



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



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25th February 2021

Dara Calleary T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ10138/21 To ask the Minister for Health if he has given consideration to the travel and public transport difficulties associated with accessing the sole planned Covid-19 vaccination centre in County Mayo; and if Covid-19 vaccination centres will be established in Ballina, Belmullet and Ballyhaunis, County Mayo to give ease of access to vaccination centres for persons in the county.

Dear Deputy Calleary,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position with regard to vaccination centres in County Mayo.

The HSE is currently in the process of developing vaccination centres across the country. Nine of these vaccination centres are across the HSE West area, one of which is located at Breaffy House in Castlebar, Co. Mayo. While we expect that all of these centres will be ready by the end of the first week of March, some are progressing ahead of others. For example, we are currently using the vaccination centre in Sligo IT for healthcare workers. We will use the coming weeks to identify and resolve any minor issues that may arise, before we begin using these centres for the general public

In addition to these nine centres we are conscious of the needs of people living in more remote locations including off shore islands, West County Galway, West Mayo and West and North Donegal and we will be flexible to make sure that everyone can get this vaccine as quickly as efficiently as possible.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Cosgrove,
Chief Operations Officer,
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