

# Get jabbed for the common good, govt servants told



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PUTRAJAYA: The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) is urging civil servants to get vaccinated for the “common good” after it was found that almost 17,000 personnel have yet to receive their Covid-19 jabs.

This comes after a syariah expert said that the government’s decision to make it compulsory for civil servants to be vaccinated was sanctioned under syariah (Islamic law).

“The MMA advises all civil servants who have yet to receive the Covid-19 inoculation to get vaccinated as soon as possible for their own good and for the common good of all.

“There is sufficient evidence that the vaccines do work, are safe and the side effects are mostly mild,” said MMA president Dr Koh Kar Chai in a statement yesterday.

Studies on the Covid-19 vaccines, he added, had been independently and thoroughly scrutinised for safety and efficacy, not only by leading health organisations but by the regulating bodies of each country before these were approved for use.

“Although fully vaccinated individuals can still be infected, symptoms are mild and in most cases, will not require hospitalisation,” he said.

On Sept 30, the Public Service Department (PSD) had revealed that almost 98% of federal civil servants had completed their vaccination, adding that it would mandate the remaining 16,902 to do so.

It also warned that those who refused vaccination without any medical exemption would be subject to disciplinary action and urged for all federal civil servants to complete their vaccination by Nov 1.

Dr Koh said while it was unfortunate that the PSD had to resort to making inoculations mandatory, this was understandable due to the “alarmingly high” number of unvaccinated civil servants.

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Dr Koh said with the coronavirus showing the ability to mutate into new variants, it was even more vital for people to use all available tools to protect themselves and each other against the virus.

Meanwhile, Dr Syed Shahridzan Syed Mohamed, who is the Federal Territory Mufti Office principal assistant mufti (research), said based on siyasah syar'iyah (authority to act according to the benefit), the government could take disciplinary action against those disobeying the order.

"Islam, through siyasah syar'iyah, gives the government the full right to issue certain orders to help manage an emergency like Covid-19," he said to Bernama.

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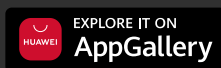
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