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**PQ Question 11952/21: To ask the Minister for Health when the roll-out of the school vaccine programme for junior Infants will recommence; the recommended timeframe within which the vaccines can be delivered to ensure their greatest efficacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter .**

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

The above PQ has been forwarded to my Department for direct response to you on same.

We are trying to manage both the pre-existing programme and the COVID vaccination programme. The existing programme in the schools had ceased as the schools were closed. That has allowed us to concentrate on the COVID programme. However with the re-opening of schools we will aim to start up the schools programme and continue into the Summer. This will allow for a catch-up both in the schools and the Summer holidays.

I trust this clarification will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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