

Feidhmeannach na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Ospidéal an Dr. Steevens, Lána Steevens, Baile Átha Cliath 8, D08 W2A8 Health Service Executive, Dr. Steevens Hospital, Steevens Lane, Dublin 8, D08 W2A8

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Deputy Sorca Clarke, Dáil Éireann, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of the Covid-19 booster

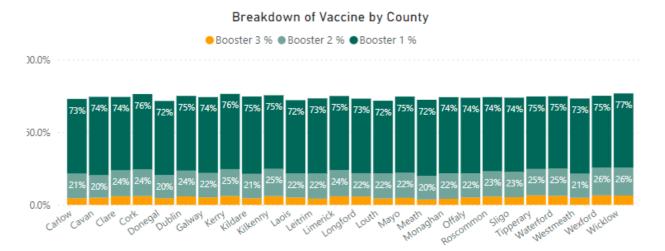
vaccine by CHO area.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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

In December 2020, the government published a COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy and Implementation Plan. This document provided the provisional sequencing in which groups were to be vaccinated. In March 2021, the government approved an update to the COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Strategy. Based on clinical, scientific and ethical frameworks produced by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) and the Department of Health, this update set out the groups to be prioritised for vaccination to best achieve the Vaccination Programme's objectives of preventing serious illness, hospitalisation and death.

In August 2022 the 3rd Booster campaign commenced for those people age 65 and older, people age 12 and older with a weak immune system following NIAC guidance. Please see below Booster Vaccination uptake by County. Please note that booster uptake is calculated as a percentage of the fully vaccinated population.





| County | Booster 1 % of Fully Vaccinated | Booster 2 % of Fully Vaccinated | Booster 3 % of Fully Vaccinated |
|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Carlow | 73% | 21% | 5% |
| Cavan | 74% | 20% | 5% |
| Clare | 74% | 24% | 6% |
| Cork | 76% | 24% | 6% |
| Donegal | 72% | 20% | 5% |
| Dublin | 75% | 24% | 6% |
| Galway | 74% | 22% | 5% |
| Kerry | 76% | 25% | 6% |
| Kildare | 75% | 21% | 5% |
| Kilkenny | 75% | 25% | 6% |
| Laois | 72% | 22% | 5% |
| Leitrim | 73% | 22% | 4% |
| Limerick | 75% | 24% | 6% |
| Longford | 73% | 22% | 6% |
| Louth | 72% | 22% | 4% |
| Mayo | 75% | 22% | 5% |
| Meath | 72% | 20% | 4% |
| Monaghan | 74% | 22% | 4% |
| Offaly | 74% | 22% | 5% |
| Roscommon | 74% | 23% | 6% |
| Sligo | 74% | 23% | 5% |
| Tipperary | 75% | 25% | 7% |
| Waterford | 75% | 25% | 6% |
| Westmeath | 73% | 21% | 5% |
| Wexford | 75% | 26% | 7% |
| Wicklow | 77% | 26% | 6% |



The HSE has successfully implemented the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme in line with original government direction and the many required changes throughout the past two years. The Covid-19 Vaccination Programme has seen over 12 million Covid-19 vaccinations administered encompassing primary doses, additional doses, first, second and third boosters.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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