

# Covid-19: Decision to halt GPs' involvement in PICK is only temporary, says govt



**NATION** 🔒

Thursday, 26 Aug 2021 8:25 PM MYT

KUALA LUMPUR (Bernama): The decision to halt the involvement of private general practitioners in the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (PICK) in the Klang Valley is only temporary.

The Health Ministry (MOH) and Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mosti), in a joint statement on Thursday (Aug 26), 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.

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.

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 Operation Surge Capacity, 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 were dispensed by GPs.

**n Nation**



Ismail Sabri describes Cabinet line-up as...



Ismail Sabri unveils new Cabinet line-up, no DPM 🔒



zy - Terms



Home



For You



Bookmark



Audio



Search

There are various types of PPVs involving private medical practitioners, namely general practitioner PPV, specialist clinic PPV, private hospital PPV, ambulatory care centre PPV, integration PPV and industrial PPV as well as outreach programmes by GPs and NGOs.

"Several PPVs originally operated by the MOH are now under the GPs such as the Sunway Convention Centre PPV. A total of 52,451 doses were administered by the MOH starting April 26.

"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

Join our [Telegram](#) channel to get our Evening Alerts and breaking news highlights

#### TAGS / KEYWORDS:

**Covid-19** , **Coronavirus** , **PICK** , **GPs** , **Vaccination** , **Private Healthcare**

Found a mistake in this article?

Report it to us.



## Stories You'll Enjoy

**STARPLUS** 5h ago

**INTERACTIVE: Looking into the two million students eligible for vaccination**

n Nation



Ismail Sabri describes Cabinet line-up as...



Ismail Sabri unveils new Cabinet line-up, no DPM 🔒



zy - Terms



Home



For You



Bookmark



Audio



Search

**NATION** 12h ago

## 'Decision to halt involvement of GPs in PICK only temporary'

**NATION** 5h ago

## INTERACTIVE: Looking into the two million students eligible for vaccination

**STARPICKS** 

## Affordable clean water for Malaysians homes

**NATION** 1h ago

## Up to PM whether I remain as Speaker for Sept Dewan Rakyat meeting, says Art Harun

**n Nation**

Ismail Sabri describes Cabinet line-up as...

Ismail Sabri unveils new Cabinet line-up, no DPM 

zy - Terms



Home



For You



Bookmark



Audio



Search

**NATION** 13h ago

Health Ministry should explain why 100 contract doctors rejected offers for permanent...

**NATION** 20h ago

Covid-19: Record high of 24,599 new cases recorded on Thursday (Aug 26)

**METRO NEWS** 12h ago

PPVs in Seberang Prai to continue vaccination efforts as usual

**SINGAPORE** 19h ago

Two Singapore club bosses who told dancers to have sex with customers jailed and fined

**n Nation**

Ismail Sabri describes Cabinet line-up as...



Ismail Sabri unveils new Cabinet line-up, no DPM



zy - Terms



Home



For You



Bookmark



Audio



Search

[Load More](#)

### Subscriptions

[The Star Digital Access](#)  
[SMS Services](#)  
[Newsstand](#)  
[Other Publications](#)

### Advertising

[Our Rate Card](#)  
[Classifieds](#)

### Company Info

[About Us](#)  
[Job Opportunities](#)  
[Investor Relations](#)

### Help

[Contact Us](#)  
[FAQs](#)

### Policies

[Privacy Statement](#)  
[Terms & Conditions](#)



Subscribe to our FREE newsletter!

n Nation



Ismail Sabri describes Cabinet line-up as...



Ismail Sabri unveils new Cabinet line-up,  
no DPM



zy - Terms



Home



For You



Bookmark



Audio



Search

