

About 2/3 of hawkers, traders in Miri have registered for vaccination

MIRI: About two-thirds, or 1,000, out of 1,500 hawkers and traders here have registered for the Covid-19 vaccination programme, but the number of those who have received their first dose is not known, says Councillor Aries Leong.

He said many hawkers and traders had been quite doubtful about the vaccine when he first approached them in March to assist with the registration.

"In early June, however, many of them began to show interest in the programme, perhaps after observing others who had received their jabs.

"The number has thus increased, showing that they no longer fear vaccination and also because of the fear of the new and more dangerous virus variant (Delta) already in the state," he said.

Nonetheless, Leong said with the state now in Phase 2 of National Recovery Plan, and more businesses being reopened and dine-in allowed, there would be more movement of people in the next few days.

"It is thus crucial for everyone



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to get at least the first dose to be protected against Covid-19 and its variants," said Leong.

Meanwhile, Assistant Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture Datuk Sebastian Ting called upon Mirians and foreign workers who had yet to receive their vaccine jabs to contact Miri Division Disaster Management Committee, via WhatsApp, for appointment.

Information such as full name, MyKad number, phone contact and address should be sent to 011-5928 4348 / 011-5942 4290.

"Hopefully, by the end of August, we should be able to achieve at least 70 per cent vaccination target in Miri," said Ting.

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