

PM visits vaccine storage

Preparations on schedule for first phase of rollout

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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin visited the National Cancer Institute to observe the facility's preparedness to implement the first phase of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme that will kick off tomorrow.

During the visit, he was briefed on the storage and management of the vaccines at the Vaccine Storage Centre (PSV) as well as on the process of vaccination.

"The Prime Minister also observed final preparations that were being done at the Vaccination Centre (PPV)," said a statement from the Prime Minister's Office.

Also present were Science, Technology and Innovation Minister and Coordinating Minister for the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme Khairy Jamaluddin, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba and Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

There are 54 PSVs and 605 PPVs nationwide.

The National Cancer Institute is one of the 54 PSVs and will supply vaccines to four PPVs in Putrajaya.

According to the PMO, vaccines received by the institute are meant to be used for the first phase of the programme involving 7,020 health and non-health frontliners.



All ready to go: Muhyiddin being given a briefing about the vaccine by Khairy (left) during a visit to the storage facility at the National Cancer Institute in Putrajaya. Looking on are Dr Adham (second from right) and Dr Noor Hisham (right). — Bernama

The first batch of 312,390 Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines arrived in Malaysia on Sunday. This batch would be administered to over

271,000 frontliners, 57.3% of whom are medical personnel and 42.7% non-medical frontliners.

Muhyiddin will be the first to

receive the vaccine after chairing the Cabinet meeting, with Dr Noor Hisham being the next to be immunised.