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Decision to halt involvement of GPs in PICK only temporary

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Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (PICK) in the Klang Valley is only temporary.

Health Ministry (MOH) and Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (MOSTI) in a joint statement today said the decision was made after studying various factors such as the capacity of the vaccination centres (PPV), the number of vaccines and the supplies as well as the number of people who still need to be vaccinated.

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It said that it was in line with the implementation of PICK, which is to ensure the vaccination rates are high and done as swiftly as possible.

The vaccination rates will then gradually decrease as more people receive the Covid-19 vaccine shots, the statement read.

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It was reported that more than 700 private clinics were stopped from administering Covid-19 vaccines under PICK.

The statement said that the involvement of GPs which began in May had contributed to the success of the recent Capacity Surge Operation which saw most Klang Valley residents being vaccinated.

"To date, 1,688 out of about 7,000 GPs nationwide had taken part in PICK. As of Aug 24, out of 32,212,527 doses administered nationwide under PICK, a total of 1,087,813 doses have been dispensed by GPs.

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"This constitutes 3.4% of the total vaccines administered under PICK. Apart from GPs, 471 other organisations comprising private hospitals, private venues, and industries were also involved in PICK," the ministries said.

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CONTRIBUTOR: A total of 62,101 doses were administered by the front starting April 29.

"The number increased to a total of 233,278 doses on Aug 23 when private medical practitioners took over starting June 21," the statement read.

In the Klang Valley, it said 438,812 doses or 3.6% had been administered by 760 GPs while 54 PPVs were run by health care organisations (HCO), of which 45 were among consortiums of GPs, clinic networks, private hospitals and university hospitals.

"Therefore, we would like to call on GPs, especially in the Klang Valley to remain steadfast with us in making PICK a success," said the statement. — *Bernama*

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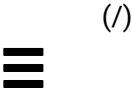


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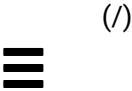


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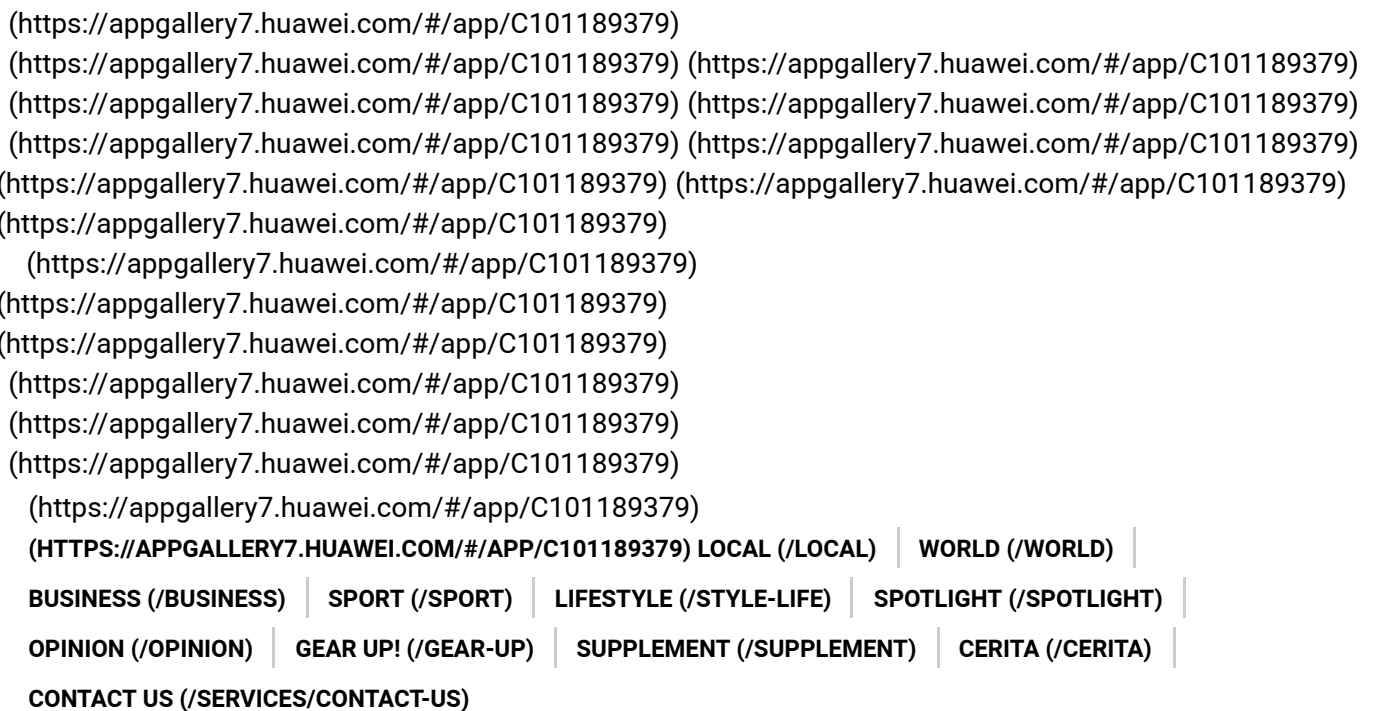
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