

COVID-19 Advisory 37

UPDATE ON VACCINATION & CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT NATIONAL COVID-19 IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME AT SUNWAY PYRAMID CONVENTION CENTRE

Dear Students and Staff Members of the Sunway Education Group (SEG) community,

1. Phase 2 of the **National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme or Program Imunisasi COVID-19 Kebangsaan (PICK)** recently began on April 19. This phase of the immunisation programme prioritises the elderly, those with comorbidity conditions and people with disabilities. While the vaccination progress being made has been encouraging, the **government has recently called upon members of the public to continue signing-up for the vaccination** especially for Phase 2 and in anticipation of Phase 3 which will begin in May. Phase 3 will involve everyone (citizens & non-citizens) aged 18 years and above and will stretch all the way till next year.

PHASE 2 (April – August 2021)

Priority group 1

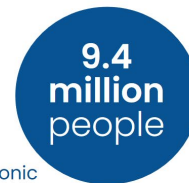
Remainder of healthcare workers as well as those in essential services and defence and security personnel

Priority group 2

Senior citizens (those aged 60 and over), high-risk group with chronic diseases such as heart disease, obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure and people with disabilities (OKU)*

* The information will be reviewed periodically

Pandemic control measures



PHASE 3 (May 2021 – February 2022)

Priority group

Adult population aged 18 years and above (citizens & non-citizens)

Priority will be given to those in the red zones; followed by those in yellow zones and finally those in green zones

Pandemic control measures

Source: MOH



2. In addition, today YB Khairy Jamaluddin, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), **announced that the government is offering an opt-in choice for members of the public residing -- in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor -- who want to take the AstraZeneca vaccine. The vaccine will be offered on a first-come first serve basis. Bookings will be open tomorrow, 2 May 1200hrs at <https://vaksincovid.gov.my>.** Four designated vaccine dispensing centres (PPV) have been identified: Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur and IDCC Shah Alam. To make the booking, you must be registered for the vaccination. If you have not done so, please do so immediately via MySejahtera, the vaksincovid.gov.my website or the call centre (1-800-888-828).
3. **Based on the clinical trial and real-world efficacy and safety data of the tens of millions of individuals who have received the AstraZeneca vaccine, we encourage our students and staff to consider taking this opportunity to secure the possibility to receive your COVID-19 vaccination ahead of the current queue in the national immunisation programme.** However, please familiarise yourself with all relevant information about the AstraZeneca vaccine beforehand. For further information regarding the vaccine, you can review the latest factsheet provided by the Government's Special Committee for Ensuring Access to COVID-19 Vaccine Supply (JKJAV) (<https://bit.ly/2PD0z6G>). You can also listen to the President of Sunway University

and world-renowned immunopathologist, Prof Sibrandes Poppema share his thoughts regarding the vaccine during a recent Astro Awani interview (https://fb.watch/5cZN_ZavEY/).

BOOKINGS
for
ASTRAZENECA VACCINE SHOTS
will **open** on

2 MAY 2021 (SUNDAY) 12 PM

at **www.vaksinovid.gov.my** *

Reservations are on a *first-come, first-served* basis

BOOKING REQUIREMENTS


- Aged 18 years and above
- For those who have previously registered for vaccination under the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme
- Live in Kuala Lumpur or Selangor

* Please familiarise yourself with all relevant information about the vaccine before booking.



4. All COVID-19 vaccines used in the national immunisation programme are approved by the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA) and are proven safe and efficacious to be used. The vaccination will be administered for FREE for everyone including international students and staff. Here’s how you may register for your vaccination through the MySejahtera app in 4 simple steps:

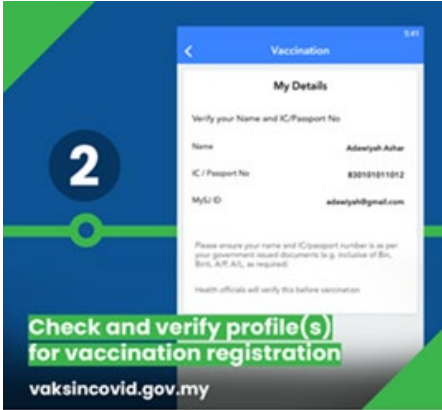
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Click on COVID-19 Vaccination and Vaccine for <your name>

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2



Check and verify profile(s) for vaccination registration

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3



Answer the health assessment to complete your registration

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4



Congratulations! Your registration is now successful! Wait for a notification once you are selected.

