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PQ 11959-21 To ask the Minister for Health if third year children's and general nursing students of UCC will receive their vaccinations before commencing their placement in CUH on 8 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Moynihan

Thank you for your representation. Now that there are safe and effective vaccines available we are aware that people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible.

Currently the key constraint is that there is a limited amount of vaccine available so it is not possible to reach everyone as quickly as we would like. The National COVID – 19 Vaccination Programme: Strategy developed a list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups, which was published by Government on December 8th and revised on the 23rd of February This list is available at the following link

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/

Each healthcare setting has been asked to ensure that students who are on a clinical placement are vaccinated when they are on that placement, and students should register on the HSE portal available via the following link

https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/covid19vaccineinfo4hps/using-the-covid-19vaccines-registration-portal.html

The HSE is adhering to this Government policy in rolling out the vaccination programme and is doing everything that it can to reach everyone as quickly as possible,

I hope that this assists in answering your queries,

Yours sincerely

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