

EFFICIENT APPROACH

'Inoculating a household at a time will be faster'

KUALA LUMPUR: A doctor has urged the government to inoculate entire households at a time to speed up vaccinations.

Epidemiologist Dr Malina Osman proposed that the current vaccination strategy be switched to a family-based approach.

"When one person gets their vaccination date, all family members under the same roof should be given theirs too, so they can be vaccinated at one go," she said on Facebook.

The Conference of Rulers had stated on Wednesday that the vaccination process had to be expedited by reducing bureaucracy so that the aim of vaccinating 80 per cent of the population could be achieved.

The rulers said it was unnecessary for the state of emergency

to go beyond Aug 1 and that people's lives and livelihoods must be prioritised.

Dr Malina, an associate professor at Universiti Putra Malaysia, called on those on duty at vaccination centres to carry out their tasks with compassion.

She said she had accompanied her neighbour to the Sungai Buloh vaccination centre on Wednesday, and staff were very efficient and disciplined.

"They made sure that only those with appointments sat under the tent. They didn't even allow people to sit for a while under the shade despite the heat.

"I hope staff, including the medical officers in charge, will be more compassionate, especially to those accompanying their dependants."