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5. More information (in 4 languages) can also be accessed at the official website, <https://www.vaksinovid.gov.my/>.
6. As I have previously shared, the Sunway Group has designated Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre (SPCC) as the first private large-scale vaccination centre for the Petaling district. Vaccination efforts have been carried out at the SPCC since February and we continue to be a proud supporter of the government’s vaccination goal to vaccinate at least 80% of the

population before the end of the year. It goes without saying **that the greater the population number vaccinated, the safer all of us will be, sooner.**

7. As the vaccination efforts are ramped up at the SPCC, the Sunway Education Group is working closely with the Ministry of Health Malaysia officials to help provide necessary support. **Non-healthcare volunteers are needed** to support the efforts to increase the vaccine roll-out capacity at the SPCC. Thus, we are **calling for willing and able SEG student volunteers (aged ≥ 18 years)** in the service of our nation. For those who are interested, please fill-up this expression of interest form at <https://bit.ly/3e5Cclq>. We will contact you to provide more detailed information regarding training, roles, responsibilities and commitment. Let's rise to the challenge, Sunway!

My dear students and colleagues, it has been a long journey in our battle against COVID-19. From wearing of face masks to sanitising our hands, from maintaining physical distancing to observing the various MCOs, I commend you all for your efforts and sacrifice. This vaccination programme needs our support to succeed. Therefore, let us continue to play our part -- for each other & for our loved ones.

#LindungDiriLindungSemua
#ProtectSelfProtectAll

Professor Elizabeth Lee
Chief Executive Officer
Sunway Education Group
1 May 2021

Register for vaccination

Download the MySejahtera app

Click the COVID-19 vaccination button and follow the steps.
For more info, visit www.vaksinovid.gov.my

FOR FURTHER
INQUIRIES



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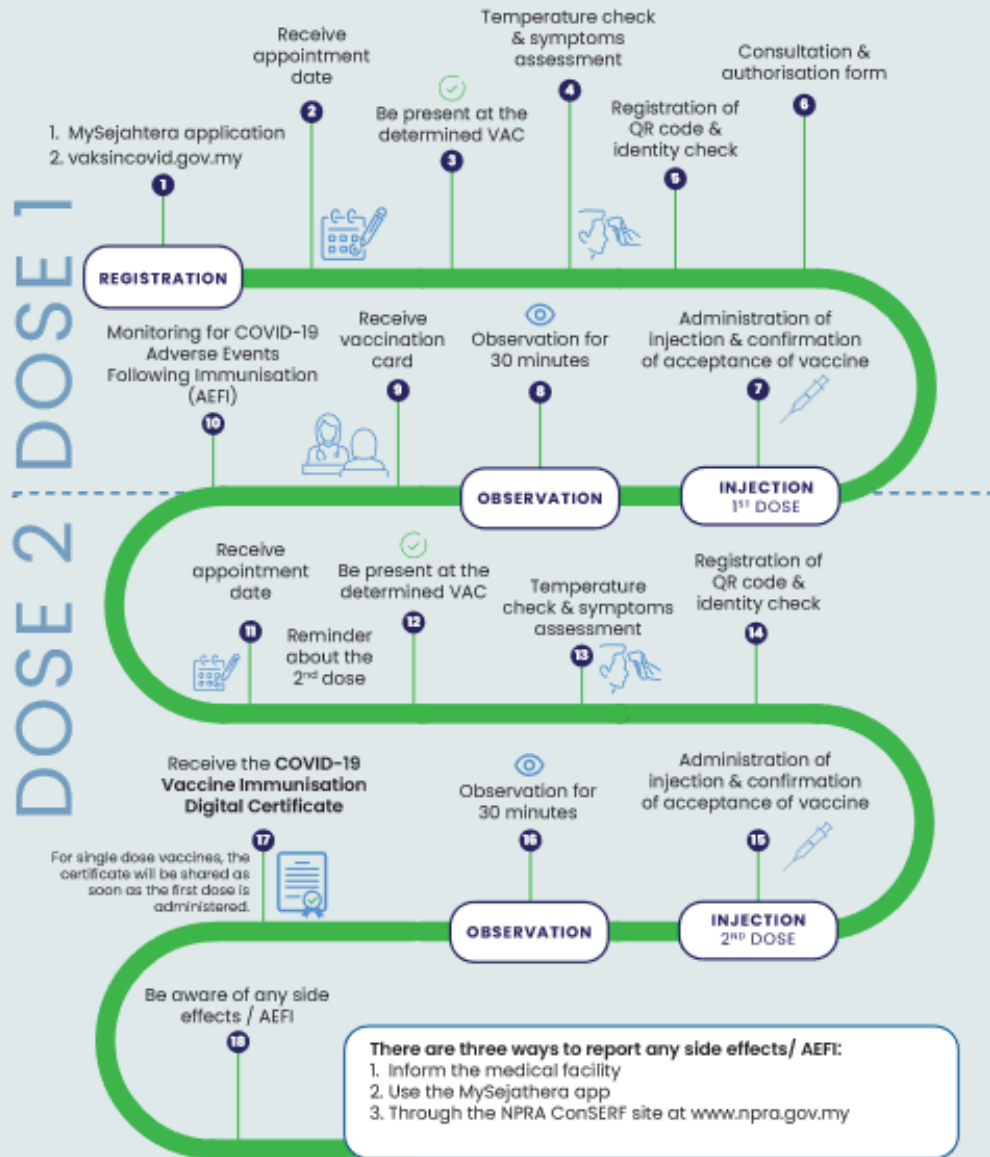
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENSURING ACCESS
TO COVID-19 VACCINE SUPPLY (JKJAV)

