

# PM: Vaccination plan on right track

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## Record number of daily doses administered an encouraging sign, says Muhyiddin

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Malaysia achieved its highest daily Covid-19 vaccination rate so far with 313,761 doses administered on Monday, signalling that the country's inoculation initiative is on the right track.

"Looking at this development, the government is optimistic that efforts being planned are on the right track," said Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in a video posted on his Facebook page yesterday.

The number of doses administered on Monday saw a significant increase from the previous day, when a total of 206,015 doses were administered.

As of Monday, 6,565,002 individuals had received their first dose while 2,735,474 had completed their second dose.

The Special Committee on Covid-19 Vaccine Supply (JKJAV) said on its Twitter account yesterday that more than 10% of the adult population had been fully vaccinated.

The Prime Minister reiterated his National Recovery Plan announcement on June 15, where a target was set to boost the daily vaccination rate to more than 300,000 doses a day in July.

"Additionally, I have announced the National People's Well-being and Economic Recovery Package (Pemulihan).

"The third focus in this initiative is to accelerate the vaccination of as



many (people) in Malaysia as possible," he said.

He said achieving the vaccination target would allow the people to come close to what their daily lives were like before the pandemic.

He also thanked and congratulated National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme coordinating minister Khairy Jamaluddin and Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba.

"My thanks also goes to the frontliners, volunteers and all Malaysians for taking part in the vaccination programme and making it a success," added Muhyiddin.

Previously, the government targeted to administer a daily average of 389,589 doses in July and 433,796 doses in August.

It also plans to inoculate 80% of the population or 26.5 million individuals by December.

On Feb 24, Malaysia kicked off the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme involving frontliners.

The second phase began on April 19 involving the elderly, the disabled and those with comorbidities while the third phase, which is ongoing, involves those aged 18 and above.

Under phase four, the government also launched the Public-Private Partnership Industrial Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (Pikas) to ramp up the vaccination process for those in the critical economic sectors.

The country's vaccine supplies were recently boosted after it received one million AstraZeneca doses from Japan and one million Pfizer-BioNTech doses from the United States.

The nation is also expecting to receive about 500,000 doses of the Sinovac vaccine from China in mid-July.

The procurement of about 5.4 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine by the government is also expected to arrive this month.