

## Why vaccination is important



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It has been two years since Covid-19 hits globally. Millions of people were affected by the disease, which resulted in job loss, sickness, and even death. In this regard, the World Health Organization (WHO) strongly advises that people be vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccine is a very powerful tool to fight against COVID-19. Therefore, vaccine can improve body's immunisation level. It is not wrong actually for us to protect ourselves from diseases by depending or using the latest medicines, because in Islam, tawakal effort depends on our own efforts, as well.



The couple have received their doses

Most countries in the world including Malaysia have received their vaccine doses such as Pfizer, Astra Zeneca and Sinovac. Starting April, the Health Ministry has collaborated with the government to actively ask people to get their vaccination shot. The idea of preventing harm comes from the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, who said, if there's any contagious disease in a city, you should not enter that city or leave it. If you contract that sickness, you should not go on to spread it. This is the theological foundation for vaccination. Until June, there have been 10% or 1 million people who have received their dose at the nearest temporary vaccination hall.

By taking the vaccine you actually get rewarded from Allah SWT for preventing harm to others. Vaccine is necessary because it protects people from becoming unwell. This is especially crucial for healthcare workers and vulnerable populations such as the elderly and those suffering from chronic illnesses. Remember, there's a verse in the Holy Quran saying that, if you save one's life, it is as if you have saved the life of all humanity. Best to say, vaccine is the best hope to prevent coronavirus (COVID-19) and probably to end the pandemic.



Puan Khadijah who has just received her vaccine

The highest number of people getting a jab is from Selangor as the Astra Zeneca vaccine program started early this April. Among the citizens mostly from the urban and suburban areas where they are not selected for the Pfizer, consist of young and adults register for the program. For a rural area, they are being assisted by the health workers to the vaccination centre if its distance from their home is quite far and if there is no access to transportation.

The number of COVID-19 cases in Malaysia is currently rising. Vaccination, combined with other public health measures, is the best way to protect yourself and help control the infection rate. This is why WHO recommends taking the vaccine when it is your turn. Meanwhile, everyone – vaccinated or not – should continue to adhere to public health measures such as physical distancing, wearing a mask, hand and respiratory hygiene.

With the increasing number of doses injected every day, we hope to see herd community in a few months before the end of 2021. This year has been a downfall for certain people as some had lost their job while others were not able to meet their family for quite some time. With the vaccine, people will get to live a normal life and enjoy their daily routine just like before the pandemic.