

PM to receive first vaccine shot to prove it's safe

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is ready to literally roll up his sleeve and join the first batch of Malaysians to receive the Covid-19 vaccine once approved for use in the country.

This, he said, was to assure the public of the vaccine's safety and efficacy. Speaking in a televised address, he said after him, next in line to receive the shot would be the country's frontliners.

"To assure people that the vaccine we secured is safe and effective, I will be among the first to receive the Covid-19 vaccine.

"This will be followed by the frontliners and, subsequently, targeted groups which are in the high-risk category, such as senior citizens, those with non-communicable diseases and those with chronic respiratory illnesses."

Muhyiddin will soon join other

leaders who took similar steps.

They include British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, United States' President-Elect Joe Biden, former US presidents Barack Obama, George Bush and Bill Clinton.

US Vice-President Mike Pence was vaccinated last Friday in a similar attempt to boost public confidence in Covid-19 vaccines.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo had announced that he would be inoculated first to show people that Covid-19 vaccines were safe.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was vaccinated against the coronavirus on live television on Saturday, becoming the first Israeli and one of the first world leaders to be inoculated.

The Covid-19 vaccine is administered in two doses three to four weeks apart.