

Infographic shows effectiveness of Covid booster dose

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KUCHING: The effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine as booster dose against Covid-19 increased from 54 to 95 per cent for Sinovac vaccine recipients 14 days after being administered, according to an infographic from the Sarawak Public Communication Unit (Ukas).

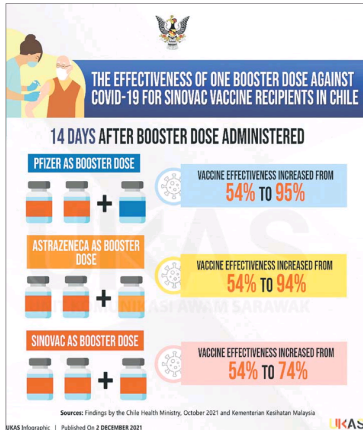
The infographic which quoted findings by Chile Health Ministry last month and Ministry of Health (MoH) Malaysia was published Thursday (Dec 2).

It shows AstraZeneca vaccine effectiveness increased from 54 to 94 per cent 14 days after the booster dose was administered while Sinovac vaccine as booster dose only increased effectiveness from 54 to 74 per cent.

Both refer to Sinovac vaccine recipients.

Last month, state Health deputy director (public health) Dr Rosemarie Ariffin said Sarawak will continue to use Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine, approved by the MoH as booster dose for Sarawakians.

In a statement, she said Sinovac vaccine would only be given as booster under

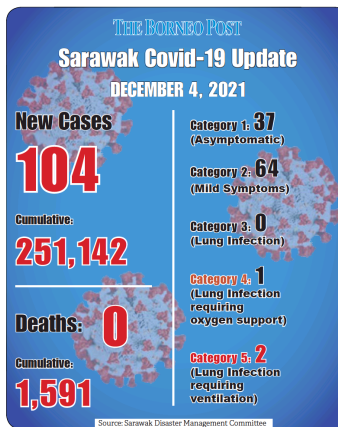


The infographic from Ukas shows the effectiveness of three brands as booster dose for Sinovac recipients.

certain circumstances such as contraindication or allergy to Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Last month, Health director-general Tan Sri Dr

Noor Hisham Abdullah said AstraZeneca (AZ) and Sinovac had submitted dossiers of data to the MoH on their use as boosters.



Covid-19: 104 new cases in Sarawak yesterday, no deaths

KUCHING: Sarawak yesterday recorded a slight decrease in new Covid-19 cases at 104 compared to Friday's 106.

According to the Sarawak disaster Management Committee (SDMC) in its daily update on the pandemic, 37 cases were in Category 1 (without symptoms) and 64 in Category 2 (with mild symptoms).

There were no cases in Category 3 (lung infection), one case in Category 4 (lung infection and needing oxygen support), and two cases in Category 5 (lung infection and needing ventilator), the committee added.

The cumulative number of positive cases in the state is

251,142 to date.

SDMC also revealed that Kuching came on top again with 35 new cases, followed by Miri (19) and Limbang (12).

Bintulu had eight cases, Lawas (6), Serian (5), and Sibul (4).

There were two new cases each in Samarahan, Sarikei, Simunjan and Betong.

One case was recorded each in Mukah, Pusa, Kapit, Tanjung Manis, Asajaya, Matu and Kabong.

Meanwhile, SDMC also recorded 71 person-under-surveillance (PUS) cases, making a total of 644 PUS cases being quarantined in 20 designated hotels and non-hotel quarantine centres throughout the state.

Number of new cases dips below 5,000 again

KUALA LUMPUR: The number of daily Covid-19 infections in the country has dipped below 5,000 again, with 4,896 new cases recorded yesterday.

The last time the number of new cases was in 4,000 range was on Nov 30, with 4,879 cases.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said of the new cases yesterday, 4,878 were local transmissions, while another 18 were imported.

"Only 79 cases are in categories three, four and five while another 4,817 are in categories one and two," he said in a statement yesterday.

Categories one and two refer to Covid-19 patients who are asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic, while categories three, four and five refer to patients with pneumonia, require oxygen assistance and breathing aids.

Meanwhile, Dr Noor Hisham said 4,676 recoveries were recorded yesterday, bringing the total number of those recovered to 2,561,230, while 490 cases were being treated in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) with 269 of them requiring respiratory assistance.

He said four new clusters were detected yesterday, with 227 still active nationwide, while the average Rt value (infectivity rate) in Malaysia as of yesterday was 0.97.

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