

Malaysia's vaccination rate surpasses neighbours - Khairy

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Malaysia's Covid-19 vaccination rate has surpassed Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, and Vietnam up till yesterday, said National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP) coordinating minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

He said this includes individuals who have received at least their first Covid-19 vaccine shot.

“Although this is not a race, it is good for us to benchmark our performance and in terms of daily injection rate, I have asked for it to be constantly improved from day to day.

“Yesterday, we recorded 105,655 vaccine injections, most of which were first dose shots,” he said.

He was speaking during a joint press conference with Penang Chief Minister

Chow Kon Yeow after visiting a vaccination centre at the Spice Arena in George Town today.

Khairy, who is also the science, technology, and innovation minister, said the government targets giving 150,000 vaccine shots per day by June before increasing them to 200,000 shots by July.

He said the target could be achieved by establishing more vaccination centres, including 1,000 private clinics nationwide, as well as via drive-through jabs.

On his visit, Khairy said the vaccination centre at the Spice Arena would be used as the AstraZeneca vaccination centre in Penang starting June 7, with 133,000 doses prepared for the first round of vaccination.

“We will start with 1,000 vaccine shots a day and will increase to 3,000 a day on weekdays and 2,000 on weekends.

“The government is also looking into the proposal to set up vaccination centres in the Bayan Lepas and Batu Kawan industrial areas to facilitate the vaccination process for workers who have to work during the movement control order,” he said.

Meanwhile, Chow said Penang needs to provide 9,000 to 10,000 vaccine shots daily to achieve the herd immunity target by October this year.

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