

# GET THE FACTS

## 75 YEARS OF THE WHO. ALMOST 200 YEARS OF VACCINES IN IRELAND.

### A WORLD FREE OF SMALLPOX

The smallpox vaccine was the first vaccine introduced in Ireland in 1863.

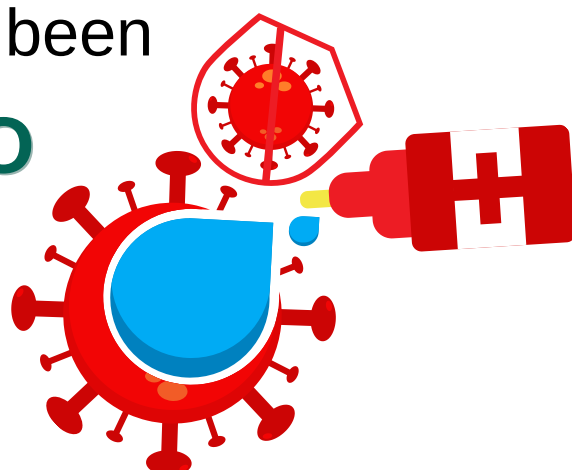


In 1980, the WHO declared the world free of smallpox.

Smallpox is the **only** disease we have completely eliminated in Ireland and worldwide.

### The WHO European Region has been FREE OF ENDEMIC POLIO SINCE 2002.

The last reported case of polio in Ireland was in 1984.



### MEASLES CASES DROPPED DRAMATICALLY

from **10,000 cases** in 1985 to **201 cases** in 1987 after the measles vaccine was introduced in 1985.



### MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS CASES HAVE DROPPED MORE THAN 80%

since the meningococcal C and B vaccines were introduced in 2000 and 2016.

### Ireland has been FREE OF ENDEMIC RUBELLA SINCE 2016

because of the rubella vaccine, which was introduced in 1971.



### WHO EUROPEAN IMMUNISATION WEEK 2023

Vaccines save lives. Let's keep working together to stop infectious diseases from spreading or coming back into Ireland. Getting vaccinated helps keep us all safe.