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'To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to establishing a Covid-19 vaccination centre in west County Wicklow taking into consideration that there is a complete lack of public transport in this part of the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter'.

- John Brady TD

Dear Deputy Brady

The HSE wishes to acknowledge your representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

Vaccines are currently being administered in healthcare settings, to front-line healthcare workers, and to people aged 70 and over by their GPs across 1,300 practices. At the moment, vaccine administration is limited only by the supply of approved vaccines and that is dependent on the manufacturers meeting their supply commitments. The HSE is engaged in creating an expanded vaccination infrastructure, managing a suite of vaccine products with different handling and delivery requirements.

Using CSO Census population data, the HSE has located 37 vaccination centres, ranging in capacity, which will be used to vaccinate the wider population.


They are being rolled out now, with some being used to support the GP-led element of the vaccine rollout.

The centres will come on stream as needed, with a dedicated workforce, from late March/early April. All centres will be ready in advance of the need to match vaccine supply which, based on current information, is forecast to reach a peak in Quarter 2.

We have been running a successful Covid-19 Testing site in Punchestown since 24th August where 51,947 tests have been conducted to date. Members of the public from West Wicklow attend this site for swab testing. The site has ample parking, good infrastructure and is available immediately. This site is now being developed in order to provide a Vaccination Centre adjacent to the Testing Centre and will serve as the Vaccination Centre for the population of Kildare and West Wicklow.

This list of locations is subject to change as the rollout progresses, and as additional locations are identified. We will continue to review and assess the vaccination rollout once the initial sites are up and running.

I trust this information may be of assistance to you.



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