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**PQ19276/20: To ask the Minister for Health if children whose scheduled vaccines were cancelled during Covid-19 will receive them before the beginning of the 2020/2021 school year; if special clinics will be established to deal with the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Burke,

The above PQ has been sent to my Department for direct response 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.

These clinics are planned to be completed before the start of the new school year. Anyone who was unable to bring their child to these clinics will be offered another opportunity to be vaccinated next academic year.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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