



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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PQ 42450/20 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of public hospitals that do not have spatial capacity in their emergency departments to meet the criteria regarding the separation of Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 patients.*

PQ 42451/20 *To ask the Minister for Health the protocol for identifying alternative locations in circumstances in which a public hospital does not have the spatial capacity in its emergency department regarding the separation of Covid and non-Covid.*

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

All hospitals follow national guidance and protocol in relation to the streaming of non-Covid and suspected Covid patients within emergency departments. Please see attached latest update guidance on ED streaming.

To date, we are unaware of any hospital ED that is unable to meet these guidelines and protocols.

I trust this answers your questions to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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