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VACCINATION PROCESS THROUGH MYSEJATHERA APPLICATION & VAKSINCOVID.GOV.MY



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For single dose vaccines, the vaccination process will end at step 9
*Subject to the type of vaccine
Vaccines Administration Centres (VAC)

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENSURING ACCESS
TO COVID-19 VACCINE SUPPLY (JKJAV)**

VACCINATION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE COVID-19 VACCINE



- Those 18 and above can be vaccinated
- Those with co-morbidities are at high risk of suffering from severe COVID-19 disease if infected
- Thus, those with co-morbidities should be vaccinated to protect themselves from suffering the effects of severe infection

* Co-morbid is defined as a person who is suffering from two or more unrelated diseases/medical conditions simultaneously

HIGH RISK GROUPS ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION

Those suffering from the conditions listed below are considered high-risk and will therefore be **PRIORITISED** for vaccination accordingly



Diabetes: Type 1 or 2



Obesity: BMI >40 with obesity-related diseases



Hypertension/ High blood pressure



Hyper-cholesterolaemia



Heart disease including congenital heart disease, atrial fibrillation, coronary artery disease and heart failure



Lung disease: Asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)



Cancer (treatment completed and disease stable)



Pregnancy with co-morbidities: Between 14-33 weeks



Chronic kidney disease: Stages 3-5, undergoing dialysis



FOR MORE INFORMATION,

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VACCINATION IS ALSO SAFE AND RECOMMENDED...



After acute illness: Fever (2 weeks after recovery)



After receiving other vaccines (2 weeks after receiving vaccine)



For lactating mothers



For mild allergies sufferers: Food, medicine, insect bites (rashes, itchiness, swelling)



For HIV patients: Stable condition

CONTRAINDICATION* TO VACCINATION

There are a few conditions that **CONTRAINDICATE VACCINATION**, which are:

- ✗ **SEVERE ALLERGIES, ANAPHYLAXIS**, after receiving the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine (not to take the second dose)
- ✗ **SEVERE ALLERGIES, ANAPHYLAXIS** to other vaccines, medications or other substances

Consult your doctor...

- if you have **ALLERGIES** and are **UNSURE** about the severity
- to **DISCUSS YOUR VACCINATION SCHEDULE** if you belong to one of the high-risk groups below:
 - a) **BLOOD DISORDERS** including those receiving medication such as blood thinners
 - b) **WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM** due to diseases or medications:
 - Cancer patients currently undergoing treatment
 - Autoimmune diseases: SLE and rheumatoid arthritis on specialised medication
 - c) Receiving long-term **STEROIDS**





* A contraindication is defined as a symptom or condition that renders a certain treatment risky to a patient

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Supply of COVID-19 vaccines that have been acquired by Malaysia

Vaccine		 (Including COVAX Facility purchases)			
Type of Vaccines	mRNA	Viral vector	Inactivated virus	Viral vector	Viral vector
Manufacturer's Country	The United States of America	United Kingdom	China	China	Russia
Number of doses	2	2	2	1	2
Efficacy	95%	62% - 90%	50.4% - 91.25%	65.7%	91.6%
Storage Temperature	-75°C	2-8°C	2-8°C	2-8°C	-20°C
Number of doses (Million)	32	12.8	12	3.5	6.4
% of Populations	50%	20%	18.75%	10.9%	10%
Countries that have used the vaccine	United States of America, Singapore, UK, Bahrain, Canada, Mexico, Switzerland, the European Union	UK, South Africa, Ukraine, Brazil, the European Union, Canada, India	China, Indonesia, Turkey, Chile, Hong Kong, Brazil, Cambodia	China; Mexico; Pakistan	Russia, Argentina, Brazil, Belarus

* The vaccine supply is subject to periodic negotiations

* This information is valid as of 16 February 2021 and will be updated from time to time

Source: JKJAV

Overall number of doses:
66.7 million covering
109.65% of those in
the country

Efficacy of COVID-19 vaccine and why is it different?

The efficacy of a vaccine, or how well the vaccine works, is seen through its ability to protect individuals from the symptoms of COVID-19 through vaccination. The efficacy level varies according to the way clinical studies are conducted, the type of vaccine, the risk of disease in volunteers and various other factors. Although the efficacy level varies, WHO has prescribed that the minimum level of efficacy for the COVID-19 vaccine is 50%. All vaccines approved by NPRA are safe and efficacious for use in Malaysia.

