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Re: The Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Catch-up Programme

Dear Parent, Guardian or Student,

In this letter you will find information about the Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Catch-up Programme. The HSE is offering young people another chance to protect themselves from HPV, by receiving the HPV vaccine, if they were not vaccinated when they were offered it previously. This opportunity is available in 2023 for eligible people to get the HPV vaccine.

Who is being offered this vaccine?

The HPV (Human Papillomavirus) catch-up vaccination is being offered to:

- Females (currently in 2nd year – 6th year) who have not received the HPV vaccine
- Males (currently in 2nd year – 4th year (5th year if they did not do transition year)) who have not received the HPV vaccine

Students (both male and female) currently in 1st year are being offered HPV vaccination this year as part of the routine school immunisation schedule.

How many doses are needed?

The recommendations of the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) about the number of HPV vaccine doses needed has recently changed. Most students only need to receive **one dose** of HPV vaccine (if your child has a weak immune system they will need 3 doses). Please visit www.hpv.ie for more information.

What to do if you/your child has already received the HPV vaccine

If your child has already received at least one dose of the HPV vaccine they do not need another dose of the vaccine. If they have a weak immune system and they did not complete the HPV vaccine course when they were offered it, please contact the school vaccination team.

How do I get my child/myself vaccinated?

If your child is 15 years old or younger and eligible for the Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Catch-up Programme please contact the vaccination team in your area. The contact details for the team are available on www.hpv.ie.

Young people aged 16 years and over may register themselves for the Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Catch-up Programme on www.hpv.ie.

When will the vaccine be given?

The HSE vaccination team may visit your school to give the vaccine or invite you to an immunisation clinic.

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 on www.hpv.ie.

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

Yours sincerely

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Maidir le: Clár Cúitimh Vacsaínithe HPV Laura Brennan

A Thuismitheoir, a Chaomhnóir nó a Mhicleáinn,

Sa litir seo gheobhaidh tú eolas faoi Chlár Cúitimh Vacsaínithe HPV Laura Brennan.

Tá deis eile á thairiscint ag an FnaSS do dhaoine óga iad féin a chosaint ó HPV, tríd an vacsaín HPV a fháil, mura bhfuair siad an vacsaín nuair a tairgeadh é roimhe seo dóibh.

Tá an deis seo ar fáil in 2023 do dhaoine incháilithe chun an vacsaín HPV a fháil.

Cé dó a bhfuil an vacsaín á thairiscint?

Tá an vacsaín HPV (Papalómaivíreas Daonna) á thairiscint do:

- Baineannaigh (atá sa 2ú – 6ú bliain faoi láthair) nach bhfuil an vacsaín HPV faighte acu
- Fireannaigh (sa 2ú bliain – 4ú bliain faoi láthair (5ú bliain mura ndearna siad an idirbhliain)) nach bhfuil an vacsaín HPV faighte acu.

Tá vacsaíniú HPV á thairiscint i mbliana do dhaltaí (idir fhir agus mhná) atá sa chéad bhliain faoi láthair mar chuid de ghnáthsceideal imdhíonta na scoile.

Cé mhéad dáileog a theastaíonn?

Athraíodh moltaí an Choiste Chomhairleach Náisiúnta um Imdhíonadh (NIAC) maidir le lón na dáileoga vacsaíne HPV a theastaíonn le déanaí. Ní gá don chuid is mó de dhaltaí ach dáileog amháin den vacsaín HPV a fháil (má tá córas imdhíonachta lag ag do leanbh beidh 3 dháileog ag teastáil uaidh). Tabhair cuairt ar www.hpv.ie le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais.

Cad ba chóir a dhéanamh má tá an vacsaín HPV faighte agat/ag do pháiste cheana féin:

Má tá dáileog amháin ar a laghad den vacsaín HPV faighte ag do pháiste cheana féin, ní bheidh dáileog eile den vacsaín ag teastáil uaidh/uathi. Má tá córas imdhíonachta lag acu agus murar chríochnaigh siad an cursa vacsaíne HPV nuair a tairgeadh é, déan teagmháil le foireann vacsaínithe na scoile le do thoil.

Conas a bhfaighfidh mé an vacsaín do mo pháiste/dom féin?

Má tá do pháiste 15 bliain d'aois nó níos óige agus go bhfuil sé/sí incháilithe do Chlár Cúitimh Vacsaínithe HPV Laura Brennan, déan teagmháil leis an fhoireann vacsaínithe i do cheantar. Tá sonraí teagmhála na foirne ar fáil ar www.hpv.ie. Is féidir le daoine óga 16 bliana d'aois agus os a chionn iad féin a chlárú le haghaidh Chlár Cúitimh Vacsaínithe HPV Laura Brennan ar www.hpv.ie.

