



## Information for Families of Day Service Attendees being offered the COVID-19 Vaccination

The HSE vaccination programme operates on the assumption that adults have capacity to make their own decisions.

### 1.0 People who are able to communicate their consent -

Most people with disabilities who attend a Day Service will decide if they want to receive the vaccine or wish to decline the vaccine. Information should be imparted by the day service provider and reinforced by their family. These individuals will attend the vaccination clinic, (either on their own or accompanied) and will communicate their consent to the vaccinator.

### 2.0 Individuals who are unable to communicate their decision –

**Role of Family** – Prior to the vaccination, people who know the person best (e.g. family / friends / advocates) will read through the guidance document ‘*Guidance for Families on COVID-19 Vaccination and Consent*’ available on [https://hse.drsteevenslibrary.ie/ld.php?content\\_id=33499149](https://hse.drsteevenslibrary.ie/ld.php?content_id=33499149) with the individual to support them to understand what COVID is, the purpose of the vaccine, the potential side-effects etc. A webinar was held for families on Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> to support families in this process and a recording of this will be available shortly to download.

**Role of Day Service Provider Staff** - complete two key documents in order to provide assurance that a process was undertaken to establish consent

- I. The appropriate “Providing Communication Supports to a Person being offered the COVID-19 Vaccination” Guidance Tool (Select from Guidances 1 – 4)  
[www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/partner-resources/guidance-and-practical-resource-pack-in-preparation-for-covid-19-vaccination-programme-disability-services.pdf](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/partner-resources/guidance-and-practical-resource-pack-in-preparation-for-covid-19-vaccination-programme-disability-services.pdf)
- II. The HSE COVID-19 Vaccination Checklist (page 2 ONLY)  
[www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/covid19vaccineinfo4hps/covid19vaccinechecklist.pdf](http://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/covid19vaccineinfo4hps/covid19vaccinechecklist.pdf)

The staff member will also complete PAGE 2 only of the checklist (page 1 will be completed at the vaccination centre) outlining which option is most appropriate for this individual when establishing consent

These documents can be picked up by the individual or the family member at the Day Service prior to the vaccination and presented to the vaccinator in the vaccination clinic.



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Alternatively, the documents can be scanned and emailed to the family or individual to bring to the clinic. If neither of these is possible, the documents can be scanned directly to the vaccination clinic.

### **What documents to bring to the Vaccination Clinic:**

Family members need to bring the following documents with them when they accompany their family member (in group 2.0) to the vaccination clinic.

1. The signed Guidance Tool
2. The completed Page 2 of the HSE COVID 19 Vaccination Checklist.

### **3.0 Individuals who do not have the capacity to consent –**

There will be a third group of individuals whose capacity to consent cannot be confirmed. A process to ensure that the person's will and preference (for example - have they received other vaccinations in the past?) are ascertained. This will be done in conjunction with an assessment of the benefit of the vaccination to the person. These processes will be conducted **in partnership** between the individual's family, the GP, the Day Service Provider staff and the individual's circle of support. Following these processes, if the assessment indicates that the person can't consent even with support but that the vaccination is not contrary to his/her will and preference AND that the vaccination is for his/her benefit and that the person should be vaccinated, the **staff member** in the Day Service will indicate number 3 on page 2 of the "HSE COVID 19 Vaccination Checklist".

This document can be picked up by the individual or the family member at the Day Service prior to the vaccination and presented to the vaccinator in the vaccination clinic. Alternatively, the document can be scanned and emailed to the family or individual to bring to the clinic. If neither of these is possible, the document can be scanned directly to the vaccination clinic.

### **What documents to bring to the Vaccination Clinic:**

Family members need to bring the following document with them when they accompany their family member (in group 3.0) to the vaccination clinic.

1. The completed Page 2 of the 'HSE COVID 19 Vaccination Checklist'