



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

Office of the Chief Clinical Officer  
Dr Steevens' Hospital|Steevens' Lane|Dublin 8|D08 W2A8  
email: [cco@hse.ie](mailto:cco@hse.ie)

Oifig an Phríomhoifigigh Cliniciúil  
Ospidéal Dr Steevens|Lána Steevens|Baile Átha Cliath 8|D08 W2A8

**BY EMAIL ONLY**

**Deputy Jim O'Callaghan**

Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2  
Email:

Date: 23/02/21

**PQ 7872/21 (199) - To ask the Minister for Health the way in which persons over 70 years of age who do not hold a doctor visit card will be included in the plans for roll-out the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

Thank you for your representation. Now that there are safe and effective vaccines available we are aware that most people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible.

The key constraint in delivering the vaccine programme is the fact that there is a limited amount of vaccine available so it is not possible to reach everyone quickly. Given that limitation the Government published a national list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The HSE is continue to follow this list available at the following link <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/>.

The administration of the COVID vaccine is free and available to everybody who wishes to avail of the vaccine. There is no requirement to hold a doctor's visit card to receive the vaccine.

Further information can be found at the following link on the roll out of the vaccine programme <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/rollout-covid-19-vaccines-ireland.html#group3>

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours sincerely

---

Sharon Hayden  
General Manager  
Office of the CCO