

Don't gamble with your lives, MMA advises the unvaccinated

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PETALING JAYA: People yet to obtain the Covid-19 vaccine are gambling with their lives, says the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA).

MMA president Dr Koh Kar Chai said while symptoms of the Covid-19 Omicron variant are mostly mild, it was not always the case.

He said there was still the possibility of severe symptoms when infected with the virus if a person's natural immune system was weak.

He added this could also occur even if they had been inoculated.



Dr Koh Kar Chai

“What more those who haven’t even received their primary jabs? Hence MMA’s message to the public is: ‘don’t gamble with your life’.

“Get the maximum protection available through vaccination and a booster shot,” he said in a statement.

Koh said this was necessary considering that despite the country transitioning to the endemic phase, there were still hospitalisations and deaths from Covid-19 on a daily basis.

“Senior citizens and those with comorbidities who haven’t received their booster shot yet should not delay any further.

“The Omicron variant is highly transmissible and this makes the likelihood of everyone contracting Covid-19 at some point high. So it is best to get the additional booster shot,” he said, adding those still unsure should consult their family doctor.

Koh appreciated the move by Protect Health to provide home vaccination services to the seniors unable to travel to vaccination centres.