

**BY EMAIL ONLY**

**Deputy Paul McAuliffe,**  
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Leinster House  
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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2021

**PQ 11309/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if there is a procedure in relation to non-Covid-19 patients over the age of 70 being vaccinated before they enter hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy McAuliffe,

Thank you for your representation. The HSE is rolling out the vaccination programme in line with the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) strategy. People over 70 years of age are in group 3 of the allocation plan who are currently being vaccinated by General Practitioners.

There is no plans at this point in time to vaccinate patients before they attend hospital. All patients being admitted to hospital undergo a COVID test as part of the screening protocol for both emergency and scheduled care admissions. Chapter 6 of this document outlines the routine surveillance that should take place in relation to a patient who is discharged from hospital.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely



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