Covid-19 vaccines and the long road ahead to normalcy

While the excitement about vaccines is understandable, a full return to pre-pandemic conditions will require much more work to be done, including establishing national and global frameworks for recording and verifying who has received an accredited vaccine.

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In the past few weeks, the world has grown impatient for a Covid-19 vaccine.

Is the vaccine out there? Is it available? Is it effective? Will the existing public health protocols be lifted? These are just some of the questions that have been asked and answered in recent weeks.

However, despite the availability of vaccines, the world is not yet out of the woods. The healthcare services are still under pressure, and the public health protocols are still in place.

Teo Yik Ying, the chief executive officer of the National University Hospital, says that the current situation is not over yet.

"There is still a long way to go," he said. "We cannot rest on our laurels. The pandemic is not over, and the world is still in crisis."