

BY EMAIL ONLY

Deputy Cormac Devlin

Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Date: 19th March 2021

PQ 11830/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will consult with the Health Service Executive to allow community and church halls to be utilised in the roll-out of the national Covid-19 vaccination programme to deal with the fact that some doctor surgeries are not large enough for the throughput and patients are concerned about being close contacts of other patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Devlin,

Thank you for your representation. The HSE has identified 38 vaccination centres within each region/locality for survey purposes against a standard national specification for these centres. Relevant considerations in identifying locations and potential facilities included:

- Population densities and profiling of age groups by location, modelled for (private car) travel times of 30 minutes, 45 minutes and 60 minutes. As far as possible we sought to ensure populations were within 30 minutes' travel time
- Achieving minimum standards as set out in the national specification. This indicated the nature and scale of facility required, including space for the required number of vaccination booths, reception area, waiting area, etc.
- Access and car parking requirements
- Discussions at regional/local level with Community Health Organisations and Hospital Groups.

There is continuous engagement with the GP's in relation to the rollout of the vaccination programme.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely



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