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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

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**PQ 25367-21 To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out for pregnant women will commence (details supplied).**

**We are receiving many representations from very worried/distressed pregnant women, who are urgently seeking clarification, especially those who are approaching 36 weeks gestation. Their doctors inform them, they are waiting for official confirmation of the roll out**

Dear Deputy O'Donnell

Thank you for your representation. As you will be aware the National immunisation Advisory Committee issued new guidance on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April in relation to vaccinating pregnant women. Pregnant women can now receive the vaccine from 14 weeks of gestation up to 36 weeks. There has been significant planning taking place in the last few days to agree a process and a communication. Please see link to the Royal College of Physicians Ireland Covid-19 vaccine decision aid for pregnant women which was published on 5<sup>th</sup> May:

<https://www.rcpi.ie/news/releases/covid-19-vaccine-decision-aid-for-pregnant-women/>

Communication should now be commencing with pregnant women on what they now need to do next. The priority group are those who are 34 – 36 gestation. There are no restrictions on women receiving a vaccine post partum.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours faithfully

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