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Deputy Ivana Bacik, TD  
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**Re PQ: 52035/21**

To ask the Minister for Health his views on the need to provide additional self-isolation supports for Roma families through the pandemic following the closure of the Covid-19 response for vulnerable people service; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Bacik,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

Government requires the general population including vulnerable groups (including Roma) to isolate if COVID is detected. Isolation can be either in their home or bedroom if possible/ feasible or alternatively in a suitable facility. The requirement is that people isolate for 10 days post positive test (if no symptoms) or a minimum of 10 days plus 5 days free of symptoms if unwell.

HSE National Operations has advised Community Health Organisations (CHOs) and Hospital Groups on the provision of COVID-19 Self-Isolation Facilities at a CHO/ Hospital Group level for all vulnerable groups.

The HSE strongly urges vulnerable groups (including Roma) to get vaccinated against Covid-19 as a vital measure to control spread in these Groups and is working with NGOs to provide rapid testing and outbreak responses on the ground.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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