



Circular Letter 0033/2011

To: The Boards of Management and Principals of Post-Primary Schools and the Chief Executive Officers of Vocational Education Committees.

Extension to Vaccination Programme against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in Post-Primary and Special Schools for the 2011/2012 School Year

The Department of Education and Skills has been advised by the Health Service Executive (HSE) that it is extending the national HPV vaccination programme from September 2011.

The HSE has asked this Department to bring the attached letters to the attention of all:

- post-primary schools – [Click Here](#)
- special schools – [Click Here](#)

The HSE has a dedicated website (www.hpv.ie) that provides schools and parents with further information about the vaccine. In time the HSE will update this website in relation to the vaccination programme for the 2011/2012 school year. In the meantime a member of the HSE may contact school management to make the appropriate arrangements for the vaccination programme from September 2011.

The Department's website (www.education.ie), under Public Health Alerts will provide a link to this HSE website and any other supplementary information for schools, as it becomes available from the HSE.

The Minister strongly encourages post-primary schools' and special schools' to co-operate with the HSE on this important public health issue, which protects girls from getting cervical cancer when they are adults.

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