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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.

Perak has 148 new cases after Sunday spike

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PUTRAJAYA: Perak recorded 148 new Covid-19 infections after a surge of over 1,000 cases on Sunday.

Of yesterday's new cases, 102 were from previously identified clusters while the rest were detected through contact tracing and other Covid-19 screening.

On Sunday, the state recorded 1,215 new cases with the Jalan Changkat Jong cluster in Teluk Intan contributing 1,046 of them.

The cluster involved a factory which has been closed since last Tuesday with the enhanced movement control order imposed in the

dormitory and factory site.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said 2,192 new infections were recorded in the country, bringing the total number of cases to 285,761.

Selangor saw 910 new infections while Kuala Lumpur and Sarawak saw 303 and 221 new cases respectively.

He said that recoveries outpaced the number of new cases, with 3,414 patients having been discharged and a total of 252,623 people having recovered from the disease.

"The number of people with active Covid-19 infections in Malaysia now stands at 32,076.

"Currently, 199 patients are in intensive care, with 91 requiring ventilator support," he said in a statement.

Dr Noor Hisham added that six more deaths were recorded, including that of a 17-year-old non-Malaysian male, bringing the total fatalities to 1,062.

"The teenager's body was brought to Hospital Sultan Ismail in Johor Baru and he was found not to have any underlying medical issues.

"Another fatality was a 25-year-old Malaysian male in Pahang who suffered from mediastinal tumour while other fatalities involved Malaysians aged 50 and above and who suffered from comorbidities

such as diabetes and high blood pressure," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham also noted that eight new clusters were detected, seven of which were linked to workplace infections.

He said one cluster was attributed to community transmission and was linked to a funeral that was held at a village in Samarahan, Sarawak.

"Sixty people have been found positive of Covid-19 from this cluster," he said.

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