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Deputy Thomas Gould, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

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**“To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the vaccination clinic locations were chosen; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are none on the northside of Cork city; if consideration was given to a facility on the northside of Cork city; and the reason for the decision not to establish a mass vaccine clinic in this area.”**

Dear Deputy Gould,

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.

The HSE is working to establish a number of vaccination centres for the general public across Cork and Kerry in the coming weeks and months.

It is important to note that these centres will not be operational until the availability of vaccine increases.

In Cork and Kerry, the vaccination centres will be established as a joint project between the South/South West Hospital Group and Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.

The locations confirmed for vaccination centres for the general public in Cork are:

- City Hall, Cork
- Pairc Uí Chaoimh, Corl
- The MTU campus in Bishopstown, Cork. (this centre will first be used by GPs vaccinating the 70 and over age-group)
- Mallow GAA centre
- A West Cork centre which will alternate between Bantry Primary Care Centre and Clonakilty GAA club

The centres are at varying stages of development and will be ready well in advance of receipt of the vaccine supply. Work is underway now to ensure that the centres will be ready as soon as vaccine supply is available and additional updates will be provided as soon as information on confirmed vaccine supply becomes available. Based on current information, vaccine supply for the country is forecast to reach a peak in Quarter 2 2021.

The centres vary in size and their operating hours will be based on vaccine supply and catchment area need. They will run on an appointment-only basis.

Identifying, equipping and staffing these vaccination centres is a considerable undertaking, and we would like to sincerely thank all of the staff who are working so hard to make these vital centres a reality in a short space of time. The work of our staff means that these vaccination centres will be available to vaccinate large numbers of people as soon as vaccine supplies allow.

The centres in Cork are spread across the region with the aim of ensuring ease of access for as much of the public as possible, while also bearing in mind that each vaccination centre will need to meet many clinical and logistical requirements.

Our priority is still to ensure that the vaccination roll-out continues to be safe and efficient.

I trust this information is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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