Cén uair a dtabharfar an vacsaín?

Féadfaidh foireann vacsaínithe FnaSS cuairt a thabhairt ar do scoil chun an vacsaín a thabhairt nó cuireadh a thabhairt duit chuig clinic imdhíonta.

Má tá aon cheist nó inní ort, tá baill d'fhoireann vacsaínithe na scoile sásta cabhrú leat. Tá na huimhreacha teagmhála do na foirne vacsaínithe ar fáil ar www.hpv.ie.

Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil freisin ar www.immunisation.ie agus www.hpv.ie

Mise le meas

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Thursday 4th May 2023

The Laura Brennan HPV Catch- Up Vaccination Programme

Dear Principal

I am writing to you regarding the Laura Brennan HPV Catch-Up vaccination programme. This programme is designed to offer students in secondary school who previously declined vaccination, a second chance to receive the HPV Gardasil 9 vaccine in HSE clinics. The HPV vaccine protects against the human papilloma virus which is linked to several types of cancers. Most students will require only one dose. Those with underlying medical problems and weakened immune systems may require more than one dose. The programme will run until the end of 2023.

The vaccine is available to the following students:

- Female students from 2nd year to 6th year who have not received the HPV vaccine previously
- Male students from 2nd year to 4th year or 5th year (if they did not do transition year) who have not yet received the HPV vaccine. These male students would have commenced first year in September 2019.
- Older male students unfortunately are not currently eligible for the programme.

Parents and students may book an appointment by logging onto www.hpv.ie and locating their nearest HSE clinic. If parents and students are experiencing difficulty in securing an appointment they can contact **North Lee Schools and Immunisation team on (021) 4225650**. We will be running two clinics in the North Main Street Vaccination Centre in Cork city in May and in June and will plan further clinics in the coming months.

Please also find enclosed additional supportive correspondence from Dr Lucy Jessop of the National Immunisation Office and a letter for circulation to parents/guardians /students, promoting the uptake of the HPV vaccine.

We ask for your assistance in communicating and circulating this information to parents / guardians and students in your school. Please feel free to contact me on marietherese.buckley@hse.ie if you have any queries or questions.

Yours sincerely

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February 2023

The Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Catch-Up Programme 2022/2023

Dear Principal,

The HSE greatly appreciates the co-operation of the Principals and staff of post primary and special schools in the implementation of the Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Catch-Up Programme to protect children from the consequences of human papillomavirus (HPV) infection, including several types of cancer.

This letter is to inform you about this programme in 2022/2023 and to request your assistance in communicating with the parents and legal guardians of pupils that are eligible for catch-up HPV vaccination.

The HPV vaccine (Gardasil 9) is safe and effective and the safety profile of the HPV vaccine has not changed since the HSE vaccination programme began in 2010.

The HSE is offering young people another chance to protect themselves from HPV, by receiving the HPV vaccine, if they were not vaccinated when they were offered it previously. This opportunity is available until the end of 2023.

Who is being offered this vaccine?

The HPV (Human Papillomavirus) catch-up vaccination is being offered to:

- Females (currently in 2nd year – 6th year) who have not received the HPV vaccine
- Males (currently in 2nd year – 4th year (5th year if they did not do transition year)) who have not received the HPV vaccine

How many doses of HPV vaccine are needed?

The recommendations of the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) about the number of HPV vaccine doses needed has changed. Most students only need to receive **one dose** of HPV vaccine (if a child has a weak immune system they will need 3 doses). Please visit www.hpv.ie for more information.

We would be most grateful if your school could distribute:

The enclosed letter to the parents/legal guardians of pupils who may be eligible to receive catch-up HPV vaccination under the **Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Catch-Up Programme**.

These are parents/legal guardians of:

- Females (2nd year – 6th year)
- Males (currently in 2nd year – 4th year (5th year if they did not do transition year))

This letter informs parents/legal guardians on the appropriate next steps in the event that:

- their child has not received the vaccine and is eligible for catch-up HPV vaccination.
- they have questions or require further information.
- their child has already received the HPV vaccine and is not eligible for the HPV vaccination catch-up programme.



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To alert parents/legal guardians to the Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Catch-Up Programme, you may wish to add some information on the programme to your school website, social media accounts or send it by text alert.

Suggested text for this reminder is:

"Your child has been given a HSE letter to inform you about the Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Catch-Up Programme. If your child is eligible for a catch-up vaccination and you want to avail of the offer, please follow the steps in the letter and visit www.hpv.ie"

I would like to thank you for your cooperation in the delivery of 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. As always, they adhere to the policies of the school when providing this service. Should you or any parents/legal guardians require further information please visit www.hpv.ie or contact your local school vaccination team.

