



September 2019

Re: School Vaccination Programme for pupils in first year of second level school

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In this pack you will read information about your child's upcoming vaccinations. Please read the information, complete the consent form and return it in the provided envelope.

What vaccines your child will receive

The HSE school vaccination team will visit schools twice during the school year to offer the following vaccines:

- **HPV** (Human papillomavirus) vaccine which protects against cancers
- **Tdap** vaccine which protects against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough (Pertussis)
- **MenACWY** (Meningococcal) vaccine which protects against meningococcal types A, C, W and Y, which can cause meningitis and septicaemia.

How many doses your child needs to receive

Your child needs to receive:

- One booster dose of Tdap and one dose of MenACWY
- Two doses of HPV vaccine (If your child is aged 15 or older they will need 3 doses)

The nurse or doctor will give one injection in each arm.

When the visits will take place

- **Visit 1** should take place from mid-September to give HPV (dose one) and Tdap
- **Visit 2** should take place from mid-February to give HPV (dose two) and MenACWY

The school will know the date when the vaccinations are due to take place.

What you will find with this letter

- Information leaflets about the vaccines and the diseases they prevent. Please read this information carefully and you can also use them to discuss these vaccinations with your child.
- Consent form for vaccination.
 - Please complete the consent form.
 - Return this form in the envelope provided before the vaccinations begin.
 - This form must be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS in pen and signed by the parent or guardian.



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Tá eolas teagmhála na n-oifigí áitiúla thall

HSE National Immunisation Office
Please see overleaf for your Local Office Contacts
www.immunisation.ie www.hpv.ie

What you could do to help on the day of vaccination

On the day of vaccination, please make sure your child:

- Eats breakfast
- Wears a loose fitting short sleeved top
- Brings their immunisation record card/immunisation passport to school, if they have one.

If you have any questions or concerns, members of the school vaccination team are happy to help. The contact numbers for the vaccination teams are available in this pack.

Further information is also available on www.immunisation.ie and www.hpv.ie

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kelleher', written over a horizontal line.

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