

MPs disagree on ending walk-in jabs in Klang Valley

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Mass vaccination centres continue to carry the risk of becoming Covid-19 super-spreaders, says Dr Lee Boon Chye.

PETALING JAYA: DAP's Charles Santiago has criticised Putrajaya's move to end walk-in vaccinations in the Klang Valley as a hasty decision, but PKR's Dr Lee Boon Chye has welcomed it as "reasonable".

In announcing the decision recently, science, technology and innovation minister Dr Adham Baba said the jabs would, from Sept 16, be administered at designated government clinics instead of vaccination centres (PPV). The list of such clinics will be announced soon.

Adham said the decision was made because attendance at PPVs was now low and the number of unvaccinated Klang Valley residents was small.

Santiago, who is Klang MP, alleged that the MySejahtera data did not accurately represent the population of the Klang Valley and said the veracity of the claim about the small number of unvaccinated persons could therefore be challenged.

He said in a tweet that walk-in vaccinations must continue "for the thousands who have not been vaccinated, especially the B40 group and undocumented workers".

However, Lee said PPVs continue to carry the risk of becoming Covid-19 super-spreaders.

"Hence, it is reasonable to cease the operations of mega PPVs when there is no more need for massive vaccinations," the Gopeng MP told FMT.

Lee, who was deputy health minister when Pakatan Harapan was in power, welcomed the assignment of health clinics for the jabs, saying: "It will become like the usual practice for other vaccines, such as polio, measles and Hepatitis B."

According to the government, 51.1% of Malaysia's population have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

The vaccine supply committee has said 72.5% of the Klang Valley population have been fully vaccinated.

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