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PQ Number:12170/2To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that school-aged children do not miss their routine vaccinations as a result of school closures due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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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