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To

BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT AND PRINCIPALS OF POST-PRIMARY
SCHOOLS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THE EDUCATION AND
TRAINING BOARDS

HSE Post-Primary School Vaccination Programme 2016/2017

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has asked the Department of Education and Skills to circulate to the Principals of recognised schools [a letter from the HSE to principals](#) and the [HSE proposed schedule of vaccine delivery](#) both of which informs schools of the HSE school vaccination programme for the 2016/2017 school year. Also included is a fact sheet on [HPV vaccines and cervical cancer](#).

Please see also [memorandum on HSE administrative role and responsibilities for school immunisation programme 2016/2017](#).

The Minister for Education and Skills acknowledges the continued support by school management in preventing and responding to public health concerns.

The HSE has also asked the Department of Education and Skills to remind schools of its guidelines on the *“Management of Infectious Disease in Schools”*. The link to this publication is available on the Department’s website at <http://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/National-Emergencies-Public-Health-Issues/>. These guidelines were primarily developed for use by teachers and aim to raise awareness about common and important infectious diseases. They also provide guidance on the prevention and management of infectious diseases in schools.

Further information about the vaccinations contained in the school vaccination programme 2016/2017 is available at www.immunisation.ie. The HSE publication *“Management of Infectious Disease in Schools”* is available on the Health Protection Surveillance Website www.hpsc.ie.

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