

February 2017

School Vaccination Programme

Dear Principal,

This letter is a further update about the Health Service Executive (HSE) school vaccination programme in 2016/2017.

The HSE immunisation teams will commence the second dose of HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine for 1st year girls from March 2017.

Girls in first year who missed their first dose can be given this in March/April 2017 as we are aware that a number of parents delayed this vaccine in September due to concerns about vaccine safety.

We have written a further letter and amended the information leaflet for parents to highlight that the World Health Organization strongly recommends the HPV vaccine to prevent cancer and the vaccine is most effective when given to girls aged 12 to 13 years of age.

These information packs will be sent to schools in February 2017 for onward distribution to parents of all first year girls and a suggested text message will be available if required.

Please only distribute these HSE information materials about the vaccination programme and do not forward any other non HSE vaccine information to parents.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation in the delivery of the successful vaccination programmes. The HSE vaccination teams will strive to ensure vaccination sessions continue to take place as efficiently as possible.

Should you or any parents require further information please visit <u>www.immunisation.ie</u> or contact your local immunisation office (phone numbers overleaf)

Yours sincerely

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Contact phone numbers for HSE Immunisation Offices

Local Health Offices by county or area	Phone Number
Carlow	056 7784500
Cavan	047 30423
	047 30422
	047 39089
Cavan - West Cavan	071 9155148
Clare	065 6868039
Cork - North Cork	022 58736
Cork – North Lee	021 4921775
Cork – South Lee	021 4923214
	021 4923840
Cork - West Cork	028 40429
Donegal - Buncrana	074 93 61044
Donegal - Donegal Town	074 97 21074
Donegal - Dungloe	074 95 61210
Donegal - Letterkenny	074 91 23753
Dublin North (areas covered Artane(part), Coolock, Darndale, Edenmore, Raheny, Kilbarrack, Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle, Portmarnock, Malahide, Swords, Lusk, Rush, Skerries, Balbriggan, Naul)	01 8164259
Dublin North Central (areas covered Ballymun, Drumcondra, Whitehall, North inner City, Fairview, Clontarf,	01 8467097
Donneycarney)	087 9267936
Dublin North West (areas covered Cabra, Phibsborough, Finglas, Part Glasnevin, Castleknock, Blanchardstown, Mulhuddert, Smithfield)	01 8975135
Dublin South (areas covered Dun Laoghaire, Blackrock, Stillorgan, Cabinteely, Foxrock, Dalkey, South County Dublin, Shankill, Loughlinstown)	01 2365246
Dublin South City (areas covered South Inner City, Ringsend, Rathmines, Terenure, Churchtown,	01 7077996
Rathfarnham)	086 3837416
Dublin South East (areas covered Baggot St, Ranelagh, Donnybrook, Dundrum, Churchtown, Ballinteer	01 2680391
Leopardstown and Sandyford)	P086 0215305
Dublin South West (areas covered Crumlin, Drimnagh, Tallaght, Templeogue, Firhouse)	01 4141393
Dublin West (areas covered Clondalkin, Ballyfermot, Palmerstown, Lucan, Inchicore and Rathcoole)	01 6206313
	01 6206461
Galway	091 546175
Kerry	066 7184570
Kildare	045 907936
	045 907934
Kilkenny	056 7784500
Laois	057 9359785
Leitrim	071 9155148
Limerick	061 483935
Limerick - East Limerick	061 46 1140
Longford	043 3339700
Louth Mayo	042 9381262
	042 9381259
	094 9042217
N 0.	096 21511
Meath	046 9098725
	046 9098752
	046 9098763
Monaghan	047 30423
	047 30422
	047 39089
Offaly	057 9359785
Roscommon	090 6637515
Sligo	071 9155148
Tipperary - North Tipperary	067 46410
	067 46416
Tipperary - South Tipperary	052 6177245
Waterford	051 846772
Westmeath (areas covered Athlone and Moate schools)	090 6424816
Westmeath (areas covered Mullingar Schools)	044 9394992
Wexford	053 9243289
	053 9243290
Wicklow	0404 68400
	045 907936
Wicklow - West Wicklow (areas covered Baltinglass, Blessington and Dunlavin)	040 301 300

Not sure where your local office is? Please enter your address or the school address into the following site www.hse.ie/eng/services/maps/