



27th January, 2021

Deputy Catherine Murphy,
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Ref: PQ 45208/20

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I am pleased to enclose the response to your PQ raised below:

“To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to manage and communicate the scheduling of the roll out of vaccines to all care settings such as nursing homes, congregated settings, group homes and hospitals for patients, staff and service users; his plans to issue timescales specific or non-specific; and if he will make a statement on the matter. (Ref PQ 45208/20) “

The HSE have put in place specific nominated Vaccine Leads representing each Community Healthcare Organisation and Hospital Group respectively. These leads are tasked with the effective dissemination of information, scheduling and operational direction from a National level to local, on the ground operations. This ensures the efficient communication across the various levels and settings involved in vaccine administration. We are well underway in our vaccination of Residential Care Facilities and this programme of vaccination is due to conclude in the coming weeks. This includes the vaccination of over 65's in Mental Health and Disability facilities.

We are currently gathering data in relation to other congregated settings, which will allow for the vaccination of these setting as soon as possible. When healthcare worker vaccination recommences, in line with vaccine supply, staff will be invited to register via the online portal in line with the scheduling document produced by the Chief Clinical Officer. Please see link to this document here <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-vaccine-materials/sequencing-of-covid-19-vaccination-of-frontline-healthcare-workers.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

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