

Govt drafting Covid-19 exit plan – PM

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The government is drafting a National Recovery Plan in preparation for the country to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic at a reasonable level, said Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin.

Muhyiddin said the plan based on data, science and all the preparations that had been done, including in terms of Covid-19 management, the economy, vaccination programme and so on, would be presented to the National Security Council (NSC) within the next week.

“Some of the key ministers involved have already sat down with me to present the draft. Basically good, but not yet refined.

“It is time we want to set an exit strategy or National Recovery Plan for us to get out of this problem, but this is a big challenge depending on the cooperation and support of all parties,” he said.

Muhyiddin told this to reporters after visiting the mobile vaccination centre at the Sri Johor People's Housing Project (PPR), Bandar Tun Razak today. He was accompanied by Federal Territories Minister Annuar Musa.

Muhyiddin said the plan was also, among others, to inform the people about the current developments and the phases involving the management of Covid-19 in the country.

“This we will evaluate, it (plan) will have phase one, phase two... based on the data, for example if (cases of) Covid-19 we see there are already signs of decline, but it cannot be a time to celebrate because the phase has not been completed. If possible we want cases to go down further.

“This means we have to help the Health Ministry (MOH) manage to ensure that our healthcare system does not collapse... hospitals, bed facilities, ventilators, hospital staff must be enough. We are implementing all these,” he said.

In the meantime, the prime minister said the government is considering setting a deadline for registration for Covid-19 vaccination.

He said currently the registration process is done openly and ongoing with no deadline set.

“Let’s say (we set) the end of July, so whoever hasn’t registered yet, please register. If there are any left, we will help to register so that everyone is already in our system and we can plan the next phases until the vaccination programme is completed throughout the country,” he said.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin said Kuala Lumpur is expected to achieve herd immunity earlier, which will be this August.

He said the expectation was based on the opening of more vaccination centres (PPV) including mega PPV and mobile vaccination programmes that would enable many people in the federal territory to receive vaccination.

Commenting on the mobile vaccination programme, Muhyiddin said the method was one of the ways to expedite vaccination and that the government planned to add more mobile PPV in certain areas.

The implementation of the mobile vaccination pilot project which began on June 7 at the Kampung Muhibbah PPR here is the outcome of a strategic collaboration between the Federal Territories Ministry, MOH, Kuala Lumpur City Hall and Yayasan Wilayah Persekutuan..

The programme is one of the seven initiatives of the Wilayah Cakna 5.0 drive to

ensure that 80 percent of the residents of the federal capital are vaccinated by the end of August 2021.

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