



**Circular No 190/2021  
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To Members of the Malaysian Bar and pupils in chambers

**Request for Early Vaccination for the Legal Profession**

In March 2021 itself, the President of the Malaysian Bar had written to the relevant Government authorities to ask that members of the legal profession, the Judiciary, and the judicial and legal services be given priority in the administration of the COVID-19 vaccination.

The urgency is brought to focus in his [press release](#) of 24 May 2021 entitled “Malaysian Bar Urges the Government to Prioritise Vaccinations to the Legal Profession, the Judiciary and those in the Judicial and Legal Services”.

Yesterday, YB Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department (Parliament and Law) issued a [media statement](#) entitled “Hakim Akan Menerima Vaksin”, stating that the vaccination of judges will commence on 31 May 2021.

The Coordinating Minister of the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme, YB Tuan Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar, had also announced earlier yesterday that [opt-in registrations for the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine for those under 60](#) in the Klang Valley, Penang, Johore, and in Kuching and Miri, Sarawak, will begin today, 26 May 2021, from 12:00 noon (“AZ Opt-In”).

We are following up with the relevant authorities on the requested vaccination prioritisation for Members.

Meanwhile, given the deeply worrying current COVID-19 statistics evidenced by the infection and death numbers, which are increasing daily, Members as well as pupils in chambers perhaps could consider availing themselves of the AZ Opt-In, protecting themselves as quickly as possible.

For anyone interested, please visit [vaksinovid.gov.my](http://vaksinovid.gov.my), starting 12:00 noon today, 26 May 2021 to register for the AZ Opt-In.

Thank you.

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Secretary  
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