

Malaysia to vaccinate teenagers beginning this week



Malaysia will begin vaccinating teenagers under 18 next week (beginning the week from Sept. 6, 2021) starting with East Malaysian state of Sarawak, says new Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

"We will start with teens in Sarawak, as the state has reached its benchmark of 80% vaccinated adults," he said on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021.

The Health Minister added that the Ministry will set up a target for adolescent's vaccination according to the supply of vaccines it gets."

"I am hoping that as many teens as possible will get vaccinated in the next 100 days."

"We want that at the start of the school term next year, all teens have completed their vaccinations."

So far the government has only approved the usage of Pfizer BioNTech vaccines for adolescents between the ages of 12 and 17.

Meanwhile, Sarawak state Deputy Chief Minister, Amar Douglas Unggah Embas said, Sarawak will start giving Covid-19 vaccinations to teenagers below the age of 18 from Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021. -[thestar.com.my](https://www.thestar.com.my), Sept. 4 & Sept. 5, 2021