

# Minister: 3.5 per cent vaccine recipients exhibit side effects

**SERDANG:** A total of 25,770 cases – or 3.5 per cent – from 706,404 Covid-19 vaccine recipients, had been found to experience mild to serious side effects, as at March 31.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba said from those with side effects, 3,676 cases were detected by the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA), while 22,094 cases were through MySejahtera.

He said about 99.5 per cent of the cases were mild, while the remaining cases required treatment and observation by health specialists.

“Among the mild effects experienced by vaccine

recipients were pain at the injection spot, fever, headache, vomiting, nausea and tingling in the body, while the more serious side effects were swelling in some parts of the body such as the face, shortness of breath and discomfort in the chest.

“Those who have serious side effects were warded for monitoring and had been discharged,” he told reporters after launching three books related to the Covid-19 pandemic at the Teaching Hospital of Universiti Putra Malaysia (HPUPM), here yesterday.

Commenting further, Dr Adham said the percentage of those with side effects

after receiving Covid-19 vaccine in the country was lower than the percentage in the third phase study on the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

In this regard, he said to date, there had been no death reported due to the side effect of Covid-19 vaccine.

Asked on Covid-19 vaccination for pregnant women, Dr Adham said based on clinical data of Pfizer-BioNTech, it should not be a problem for pregnant women and nursing mothers to receive the vaccine.

He said the group had been urged to evaluate earlier with specialists at public health clinics or private hospitals.



Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba

“The data, so far, shows that pregnant women can be given the vaccine,” he said.

So far, pregnant women among the frontliners have started receiving their Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccines. — Bernama