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**BY EMAIL ONLY** 

**Deputy Danny Healy-Rae** 

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Date: 27 January 2021

PQ4983/21 (98) To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Covid-19 vaccination programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

• When will the staff and residents of Teach an Chuarim Rathmore Co.Kerry get the Covid Vaccine. This is a 24 hour staffed residence for adults of various ages some over 70.

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae

Now that there are a safe and effective vaccines available we are aware that most people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. Currently the key constraint is that there is only a limited amount of vaccine available so it is not possible to reach everyone as quickly as we would like. Given that limitation the Government published a national list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This list is available at the following link. <a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/">https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/</a>.

In accordance with the current provisional allocation of Covid19 vaccines; all eligible residents aged 65 years and older were vaccinated on the 29<sup>th</sup> January from Teach an Chuarim Rathmore Co.Kerry. The remaining individuals will be vaccinated in accordance with allocation groups as soon as supply is available.

I hope that this provides you with some assistance,

Yours sincerely

Sharon Hayden General Manager

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