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**PQ 17379-21 To ask the Minister for Health the way in which persons not attending hospital regularly in the cohort very high risk group 4 will be contacted; the location they will be receive their vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig O'Sullivan**

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan

The cohort currently being vaccinated (Group 4) who are aged 16-69 and at very high risk of severe illness and death. Vaccination of this group began in March.

The HSE is working with Acute Hospitals on the roll out of the COVID 19 vaccines for those patients aligned to Group 4 as determined by NIAC. Communication issued to all hospitals, both public and private, to identify eligible patients for vaccination within Group 4. Where patients meet the criteria and are under the care of a hospital then they will be contacted via that hospital. Where patients are no longer under hospital care, the HSE is engaging with General Practice to identify those patients.

It is important to emphasise that vaccination is only one part of our response to the prevention of COVID-19 infection. People who are vaccinated need to continue with all the public health measures that have been proven to reduce the risk of infection, i.e., limiting our social contacts, physical distancing, wearing a mask, hand hygiene, cough etiquette and avoiding non-essential travel until a sufficiently large proportion of the population are immune

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

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