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To
BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT AND PRINCIPALS OF PRIMARY AND
SPECIAL SCHOOLS

HSE Primary School Vaccination Programme 2014/2015

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has asked the Department of Education and Skills to circulate to the Principals of recognised schools the attached letter ([Click here to view HSE letter](#)) to inform schools of the HSE primary school vaccination programme for the 2014/2015 school year.

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 the HSE 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 2014/15 is available at www.immunisation.ie and the HSE dedicated website www.hpv.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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