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**PQ:13793/20: To ask the Minister for Health the status of the schools vaccine programme if students that would ordinarily have received vaccinations but did not due to Covid-19 will receive their vaccines in the autumn roll out of vaccinations nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murnane O Connor,

The above PQ has been sent to my Department to respond directly to you on same.

The vaccine programmes in schools were paused when schools closed in March. The School Immunisation teams are aware of the schools they were due to visit and clinics have commenced to ensure that children and young people are offered these vaccines. Interrupted courses of vaccines do not need to be restarted, so the children and young people can complete their course when this is offered to them.

Planning around the provision of immunisation programmes includes for the consideration that schools may be closed. The immunisation programmes will be offered to students with as little disruption as possible.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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