



**31<sup>st</sup> Mar. 2022**

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**Question: To ask the Minister for Health if the Covid-19 vaccination centres at Croke Park, Technological University Dublin Grangegorman, Richmond Barracks or Dublin City University plan to schedule dose 1 and dose 2 walk-in clinics for 5 to 11 year olds in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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

On December 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 the HSE opened the online portal which enabled parents/guardians to register children aged 5 to 11 and deemed to be high risk for their Covid-19 vaccination. The portal was then extended to parents/guardians of all children within this age category from January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022.

From February 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 parents/guardians were facilitated with access to the HSE Covid-19 vaccine online booking system in order to book appointments for their children at specific clinics. From February 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 parents/guardians were also offered access to Covid-19 vaccine for their children at specific walk-in clinics for this age cohort.

Clinics are arranged within Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) across catchment areas to ensure access for all age cohorts. Due to the requirement for safe medicine management and timely access not all CVCs will run 5 to 11 year old clinics, however access is available in all areas. Citywest, RDS and Swords Vaccination Centres are offering 5 to 11 year old vaccine clinics in Dublin.

To date over 131,000 parents/guardians have registered their children of which 93% have been issued an appointment. The vaccination of 5 to 11 year olds has seen over 119,500 of these children receive their dose one vaccine with over 100,600 of these now being fully vaccinated having received their dose two.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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