SUNWAY EDUCATION GROUP

COVID-19 Advisory 47: #WeAreVaccinated, Are you? Calling all Staff & Students to Get Vaccinated

Dear Staff and Students of the Sunway Education Group Community,

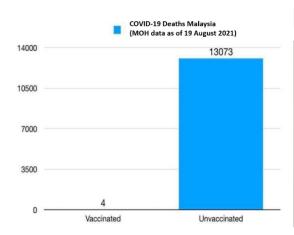
- 1. In a recent discussion, the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) has indicated that it hopes to allow colleges and universities to reopen by October 2021 as envisioned under the National Recovery Plan. We are told that the complete vaccination rate of students and staff will be a vital indicator of whether institutions will be permitted to reopen and begin conducting face-to-face Teaching and Learning.
- 2. In anticipation, MOHE has notified us that they will be coordinating with the COVID-19 Immunisation Taskforce (CITF) to assist all students and staff nationwide to secure their vaccination appointments, if they have not received any appointment to date. Our HR team as well as Programme/ School Managers have sent out emails this week to all staff and students containing a survey about your vaccination status. I seek everyone's cooperation to fill-in the survey as soon as possible. If you have not received the email, please contact HR or your Programme/ School Managers immediately.
- The importance of getting vaccinated cannot be understated. The latest studies have shown that:
 - Vaccinations lower the probability of developing more severe COVID-19 infections (Stages 4 and 5)1;
 - Vaccinations reduce the likelihood of death. Of the 13,000 nationwide deaths, only 4 (or 0.003%) involved those who were fully vaccinated2;
 - Vaccinations are effective against the Delta variant³;
 - Vaccinations alleviate the burdens on our healthcare system and our frontliners. In fact, the Klang Valley has seen a drop in admissions in the last week in tandem with the rise in vaccination rates with one hospital seeing a 50% reduction in daily admissions⁴; and

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Vaccinations ensure that our loved ones are safe.

HTAR sees 50% drop in Covid-19 patient admissions

Hospital director says the drop in Covid-19 admissions proves that the vaccination programme is yielding positive results





¹ https://kpkesihatan.com/2021/08/19/kenyataan-akhbar-kpk-19-ogos-2021-situasi-semasa-jangkitan-penyakit-coronavirus-2019-covid-19-di-malaysia/

² https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/08/18/health-dg-only-four-fully-vaccinated-persons-among-country039s-13000-covid-19-fatalities

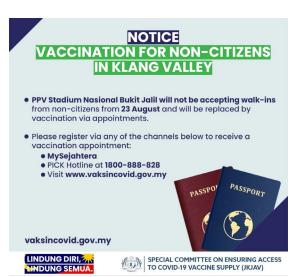
³ https://www.bbc.com/news/health-58257863?xtor=AL-72-%5Bpartner%5D-%5Bbbc.news.twitter%5D-%5Bheadline%5D-%5Bnews%5D-%5Bbizdev%5D-%5Bisapi%5D&at campaign=64&at custom4=E961888E-0078-11EC-83D2-

s2CCC4744363C&at custom1=%5Bpost+type%5D&at medium=custom7&at custom2=twitter&at custom3=%40BBCNews

⁴ https://www.malaysianow.com/news/2021/08/17/htar-sees-50-drop-in-covid-19-patient-admissions/

4. At this juncture, I would like to share that the Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre (SPCC) Vaccination Administration Centre (VAC), as well as several VACs in Selangor, will cease operations from 23 August. This decision was made by CITF considering Selangor's high vaccination rate (currently over 90%) and to optimise vaccination resources for the remaining state population. CITF also announced a new list of walk-in VACs for Malaysian citizens in the Klang Valley, including for 2nd doses, beginning 23 August. For non-Malaysian citizens, walk-ins vaccinations will no longer be available, but appointments can be set via MySejahtera, online booking or calling the CITF hotline (see posters below).





- 5. Looking back at the mammoth project undertaken by Sunway in support of the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme (NCIP) since February this year, I can't help but feel proud to be a Sunwayian. We wish to thank our Chairman, Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah, for his vision and leadership in this respect, and all the staff and students who valiantly volunteered themselves to the call to serve, not forgetting the enormous contributions from the different Sunway entities involved, including our Sunway Medical Group and Sunway Malls. This has truly been a moment in Sunway history.
- 6. Allow me to take this opportunity to especially convey my heartfelt thanks to all our SEG, SunU, SCKL and SIS staff and of course, our dear students, for stepping up and being part of this journey. This is what nation building, legacy leaving and the Sunway spirit is all about. I shared my thoughts on this in my recent column for TheStar. which would like to share with you (www.thestar.com.my/news/education/2021/08/15/youth-frontliners-vital-in-covid-19-fight). Once again, you are our frontliners and from the bottom of my heart, thank you.



- 7. Throughout the last few months, we have been actively encouraging all our staff and students to get vaccinated. We had also worked closely with the COVID-19 Immunisation Taskforce (CITF), State authorities and taskforces in order to facilitate the expediting of our staff and students' vaccination appointments under the recently concluded Ops Surge Capacity for Klang Valley residents. In this long battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, our support for the National COVID-19 Immunisation Plan is paramount to achieving success. The greater the number vaccinated, the sooner we will be able to participate in social activities, visit our family and friends, and travel locally as well as internationally, safely.
- 8. For those of us at the Sunway Education Group, it would mean being able to welcome back our students, whom we so dearly miss. Many of us at the Sunway Education Group are proud to have played a part in getting ourselves and our loved ones vaccinated. It is a small, but nevertheless significant step, as we make society a safer place for all. We have also produced this video with the hope that you too will join us and be part of #WeAreVaccinated.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4Wc0q4cEXg&feature=youtu.be



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