

Covid-19 vaccination planned in schools

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KOTA KINABALU: The state government is planning to conduct Covid-19 vaccination exercises in schools soon so that students can get their jabs more conveniently. State Health Department director Dr Rose Nani Mudin said discussions on the plan are being made with the State Education director.

"We hope to be able to introduce this before the end of this month," she said yesterday.

The health director also said vaccination centres (PPV) across Sabah are seeing an increase in the number of walk-in recipients following the state government's announcement allowing teens to get jabbed against Covid-19.

Dr Rose Nani said many of the walk-ins were parents and their teenage children.

"This shows that people are aware of the importance of getting inoculated," she said.

She urged parents who were still unsure about sending their children for vaccination to do so for the young ones' safety and protection, as well as for the community at large.

Dr Rose Nani said that of the new Covid-19 cases recorded each day, an average of 25 per cent are aged between two and 17 years.

University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) yesterday started giving



Taufiq accompanying Noraini during the visit to UMS PPV.

Covid-19 vaccines to teenagers aged 12 to 17 years.

Its Vice Chancellor, Professor Datuk Taufiq Yap Yun Hin, informed that the Institution

of Higher Learning Vaccination Center (PPV) of UMS targeted 3,000 teenagers to receive the Pfizer vaccine yesterday.

"Parents can bring their

children to attend by walk-in from 8.30am to 4pm, from Monday to Friday," he said.

Taufiq said this in a statement after accompanying Higher

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Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad on a visit to the PPV.

According to Taufiq, the minister fully supported the initiative which is in line with the ministry's goal to help achieve herd immunity by providing as many vaccines as possible to the community in Sabah.

"During this visit, I also gave a briefing on current developments and activities carried out by UMS PPV since it started operating on June 14.

"The minister fully supports the efforts we have made, including vaccination outreach programs such as in the rural areas outside Kota Kinabalu, areas affected by the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) and also vaccination in Kota Kinabalu Prison," he said.

Two brothers, Kelvin Aden Andrew Kantod, 17, and Kristin Adenny, 16, were among the recipients of the Pfizer vaccine at UMS yesterday.

"We got our vaccine earlier than expected and I hope my friends will get theirs soon too," Kelvin said.

His brother said vaccination would give better protected against Covid-19.

"Even if we are exposed to it, we won't suffer from severe effects compared to the unvaccinated," Kristin said.

Fifteen-year-old Delson Dennison and his 13-year-old brother from Luyang also received their first dose of vaccine yesterday.

Delson he was happy to get the vaccine because after the second dose, he will have more freedom to go out and go to school.

"I can't wait to be able to go back to school and meet my friends," he said.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Hajiji Haji Noor on Wednesday announced that the State Government has decided to allow vaccination of teenagers aged between 12 to 17 years old beginning Sept 16.

He said this was also in line with the Health Ministry's stand to get as many adolescents in this high risk group to be vaccinated and in anticipation of the reopening of schools starting Oct 3.