

BY EMAIL ONLY

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PQ 12487-21 To ask the Minister for Health the facilities available for those who have received the Covid-19 vaccine who may experience some adverse side effects out-of-hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Richmond

Thank you for your representation. Once a person receives a COVID vaccine the most significant and immediate issue that could occur is anaphylaxis. This would require immediate intervention and treatment at the time.

For any other side effects that may occur afterwards, which are limited and can be managed without anything or with simple over the counter treatments.

Information is provided to people receiving the vaccine who are given printed information on managing the potential side effects, and further information can be found on the HSE website at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-vaccine-materials/covid-19-vaccine-information-accessible-and-easy-read-formats/>

People experiencing more significant symptoms could be having vaccine effects or it could be another illness, including Covid19. It is important to ensure that people access the normal HSE structures, in particular GP out-of-hours services are available to advise, assess, examine and treat the person. These services remain available as they have done throughout the pandemic period. The National Ambulance Service and Emergency Departments are also operating as appropriate.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully



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