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School Vaccination Programme 2015/2016

Dear Principal,

This letter is to inform you of the Health Service Executive (HSE) school vaccination programme in 2015/2016.

◆ **Tdap (Tetanus low dose diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine**

This vaccine will continue for all 1st year students and will be given with the first HPV dose for girls. The Tdap vaccine is of particular public health importance due to the large number of pertussis (whooping cough) cases.

◆ **MenC (Meningococcal C) vaccine**

This booster vaccine will continue for all 1st year students and will be given in the second or third term at the same time as the Tdap or 2nd dose of HPV vaccine. This vaccine is currently given to babies but the immunity reduces over time so an adolescent booster dose is recommended to provide additional protection.

◆ **HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine**

This vaccine will continue for girls in 1st year. The HPV vaccine schedule is two doses with a six month interval between the 1st and 2nd dose. Girls must receive two doses for this vaccine to be fully effective. The HSE vaccination teams will make arrangements to provide HPV vaccinations on agreed dates in September/October and March/April. As Easter falls early in 2016, vaccinations may continue into the 3rd term as the six month interval between the 2 doses must be observed.

There has been recent media coverage regarding the safety of Gardasil (HPV) vaccine. In Ireland, all adverse reactions to vaccines must be reported to the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA). Gardasil is safe and effective and the safety profile of the vaccine has not changed since the HSE vaccination programme began in 2010. The HPRA, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and other international bodies have stated there is no change in the recommendations for the use of Gardasil.

Information packs for these vaccination programmes are currently being prepared and will be distributed to schools in the coming weeks. Please only distribute these HSE information materials about the vaccination programme and do not forward any other non HSE vaccine information to parents.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation in the delivery of the successful vaccination programmes in previous years. The HSE vaccination teams will continue to work with you to ensure vaccination sessions this year take place as efficiently as possible. Should you or any parents require further information please visit www.immunisation.ie or contact your local immunisation office (phone numbers overleaf)

Yours sincerely



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Please note that for vaccination sessions to take place the HSE teams will require

- Use of a large room such as a hall/indoor sports court. In choosing this area it would be very useful if there was a separate entrance and exit.
- Hand-washing facilities
- Tables and chairs for vaccinating teams (depending on size of school and vaccinating team)
- Chairs or mats for one class of students at any one time
- A liaison member of staff or a designated student to call students from class at the appropriate time for vaccination and return them to class in an orderly way after vaccination

Contact phone numbers for HSE Local Health Immunisation Offices

Local Health Offices by county or area	HPV, Tdap and MenC	Tdap and MenC
Carlow	056 7784500	056 7784500
Cavan	047 30423	047 30423
	047 30422	047 30422
	047 39089	047 39089
Cavan - West Cavan	071 9155148	071 9155148
Clare	065 6868039	065 6868039
Cork - North Cork	022 58736	022 58736
Cork – North Lee	021 4921775	021 4921775
Cork – South Lee	021 4923214	021 4923214
	021 4923840	021 4923840
Cork - West Cork	028 40429	028 40429
Donegal - Buncrana	074 93 61044	074 93 61044
Donegal - Donegal Town	074 97 21074	074 97 21074
Donegal - Dungloe	074 95 61210	074 95 61210
Donegal - Letterkenny	074 91 23753	074 91 23753
Dublin North (areas covered Artane(part), Coolock, Darndale, Edenmore,Raheny, Kilbarrack, Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle, Portmarnock,Malahide, Swords, Lusk, Rush, Skerries, Balbriggan, Naul)	01 8164259	01 8164259
Dublin North Central (areas covered Ballymun, Drumcondra, Whitehall, North inner City, Fairview, Clontarf, Donnellycarney)	01 8467097	01 8467097
	087 9267936	087 9267936
Dublin North West (areas covered Cabra, Phibsborough, Finglas, Part Glasnevin, Castleknock, Blanchardstown, Mulhuddert, Smithfield)	01 8975135	01 8975135
Dublin South (areas covered Dun Laoghaire, Blackrock, Stillorgan, Cabinteely, Foxrock, Dalkey, South County Dublin, Shankill, Loughlinstown)	01 2365246	01 2365246
Dublin South City (areas covered South Inner City, Ringsend, Rathmines, Terenure, Churchtown, Rathfarnham)p	01 7077996	01 7077996
	086 3837416	086 3837416
Dublin South East (areas covered Baggot St, Ranelagh, Donnybrook, Dundrum, Churchtown, Ballinteer Leopardstown and Sandyford)	012680391	01 2680391
	0860215305	086 0215305
Dublin South West (areas covered Crumlin, Drimnagh, Tallaght, Templeogue, Firhouse)	01 4141393	01 4141393
Dublin West (areas covered Clondalkin, Ballyfermot, Palmerstown, Lucan, Inchicore and Rathcoole)	01 6206313	01 6206313
	01 6206461	01 6206461
Galway	091 546175	091 546180
Kerry	066 7184570	066 7195682
Kildare	045 907936	045 907936
	045 907934	045 907934
Kilkenny	056 7784500	056 7784500
Laois	057 9359785	057 9359785
Leitrim	071 9155148	071 9155148
Limerick	061 483935	061 483935
Limerick - East Limerick	061 46 1140	061 46 1140
Longford	043 3339700	043 3339700
Louth	042 9381262	042 9381262
	042 9381259	042 9381259
Mayo	094 9042217	094 9042217
	096 21511	096 21511

Meath	046 9098725 046 9098752 046 9098763	046 9098725 046 9098752 046 9098763
Monaghan	047 30423 047 30422 047 39089	047 30423 047 30422 047 39089
Offaly	057 9359785	057 9359785
Roscommon	090 6637515	090 6637515
Sligo	071 9155148	071 9155148
Tipperary - North Tipperary	067 46410 067 46416	067 46410 067 46416
Tipperary - South Tipperary	052 6177245	052 6177245
Waterford	051 846772	051 846772
Westmeath (areas covered Athlone and Moate schools)	090 6424816	090 6424816
Westmeath (areas covered Mullingar Schools)	044 9394992	044 9394992
Wexford	053 9243289 053 9243290	053 9243289 053 9243290
Wicklow	0404 68400	0404 68400
Wicklow - West Wicklow (areas covered Baltinglass, Blessington and Dunlavin)	045 907936 045 907934	045 907936 045 907934