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**PQ 17166/22** To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the uptake rate for the school immunisation programme for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 academic year in the CHO9; if there are plans in place for a catch-up programme to offset any impact caused by Covid-19 related disruptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter - **Mary Lou McDonald TD**

Dear Deputy Mc Donald,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please find below details on the uptake rate for the school immunisation programme for the 2020/2021 for Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC).

CHO DNCC TOTAL:	MMR	4in1	HPV 2 Doses	TDAP	Men ACWY
Uptake %	78.65%	78.74%	74.10%	81.03%	78.12%

The School Immunisation Programme for the Academic year 2021/2022 is still in progress so we are unable to provide uptake rates. The second dose of Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) is not due to be administered until May 2022.

Targeted clinics are still ongoing for both academic years in some schools, local Primary Care Centres and the Community Vaccination Centres.

For the past two years during the global Covid-19 pandemic, CHO DNCC has operated a hybrid approach for the required immunisation of primary and secondary schools. Several factors affected what approach could be facilitated such as the necessity to vaccinate large numbers in a short timeframe, restricted school access, national guidance from the National Immunisation Office regarding timeframes if a child had Covid-19 or been recently vaccinated for Covid-19, and also the redeployment of immunisation staff to the Community Vaccination Centres.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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