

January 2024

Re: HPV, Tdap and Meningococcal [Men] ACWY Vaccinations

Dear Parent /Legal Guardian,

The HSE school vaccination team will visit your child's school on **WEDNESDAY 24TH AND THURSDAY 25TH OF JANUARY** to offer HPV, Tdap and Meningococcal ACWY vaccination if you signed and returned a valid consent form earlier in the school year.

In November 2022 the National Immunisation Advisory Committee [NIAC] issued updated advice about the number of doses of HPV vaccine needed

The National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) now recommend:

- **One dose of HPV vaccine** for those aged 9-24 years of age- The student will only receive one dose of HPV if a valid consent form was returned.
- **Three doses of HPV vaccine over 6 months** for those who are **immunocompromised have a weak immune system** and if recommended by their treating Specialist/Consultant.

The vaccines consented for will be given on the same day-the vaccinator may give two vaccines in one arm and one vaccine in the other arm.

Please let us know if

- Your child's medical history has changed since you signed the consent form for HPV/Tdap/Men ACWY vaccines
- Your child had a severe reaction to any vaccine received in the past

On the day of vaccination please ensure your child

- Has eaten breakfast & brings a lunch and plenty drinks to school
- Wears a short sleeved polo shirt or t-shirt
- Has not taken any Paracetamol or Ibuprofen[Neurofen]

If you have not already returned a consent form and would like your child to receive these vaccinations please contact this office.

We would like to reassure you that the HSE immunisation team staff are aware of their obligations under Data Protection Acts 1988-2018 [including GDPR].

Only authorized vetted HSE Staff visit schools to deliver the HSE school immunisation programme. All HSE Staff comply with their obligations under the National Vetting Bureau [Children and Vulnerable Persons Acts 2012-2016].

If you have any questions, the school immunisation team will be happy to help you.

Further information on www.immunisation.ie

Yours sincerely,

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