



# **Covid19 Vaccination Programme Report**

**Week Ended 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

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# 1. Executive Summary

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- Over 3.9 million vaccines administered to the 27th June on the system, we expect we have exceeded 4 million vaccines when the remaining GP data is included.
- Over 2.4 million people have now received the first dose or single dose of their vaccine and nearly 1.6 million have received their second dose or single dose (as of 27th June).
- 42% of eligible population are fully vaccinated to 27<sup>th</sup> June.
- Uptake remains strong overall for the vaccination programme for those age groups receiving dose one with over 99% for 80+, 98% for ages 70-79, 92% for 60-69 and 89% for 50-59.
- We are continuing to see positive outcomes for those people vaccinated with reduction in mortality, outbreaks and disease prevalence amongst those vaccinated, with particular focus on the most vulnerable groups.
- Last week (w/c 21st June) the plan was to administered over 300,000 and this was exceeded as ca347,000 vaccines were administered, our highest weekly total to date.
- This Week (w/c 28th June) plan is to administer over 300,000.
- Over 70's are at over 439,000 fully vaccinated as of 27th June. This excludes some vaccines administered by GPs from the 14th May onwards.
- Medically vulnerable - Very high risk was substantially complete dose 1 in late May (Dose 1 over 276,000 as at 27th June). High risk people were substantially complete dose 1 last week (Dose 1 over 205,000 as at 27th June). This excludes some vaccines administered by GPs from the 14th May onwards.
- 60-69 age group has had over 456,000 people partially vaccinated and over 211,000 fully vaccinated having received either a single dose or second dose as at 27th June.
- 50-59 age group has had over 557,000 people partially vaccinated and over 481,000 people are fully vaccinated having received either a single dose or second dose as at 27th June.
- 40-49 age group has had over 587,000 people partially vaccinated and over 210,000 people are fully vaccinated having received either a single dose or second dose as at 27th June.
- Online registration opened for 35 to 39 years on Sunday 20th June with ca. 161,000 registrations to June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The rollout of the shorter interval of 8 weeks for the AZ dose 2 commenced w/c 14th June with the current plan assuming completion by week commencing 19th July. This requires re-planning of 450,000 people who will receive their dose earlier than planned for front line health care workers, medically vulnerable and people aged 60 to 69 years. In the last two weeks over 200,000 second doses of AZ were administered which was in line with targets. This programme remains on track.
- Pharmacies have been receiving deliveries of Janssen to be administered to the over 50s. There has been early indications of good interest from the public to this service with over 5,000 administered to date.

## 1. Cumulative Progress (to 27th June)

- **3,990,266** vaccines cumulatively administered to 27th June. 2,386,346 Dose 1s, 1,513,916 Dose 2s and 72,004 single doses.

## 2. Performance last week - week beginning 21st June

- Last week ca 347,000 doses were administered, which includes GP administrations that week, our highest weekly vaccinations to date.

## 3. Plan for this week - commencing 28<sup>th</sup> June

- The target for this week is over 300,000.

## 4. General Practice

- Approximately 1.5m vaccines have been administered by GPs as at 18.06.21 and it was expected to have delivered c. 1.58m by last weekend.
- We expect to have completed over 1.64m vaccinations by the end of this week's cycle (w/c 28th June)
- A dedicated GP support team is fully operational supporting distribution and allocation, linking with GP's and their practice staff to quickly resolve issues.

## 5. Vaccination Centres

- 40 Central Vaccination Centre sites are currently operating nationally, with 1 more site to open by the end of June.
- Kilanerin (Gorey/Arklow) Vaccination Centre opened on 23 June. The MTU Cork Vaccination Centre is planned to open on the week of the 28th June.
- As of 27th June ca. 1.7 million people who registered on the Public Portal have been vaccinated in VCs to date.
- Activity is being maintained at a similar level this week (w/c 28th June) with approximately 330,000 appointments being offered in the Vaccination Centres this week.
- The reduction in the interval between dose 1 and dose 2 from 12 weeks to 8 weeks for those persons who have received the AstraZeneca as recommended by NIAC, continued in the CVCs this week.
- DNA rates (adjusted for reschedule requests, cancellations and those already vaccinated) is 7% in the last 4 weeks (late May to late June). We are seeing a slight increase in people seeking to be rescheduled or DNA, which may be caused by the holiday season.

## Recruitment and Training

- Staff Training Programme: Training commenced for new applicants. Access to training materials formerly on HSELand has been resolved and is now available for all disciplines.
- All CVCs have confirmed sufficient WTE vaccinators to deliver scheduled supply.
- Ca. 1,400 WTE vaccinators were in place as of Friday 25th June.
- There has been a successful national and local recruitment campaign with over 2,900 vaccinators currently being deployed or ready to start from the national recruitment campaign. There are a further 3,100 vaccinators in the recruitment process.

## 6. Pharmacies

- Community Pharmacy came on board to the vaccination programme in the commencing 14th June, providing Janssen for people 50 and over who have not yet been vaccinated.

