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**PQ ref 3342/21 (60) To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for students on placements in the healthcare system to receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Richmond

Thank you for your representation. Now that there is a safe and effective vaccine available we are aware that people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible.

Currently the key constraint is that there is a limited amount of vaccine available so it is not possible to reach everyone as quickly as we would like. The National COVID – 19 Vaccination Programme: Strategy developed a list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups, which was published by Government on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This list is available at the following link. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/>.

Each healthcare setting has been asked to ensure that students who are on a clinical placement are vaccinated when they are on that placement,

The HSE is adhering to this Government policy in rolling out the vaccination programme and is doing everything that it can to reach everyone as quickly as possible,

I hope that this assists in answering your queries,  
Yours sincerely

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