

21<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Deputy Sean Sherlock,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref no: 2231/21**

**“To ask the Minister for Health if a centre (details supplied) will be considered for mass vaccinations.”**  
**Details supplied: I wish to pursue a line of inquiry on the possibility of the GAA (Carrigoon) complex in Mallow Co Cork being examined as a facility for community vaccinations when the appropriate time comes**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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 offering the vaccine in accordance with the prioritisation list set out by the government. You can see the full list of priority groups on the website [www.gov.ie/covid19vaccine](http://www.gov.ie/covid19vaccine)

The first groups to be offered the vaccine are the groups most at risk of COVID-19. We are currently offering it to:

- People aged 65 years and older who live in long-term care facilities
- Frontline healthcare workers

Our current focus is on vaccinating in residential settings, and also on vaccinating healthcare workers at healthcare sites (mostly acute hospitals).

In accordance with the prioritisation list set out by the government, the next priority group will be those aged over 70. The vaccine will be offered to more priority groups as soon as possible, dependent on vaccine supply.

People may be vaccinated through:

- mass vaccination clinics
- GP surgeries
- community pharmacies

The Government will publish more information about these later phases when they have been finalised and agreed.

In the event that mass vaccination clinics are needed in this region, our Estates department will be undertaking a scoping exercise to determine suitable locations for consideration by the implementation team in due course. We will endeavour to ensure that they are spread across the entire Cork and Kerry

region and provide ease of access to as much of the population as possible. In the interim, I have forwarded the details of the GAA complex to our Estates Dept and they will follow up directly should further information be required.

I trust this information is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Priscilla Lynch', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

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**Priscilla Lynch**  
**Head of Service, Health and Wellbeing**