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Deputy Emer Higgins, Dáil Éireann, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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## PQ Number: 15536/22

Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the roll-out of a specific vaccine campaign in the Ukrainian language aimed at offering Covid-19 vaccines to new residents that are being welcomed here for a better, safer life

Dear Deputy Higgins,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

As part of a wider HSE planning process to address the health and support needs of Ukrainian refugees arriving into Ireland, plans are in development to meet their urgent vaccination requirements which will include COVID-19 vaccination.

As part of this, the HSE have ensured that material and guidance are available in Ukrainian and Russian for COVID-19 vaccination and other important vaccine programmes to enable them to understand and have confidence in vaccine programmes in Ireland<sup>1</sup>.

Information to enable GPs and Healthcare workers to support people from Ukraine have also been produced<sup>2</sup>.

Due to Ukrainians being accommodated across Ireland in various settings including hotels and private homes, they will be able to avail of COVID-19 vaccinations from GP's, pharmacies, Vaccination Centres as well as vaccinations being taken to accommodation sites where appropriate.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/ukraine/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www2.hse.ie/services/healthcare-in-ireland/ukrainian-refugees.html