

## MEF: Free vaccines for foreign workers a financial relief



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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) has welcomed the government's decision to provide free vaccinations to foreign workers in the country.

Its director Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan said the free vaccines will be a financial relief to the employers especially the small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

"Currently most of the employers are facing cash flow issues. This is because businesses have not been able to return to pre-pandemic situations. It (free vaccines) is a big relief," he said today.

Yesterday, Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said the Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Access Guarantee Committee would discuss the decision to provide free Covid-19 vaccination to foreign workers, expatriates and permanent residents in the country.

Khairy said a meeting will be held jointly with ministries from the Human Resources, Home and Foreign at the end of the month.

He said this was to allow the government to cover as many foreign workers as possible. The move is ensure the others feel safe.

Shamsuddin said foreign workers should be vaccinated the soonest possible.

"Foreign workers are a high risk group, hence early vaccination will be a relief to society as many clusters detected involves them.

"They should be vaccinated once it is available, maybe at the same time the others are vaccinated," he added.