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Deputy Pa Daly TD Dail Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re: PO49369/21 and PO 49365/21.

Dear Deputy Daly,

The above two PQs have been forwarded to my Department for direct response to you on same.

PQ Number 49369/21: To ask the Minister for Health the reason a secondary school vaccination programme is now being conducted on an individual basis in HSE vaccination centres and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The HSE School Immunisation Teams work with schools across the country and where possible vaccines are given on school premises to students in First Year of second level schools (HPV, Tdap and MenACWY vaccines).

However, where this is not possible due to challenges presented because of COVID-19 the HSE works with the school to find a solution to continue the school immunisation programme.

PQ Number 49365/21: To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding vaccinations in secondary schools given many have now been scheduled in HSE vaccination centres on an individual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The HSE School Immunisation Teams work with schools across the country and where possible vaccines are given on school premises to students in First Year of second level schools (HPV, Tdap and MenACWY vaccines). However, where this is not possible due to challenges presented because of COVID-19 the HSE works with the school to find a solution to continue the school immunisation programme.

I trust this clarification will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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