



2nd March, 2021

Deputy Róisín Shortall,
Kildare Street,
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 8214/21

PQ 8214/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health if mop-up clinics are currently underway in nursing homes that will enable residents to receive a second vaccine (details supplied); when every nursing home resident will receive the second vaccine; the process if a nursing home resident cannot receive the vaccine within the recommended 21-day period; if they will have to start the vaccination process again; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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

Mop up clinics are currently underway in nursing homes to vaccinate those who were unable to avail of vaccination on the original vaccination session day, due to COVID Outbreaks or personal circumstances. It is expected this will be completed by the end of March.

It is currently estimated that approximately 500 Dose 1s, will be administered to nursing homes residents in March, with a follow up mechanism to ensure dose 2s are scheduled accordingly. If the interval between doses is longer than the recommended interval, (now 28 days), the second dose should still be given. The course does not need to be restarted.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Walsh".

David Walsh,
Workstream Lead Vaccination Process and Workforce