

To whom this may concern,

Changes to Year 7 & 8 Immunisation Schedule for Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

**The Minister for Health has announced that from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 the schedule for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines will change from 2 doses to 1 dose on the National Immunisation Program.**

*This change is based on the latest evidence, the Government's expert advisory group, ATAGI, have reviewed the international evidence and determined that a single dose gives comparable protection to two doses.*

- This means that anyone who has received 1 dose of a HPV vaccine is considered fully vaccinated, and will not require any more doses.
- Immunocompromised people may still require 3 doses.
- The HPV vaccine is now offered for free for young people until they turn 26

The 2023 schedule consists of:

Year 7 and 8 students

- one dose of Gardasil<sup>®</sup>9 (human papillomavirus (HPV)) vaccine
- one dose of Boostrix<sup>®</sup> (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough) vaccine

Both these doses will be given simultaneously at one visit.

As the school consent forms were already printed and distributed, they already had the original schedule of 2 doses on the form.

**What do I need to do?**

- Please complete the form as normal, there is no further action required as a parent.
- If you have already completed and returned the form, there is no further action required.

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