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IMPORTANT NEWS INFLUENZA VACCINATION CAMPAIGN 2008

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Dear Doctor

We need to clarify some important issues concerning the 'Flu Campaign this year.

The extension of the campaign to the over 50's as per previous correspondence and recently distributed information materials will not now proceed in 2008. We wish to concentrate on the over 65's. The HSE will review the matter again in the context of 2009.

For the 2008-9 Flu campaign the HSE will provide:

- the influenza vaccine free of charge for all the usual categories.
- an administration fee for those who hold a medical card or a GP visit card, <u>and</u> are 65 years of age and over, <u>or</u> in the at risk groups

Please contact your Primary Care Unit should you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely

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