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Re: Cohort 7 Vaccinations

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and students,

The HSE have been in contact with the school regarding the next phase of the Covid 19 vaccination. They are now ready to move forward with the Covid - 19 vaccination of people aged 16-59 years with high risk medical conditions (Cohort 7).

The National Immunisation Advisory Committee have defined this group with reference to the WHO definition as follows "Impairment in adaptive , social and intellectual functioning , requiring daily support". All students over the age of 16 years before 1st May 2021 who meet the criteria and attend this school are included in this group. We have agreed with the Community Vaccination Centres (CVC's) that they will schedule times for this group at the vaccination clinic in Riverside Hotel, Enniscorthy on Friday 7th May . All pupils aged 16 and above who come into this category now need to be identified to the HSE and referred for vaccination.

These vaccinations will be administered at the Central Vaccination clinics (CVC's). Each student is likely to receive the Pfizer vaccine. The site most appropriate for our pupils is in Wexford on Friday May 7th. Please note that it will be the responsibility of each family to attend the clinic as this cannot be facilitated by the school. An alternative day or venue for the vaccine cannot be given.

Every student who wishes to receive the vaccine has to be notified to the HSE by the school. We have been asked to submit each students details once parents/guardians are happy for us to do so. The HSE will need the students name, address, PPSN number, family contact details as all appointments will be notified through mobile phone. The PPSN is entered on to the Covax because it is a unique identifier and prevents people getting a vaccine twice .

Please be advised that **staff in the school are not involved** in the vaccination programme and have only been asked to submit each student's details. If you have any queries /concerns regarding the vaccine **please look up the HSE website and/or contact your own GP for advice**. It is hoped that each student

will receive the vaccine on Friday 7th May however at this stage they cannot guarantee that each child will be definitely called for vaccination on the day.

You will appreciate how important it is that the HSE are able to accurately identify the numbers required so we would appreciate if you could confirm your position with the school as soon as possible.

Can you please complete the attached consent form **and return to the school no later than Tuesday 4th May** to confirm if you want your details to be forwarded to the HSE for vaccination. It is very important that you complete this form and also that you include the best mobile phone contact, this is how you will be notified of the time of the clinic appointment.

Some students may have already received their vaccination through their GP. I attach additional information which you may find of use. Please complete the HSE consent form and bring it with you to your appointment on the day (do not return to the school). Also attached is a sample copy of a text message you may receive. Although the text message may be sent to you please be mindful that the vaccination appointment is for the student.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Nolan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J' and a horizontal line underlining the name.

John Nolan

Principal.