

# Review usage of MySejahtera, says National Recovery Council

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*The National Recovery Council says it would let the health ministry decide when to phase out the use of the MySejahtera app.*

PUTRAJAYA: The National Recovery Council (MPN) has proposed a review of the usage of the MySejahtera mobile app – developed to manage the Covid-19 pandemic – as a contact tracing tool.

MPN chairman Muhyiddin Yassin said this was in view of the fact the country is now transitioning to the endemic phase.

He said the health ministry was of the view that the app was still needed as data it collated could be used to keep the virus under control.

“We will leave it to the health ministry to decide on whether to continue with it or not,” he said at a press conference after chairing a council meeting today.

He said MPN was confident in the health ministry’s pandemic strategy, adding that there were encouraging signs Malaysia could successfully transition to the endemic phase.

He pointed to the smooth reopening of borders as a good indicator the country would recover from the pandemic.

Malaysia began transitioning to the endemic phase on April 1, which saw the relaxation of several SOPs for day-to-day living. However, the use of MySejahtera remains in place.

Last month, there were growing calls for the government to discontinue the use of the app, with the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) saying MySejahtera was no longer as useful.

MMA president Dr Koh Kar Chai acknowledged that contact tracing would have been impossible at the height of the pandemic if not for the app, though it may have "outlived its usefulness" given that there was a high transmission of the virus within the community.