Yours sincerely

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Clár Cúitimh Vacsaínithe HPV Laura Brennan 2022/2023

A Phríomhoide, a chara,

Is mór ag an FnaSS an comhoibriú a rinne na Príomhoidí agus foireann na n-iar-bhunscoileanna agus na scoileanna speisialta maidir le cur i bhfeidhm an Chláir Chúitimh Vacsaínithe HPV Laura Brennan chun leanaí a chosaint ó iarmhairtí ionfhabhtú papalómaivíreas daonna (HPV), lena n-áirítear cineálacha éagsúla galar. ailse.

Táim ag scríobh chugat chun tú a chur ar an eolas faoin gclár seo in 2022/2023 agus chun do chabhair a iarraidh chun cumarsáid a dhéanamh le tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí dlíthiúla daltaí atá i dteideal vacsaínithe HPV cútumh.

Tá an vacsaín HPV (Gardasil 9) sábhálte agus éifeachtach agus níl aon athrú tagtha ar phróifil sábháilteachta na vacsaíne HPV ó cuireadh tús le clár vacsaínithe FSS in 2010.

Tá deis eile á thairiscint ag an FnaSS do dhaoine óga iad féin a chosaint ó HPV, tríd an vacsaín HPV a fháil, mura bhfuair siad an vacsaín nuair a tairgeadh é roimhe seo dóibh. Tá an deis seo ar fáil go dtí deireadh 2023.

Cé dó a bhfuil an vacsaín á thairiscint?

Tá an vacsaín HPV (Papalómaivíreas Daonna) á thairiscint do:

- Baineannaigh (atá sa 2ú – 6ú bliain faoi láthair) nach bhfuil an vacsaín HPV faigte acu
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Cé mhéad dáileog a theastaíonn?

Athraíodh moltaí an Choiste Chomhairleach Náisiúnta um Imdhíonadh (NIAC) maidir le líon na dáileoga vacsaíne HPV a theastaíonn le déanaí. Ní gá don chuid is mó de dhaltaí ach dáileog amháin den vacsaín HPV a fháil (má tá córas imdhíonachta lag ag páiste beidh 3 dháileog ag teastáil uaidh/uaithe). Tabhair cuairt ar www.hpv.ie le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais.

Bheimis thar a bheith buíoch dá mbeadh do scoil sásta:

An litir seo chuig tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí dlíthiúla daltaí a d'fhéadfadh a bheith i dteideal vacsaíniú HPV teacht suas a fháil faoi Chláir Cúitimh Vacsaínithe Vacsaín Laura Brennan a dháileadh ar thuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí na daltaí seo a leanas:

- Cailíní (2ú bliain – 6ú bliain)
- Buachaillí (2ú bliain – 4ú bliain (5ú bliain mura ndearna siad an idirbhliain))

Cuireann an litir seo tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí dlíthiúla ar an eolas faoi na chéad chéimeanna eile cuí sa chás:

- nach bhfuil an vacsaín faigte ag an páiste agus go bhfuil sé/sí i dteideal vacsaín cútumh HPV
- go bhfuil ceisteanna acu nó go dteastaíonn níos mó eolais uathu
- go bhfuair an páiste an vacsaín HPV agus nach bhfuil sé/sí incháilithe don chláir cútumh HPV.



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Chun tuismitheoirí/chaomhnóirí dlíthiúla a chur ar an eolas maidir le Clár Cúitimh Vacsaínithe HPV Laura Brennan, b'fhéidir gur mhaith leat roinnt eolais faoin gclár a chur le suíomh gréasáin do scoile, cuntas meán sóisialta nó é a sheoladh le foláirimh téacs.

Is é an téacs a mholtar don mheabhrúchán seo ná:

"Tugadh litir ó FnaSS dod' pháiste chun tú a chur ar an eolas faoi Chlár Cúitimh Vacsaínithe HPV Laura Brennan. Má tá do pháiste incháilithe le haghaidh vacsániú cúitimhagus gur mhaith leat leas a bhaint as an tairiscint, lean na céimeanna sa litir agus tabhair cuairt ar www.hpv.ie"

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leat as ucht do chomhoibriú i seachadadh na gclár vacsaínithe sna blianta roimhe seo.

Leanfaidh foirne vacsaínithe FnaSS ag obair leat chun a chinntíú go mbeidh seisiúin vacsaínithe ar siúl i mbliana chomh héifeachtach agus is féidir. Mar is gnáth, cloíonn siad le polasaithe na scoile agus an tseirbhís seo á soláthar acu. Má theastaíonn tuilleadh eolais uait féin nó ó thuismitheoirí/chaomhnóirí dlíthiúla ar bith tabhair cuairt le do thoil ar www.hpv.ie nó déan teagmháil le d'fhoireann vacsaínithe scoile áitiúil.

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