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To All General Practitioners

RE: VITAL IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUATION OF ALL CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION CLINICS IN GENERAL PRACTICE

Dear Colleague,

I understand that we are working in unprecedented times and all practices are under strain with the COVID 19 response.

However, it is of vital importance that essential preventative services to maintain the health of the population are maintained at all times.

I am therefore writing to you to stress that all practices MUST maintain their childhood immunisation clinics. Un-immunised babies and young children are at increased risk of infectious diseases, which would in turn put increased pressure on the healthcare system.

The elderly and those in risk groups who become eligible for vaccines should also be immunised as usual to ensure they are protected.

Orders of vaccines should be placed via the normal route and deliveries of vaccines will continue throughout this time.

Please ensure that immunisation services are continuing and that parents and guardians are aware that they must attend to protect their children.

Thank you for all your hard work at this time.

Yours sincerely,

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