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Re: PQ – 2034/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the time frame for the vaccination programme for residential care settings; the full list of services to be vaccinated specifically a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Ruairí Ó Murchú

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Now that there is a safe and effective vaccine available we are aware that most people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. Using the supply available, the HSE will roll-out the vaccines as quickly as possible. The Government published a national list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups on December 8th 2020. This list is available at the following link. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/>. This guidance is summarised in the table below.

The HSE has develop a document outlining the sequencing order for frontline healthcare workers that is available on this link.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-vaccine-materials/sequencing-of-covid-19-vaccination-of-frontline-healthcare-workers.pdf>

The HSE is doing everything that it can to reach all frontline healthcare workers as quickly as possible in line with recommendations of National Vaccine Allocation Group.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah McBride
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Appendix 1

Group	Provisional vaccine allocation groups
1	People aged 65 years and older who are residents of long-term care facilities (likely to include all staff and residents on site)
2	Frontline healthcare workers
3	People aged 70 and older
4	Other healthcare workers not in direct patient contact
5	People aged 65-69
6	Key workers
7	People aged 18-64 with certain medical conditions
8	Residents of long-term care facilities aged 18-64
9	People aged 18-64 living or working in crowded settings
10	Key workers in essential jobs who cannot avoid a high risk of exposure
11	People working in education sector
12	People aged 55-64
13	Other workers in occupations important to the functioning of society
14	Other people aged 18-54
15	People aged under 18 and pregnant women