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**Deputy Emer Higgins** 

Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 Email:

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## PQ 16501-21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff working from home that have received a vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

**Dear Deputy Higgins** 

Thank you for your representation. A sequencing approach has been very clearly defined by the Chief Clinical Officer since the 12th January based on the provisional allocation of the vaccine strategy by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee. As the guidance from NIAC has been revised and each cohort is commenced guidance in relation to sequencing has issued as required.

Currently the HSE is rolling out the vaccine to Cohort 4 and has commenced vaccinating people in cohort 5. The specific request for data of staff working from home is not available.

Vaccination sites are doing their utmost to ensure that the sequencing guidance is adhered to and the vaccine is administered in a safe and timely manner. In addition sites are asked to ensure that there is no vaccine wastage. If the HSE is alerted to sequencing breaches, this information is acted upon.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

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