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Deputy David Cullinane TD Dail Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ 17485/21: To ask the Minister for Health when the school immunisation programme will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 all over 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 in all counties.

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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