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PQ 9301/21 (213) - To ask the Minister for Health the protocol in the case that a nursing home resident is unable to receive the second dose of the vaccine within the recommended 21-day period due to illness or other reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your question. The Pfizer BioNtech vaccine course consists of 2 doses 21-28 days apart. If the interval between doses is longer than 28 days, the second dose should still be given as soon as possible. The course does not need to be restarted.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours sincerely

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