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PQ 9553/21 * To ask the Minister for Health the criteria for the selection of a site as a Covid-19 vaccination centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In determining locations for vaccination centres, consideration was given by the HSE on a broad level on population densities and profiling of age groups by location and accessibility to locations. The HSE then identified a number of potential facilities within each region/locality to survey against a standard national specification for vaccination centres (details below). Final decisions on venues chosen were made at a local level by each CHO and or Hospital Group. The utilisation of the vaccination centres will be dependent on staffing and vaccine availability.

Standard National Specification

(Please note venues did not have to meet all suitability criteria but had to meet the minimum standards for facilities available to all staff and members of the public and the fit-out requirements).

At a minimum, the following facilities will be made available for all staff and members of the public:

- Parking Facilities
- Staff & Public facilities – including wheelchair access
- Toilet & Changing facilities
- Catering for staff working at the venue

In terms of suitability of venue for Vaccination Centres, the following non-exhaustive list was considered:

- Centralised, Accessible Location
- Suitable internal space to set up Vaccination Centre
 - Large Function Room
- Secure Storage Facilities
- Public Transport
- Adequate Power and Lighting
- Availability for the period required

In addition, each Vaccination Centre shall be fitted out with the following minimum requirements:

- Registration / Reception Area
- Administration Area
- Waiting Area – maintaining social distance
- Vaccination Booths
- Observation Area with Nurses Station
- Clinical Assessment Area
- Secure Storage Area
- Secure Clinical Waste Storage Area

Centres will be of varying sizes reflecting local population needs and the availability of appropriate facilities in particular locations. The largest centres (x12) will have 30 to 50 booths and the capacity to deliver to 3,000 to 5,000 vaccinations per day over a 12 hour shift. Other (smaller) centres will typically have 10 to 20 booths and the capacity to deliver 1,000 to 2,000 vaccinations per day.

Yours sincerely,



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