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MEDIA STATEMENT YAB PRIME MINISTER ADDITIONAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTOR FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE RECEIVED COMPLETE VACCINATION

On 8 and 15 August 2021, the Government has announced social and economic sector facilities for individuals who have received complete vaccinations.

Today, I chaired a Special Session of the National Security Council (NSC) to discuss and consider proposals by the NSC Special Technical Committee to further expand social and economic sector facilities, especially for Phase 1 of the National Recovery Plan (NRP).

The NSC Special Session today was also attended by the Director-General of Public Service, Secretaries-General from each ministry, Director General of Health, Director General of NSC, Director General of Immigration, and senior Government officials concerned.

For the record, the consideration made today takes into account the positive development of the complete vaccination rate of the adult population nationwide which has exceeded 50 percent. This achievement is earlier than the previous target of 31 August 2021.

Apart from that, the meeting also took note of the initial positive developments from the National COVID-19 Immunisation Program (PICK) in several states namely Labuan, Sarawak, Negeri Sembilan, and the Klang Valley states (Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, and Putrajaya).

Data collected by the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) shows that so far, all the states mentioned have started to show a decrease in the number of cases for categories 3 to 5 when the complete dose coverage of COVID-19 vaccine for the adult population (18 years and above) has exceeded 40 percent.

At the same time, data from the Crisis Preparedness Response Center (CPRC) for the Hospital showed that the situation in the Emergency Department in the Klang Valley has also improved. For example, the average number of patients waiting in the Emergency Department to be placed inpatient wards for MOH hospitals in the Klang Valley states has decreased.

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This situation is seen in line with the achievement of a complete vaccination rate of the adult population in the Klang Valley which is encouraging which is 73.8 percent.

As immunisation coverage increases, we will see COVID-19 cases that need to be admitted to the ICU begin to show a horizontal trend and are expected to decline.

In this regard, the NSC Special Session today agreed to provide additional facilities for the social and economic sectors to individuals who have received complete vaccination for the states in Phase 1 of the NRP.

It is important to clarify that an individual will only be recognized as an individual who has completed his or her vaccination when he or she has met the following criteria:

- a) For types of vaccines that require two doses of injection (Eg Pfizer, AstraZeneca, and Sinovac), the individual must have passed the 14th day from the date of injection of the second dose; and
- b) For types of vaccines that require only one dose of injection (Eg Johnson & Johnson and CanSino), the individual must have passed the 28th day from the date of injection.

The additional facilities allowed for the social sector, in general, are as follows:

- a. Dine-In activities are now **ALLOWED** for **NRP Phase 1** states and beyond:
 - i. I would like to suggest to the operators of the restaurant premises to provide more dining space outside the premises for better ventilation. The risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus is significantly higher indoors than out doors.
 - ii. Owners of eatery premises must ensure that those entering the premises for dine-in **MUST** show a **COVID-19 digital vaccination certificate** (digital certificate COVID-19 vaccination) which shows that the individual has **received a complete vaccination**.
 - iii. For couples who have received a complete vaccination and wish to bring children 17 years of age and under for dine-in at the eatery premises, make sure your children adhere to strict SOPs.



- b. Sports, recreation, and leisure activities **without physical contact** and **non-group** (outdoor) are also **PERMITTED** for the states of **Phase 1 NRP** and beyond and **apply in the same district only**.
- i. Sports and recreational activities are very important to ensure a good level of mental health and physical fitness. Therefore, this activity is allowed by complying with physical distancing and is done in open areas (outdoor) including semi -open from 6.00 am to 10.00 pm.
 - ii. Dine-in activities in restaurants or cafes on the club house premises are **PERMITTED** in accordance with the dine-in permission. Premises owners need to ensure that those entering the premises for dine-in **MUST** show a **COVID-19 digital vaccination certificate** (digital certificate COVID-19 vaccination) which shows that the individual has **received a complete vaccination**.
 - iii. The operation of the dressing room or bathroom on the club house premises is **NOT PERMITTED**. This is to prevent grouping after sports and reduce the risk of infection.
 - iv. Permitted activities are jogging, exercise, taichi, cycling, skateboarding, fishing, equestrian, archery, climbing, tennis(singles), badminton (singles), golf, motoring and the like.
 - v. Permitted activities also include picnics and camping. Participation of children aged 17 and under is allowed with strict adherence to SOPs.

The NSC Special Session also agreed to provide additional facilities in the trade and distribution sector for Phase 1 of NRP and beyond. The facilities allowed are generally as follows:

a. Night Market and Sunday Market operations are PERMITTED

- i. The relevant enforcement authorities as well as the owners of the premises must ensure that customers who enter the premises **MUST** show a **digital certificate of COVID-19 vaccination** (digital certificate COVID-19 vaccination) to prove that the individual has **received a complete vaccination**.

All the facilities that I announced today will come into effect on **FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST 2021**. Details of the facilities that I just announced will be released by the National Security Council (NSC) in the near future.

I would like to emphasize that every ministry and agency that monitors the facilities, including the owners of the premises, **MUST BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE** for the implementation of the facilities provided to ensure that it is implemented in accordance with the rules and guidelines that have been set and avoid harm.

If there is an infection in the premises that enjoy these facilities, the MOH will immediately take appropriate measures including re-assessing the risk and not rule out the possibility of immediately closing the premises or areas involved as well as issuing compounds to parties identified as violating SOPs.

We as Malaysians have a shared responsibility in overcoming this COVID-19 pandemic. Naturally, this facility also places the responsibility on citizens who have received complete vaccinations to make a rational and prudent self-risk assessment in the face of the COVID-19 virus threat that is now rampant in our community. God willing, **We Will Win Together**.

**YAB TAN SRI DATO 'HAJI MUHYIDDIN BIN HAJI MOHD YASSIN
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