



20th April, 2021

Mr. David Cullinane T.D.
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Dublin 2

Re: PQ 19993/21

PQ 19993/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health when he expects each of the mass vaccination centres to be fully operational, staffed and operating at capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

As part of the National roll out of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme, 38 HSE vaccination clinics have been confirmed by the Health Service Executive at various locations across the country to administer COVID-19 vaccines. There is at least one vaccination clinic in every county to support the vaccination of the general population in a safe and efficient manner. Each vaccination clinic varies in size and been initially selected based on population density, ease of access, public transport, parking and on-site facilities available.

In the week commencing 19th April, a total of 26 HSE Vaccination Centres are open with sufficient staffing levels and the remainder will open on a phased basis, in line with vaccine availability and cohort sequencing, to ensure the safe, effective, and efficient administration of a COVID-19 vaccine to all residents of Ireland who are indicated and wish to receive it.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frances McNamara'.

Frances McNamara
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Office of the Chief Operations Officer