### **Phase 1 Janssen – Completion of People aged 50 years and above (Week commencing 14/06).**

- Participating Pharmacies- c750 pharmacies have been contacted by relationship managers and have been confirmed to administer the Janssen vaccine. 60,000 doses have been allocated to Community Pharmacy.
- PharmaVax – \*684 pharmacies and \*1144 vaccinators have registered on the system. PharmaVax is operating well as per feedback from the pharmacies.
- As of 25th June, over 5,000 have been administered by pharmacies
- There has been a very positive response from the public and a wide range of patients have presented themselves for the following reasons;
- Missed appointments at CVCs
- Carers who for convenience and time away to attend a CVC was a worry
  - Vaccine hesitant individuals who wanted to ask questions
  - People who had no transportation
  - Difficulties with registering
  - English not their first language and they have walked into book in with the support of a friend

### **Phase 2 Pfizer - Working through the Age cohorts in line with Vaccination Programme (Week commencing 28/06)**

- A subset of c350 Pharmacies will support the Vaccination Centres with Pfizer as we work through the age cohorts.
- Relationship Managers are contacting pharmacies this week to arrange vaccine supply deliveries. A total of 10k vaccines will be available through pharmacy and first supplies will be delivered this week (w/c June 28<sup>th</sup>).

## 7. Other Key Topics

### House Bound Over 70 Vaccinations

- The National Ambulance service has been operating a 7-day service to work through the high demand for this service. Referrals continue to be received for this service.
- Over 3,900 referrals of which Ca. 1,200 referred do not require NAS to vaccinate (682 already vaccinated, 197 deceased, 181 refused vaccines and remainder in hospital).
- 2,700 Dose 1 administered and 2,300 Dose 2 administered.
- For the week commencing the 28th June approx. 90 vaccines will be administered. In w/c 14th June, vaccination progress was slowed as NAS commenced administering Vaccines in the Prison Services.
- There are 16 cases where NAS have been unable to contact the patient at the address/with the contact details provided. The service is contacting the source of referral in relation to these cases.
- NAS have received additional resources to support the administration of this complex vaccination pathway. HSElive is providing support by engaging with key stakeholders in the programme including patients and families.

### Medically Vulnerable

- Comprises very high risk and high risk patients with an estd 500,000 people.
- Being delivered through hospitals, community vaccination teams, vaccination centres and GPs.
- Very high risk patients substantially completed with over 276,000 dose 1 vaccines administered to very high risk patients by the 27th June and over 228,000 dose 2 vaccines administered.
- High risk patients commenced in May and will be delivered primarily through GP's. We estimate now that there will be c200-250,000 people.
- Over 205,000 dose 1 administered to high risk patients by 27th June and over 118,000 dose 2 vaccines administered. This is understated due to GP data issues but will improve over the next two weeks.
- Total medically vulnerable patients vaccinated Dose 1 to date is over c480,000
- A small portion of the GP activity is currently still outstanding from 14th May for both high risk and very high risk patients.

### Vaccination of Socially Vulnerable Groups

- GPs will continue to offer members of the Traveller and Roma Communities Covid-19 vaccine, or will refer them to their local Central Vaccination Centre. The referral process has commenced to progress this. We

are engaging closely with the Community Healthcare Organisations to ensure that the vaccine roll-out continues efficiently at a local level.

- Roma Community - The estimated population for Roma community is ca. 4,000.
- Traveller Community - The estimated population for the traveller community is ca. 18,000
- To date approximately 3,300 vaccinations have been completed as part of this programme of vaccination, with a further 400 vaccination appointments scheduled for last week (week of June 21st).
- The vaccination programme is also vaccinating individuals in the custody of the state, estimated to be ca. 4,000 with an additional 500 to 1,000 staff. We commenced the vaccination programme for all individuals aged 70 years and over in March 2021 (population 59). All individuals from this age category were transported to three Irish Prison Service sites and vaccinations were administered by the National Ambulance Service (NAS) with Irish Prison Service (IPS) Clinical teams assisting. The NAS visited each site again four weeks later to administer each individual with dose two which concluded the vaccination of all those aged 70 and over.
- In line with government agreement the Covid-19 vaccination of all other individuals in the custody of the state commenced the week of June 7th 2021; by 23rd June 2021 eight IPS sites will have received dose one of their vaccine. In order to accommodate the large numbers in custody within sites, the NAS have attended two of the eight sites twice. This will mean over a 4 week period over 75% of those in the custody of the state will have been provided dose 1 vaccination as part of this programme.
- We are commencing the rollout to direct provision this week (estimated population us ca 4,800 across 73 DP centres). This will be delivered through bespoke vaccination clinics, GP, Vaccination Centres and Pharmacy.
- Other groups have now been confirmed as high priority which are Addiction (which has an estimated population of 11,000) and undocumented migrants (which has an estimated population of 10,000). A high-level plan has been developed for the vaccination of this Group and when finalised will be issued to the Department of Health.

## 8. Pregnancy Pathway Update

- The process for vaccination of pregnant women, between 14 and 36 completed weeks, is well established. Most maternity services are having the discussion with pregnant women at their booking visit, which usually occurs between 12 and 14 weeks. The woman is then referred for her two-doses within her second trimester.
- GPs are also now vaccinating patients.
- Estimated total population for vaccination is 20-30K.
- Estimated take up c40%.