

2024

## To All Parents/Guardians of Junior & Senior Infant Children

Protect your child  
Immunisations at age 4-5 years are Free

### 4 in 1 and booster MMR

Dear Parent/Guardian

Well done if your child has already received the preschool booster (4in1 & MMR) and is up to date with all immunisations, see overleaf.

**If your child has not had the preschool booster yet then please make an appointment with your family doctor/practice nurse so your child is immunised as soon as possible.** The sooner your child is immunised the earlier your child is protected.

Starting school is a major change in a child's life and it is important that your child remains as healthy as possible. Immunisations are a proven way to prevent vaccine preventable diseases.

**In the Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal/W Cavan area, Parents/Guardians are advised to vaccinate their children at age 4 – 5 years before starting primary school. We call these vaccinations the preschool booster. Remember all childhood immunisations on the Irish Schedule are Free.**

**If your address is outside the Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal area (former NWHB) please contact us and send us your child's details so that a free service can be offered to your child from your area of residence.**

For more information on immunisations please contact your family doctor or the Immunisation Office, Markievicz House at ☎ 071 91 55148

Kind regards

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## Irish Childhood Immunisation Schedule

<i>Age</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Vaccine</i>
<b>2 Months</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>6 in 1 + PCV + MenB + Rotavirus vaccine</b>
<b>4 Months</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>6 in 1 + MenB + Rotavirus Vaccine</b>
<b>6 Months</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>6 in 1 + Men C + PCV</b>
<b>12 Months</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>MMR + MenB</b>
<b>13 Months</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Hib/Men C + PCV</b>
<b>2-12 years</b>	<b>GP/Pharmacy</b>	<b>Nasal Flu Vaccine</b>
<b>▶ 4-5 Years</b>	<b>GP (Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan area)</b>	<b>4 in 1 + MMR</b>
<b>1st Year Secondary School</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>HPV9, Tdap &amp; Men ACWY for both Boys &amp; Girls</b>

Abbreviations used in the table above are explained below

- 6 in 1 = Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Polio, Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib) and Hepatitis B Vaccine.
- PCV = Pneumococcal vaccine
- MenB = Meningococcal type B Vaccine
- Men C = Meningococcal type C Vaccine
- Men ACWY = Meningococcal types A, C, W & Y Vaccine
- MMR = Measles, Mumps & Rubella Vaccine
- Hib = Haemophilus Influenzae type B Vaccine
- 4 in 1 = Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Pertussis (whooping cough) Vaccine.
- HPV9 = Human Papillomavirus Anti-cancer Vaccine
- Tdap = Tetanus, low dose Diphtheria, low dose acellular Pertussis Vaccine.

For further information on the Irish Immunisation schedule please go to [www.immunisation.ie](http://www.immunisation.ie)