easy task.

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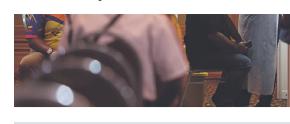


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"We believe that Mosti and the federal government have already agreed to send the CanSino single-shot vaccines to Sabah, but my request is to increase the quantity because Sabah is a big state and we are in need of single-dose vaccines."

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"The government had projected that by the third week of August, the number of adults who will be vaccinated in Sabah would stand at 750,000 but this figure is too low.

"The rate is low compared to the adult population of Sabah, which is 2.7 million people who must be inoculated.

"I'm asking the government to send more vaccines as soon as possible. Send them on time and send more doses," he said in the Dewan Rakyat today.

On top of that, Mohamad said the state also required additional PPVs so that more Sabahans could be vaccinated on a daily basis.

He said Sabah has the capacity to accommodate up to 59,000 doses per day but at the moment the state was only able to give out about 30,000 jabs daily.

"The capability to give jabs is higher than the number of doses available at the PPVs.

"I ask for the relevant ministries to quickly send more doses to Sabah so that we can maximise their capability to give jabs," he said.

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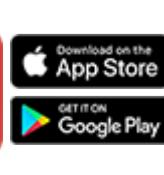
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