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**PQ3400/21 (53) To ask the Minister for Health for health the policy in relation to vaccination of nursing home residents in cases in which there is a current outbreak of Covid-19 in that home among residents and or staff; the number of homes in which vaccination has not proceeded as a result of such outbreak; the location and names of such homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Dowd

If there is an outbreak in a nursing home during the roll out of the vaccine programme a risk assessment is carried out. This risk assessment will identify the appropriateness to continue with the vaccination of residents and staff in the nursing home. If a resident or staff member is positive for COVID 19 they should not receive the vaccine and will need to wait until four weeks post their symptoms resolve to receive the vaccine.

To date there have been < 5 nursing homes that did not receive the vaccine because of an outbreak. These nursing homes will be re scheduled and planned in the coming weeks based on public health advice,

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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