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Subject: COVID-19 autumn / winter programme end date

Dear GP

Following on from Circular NCO-06-2025 Seasonal Vaccination Programme Update issued 5th February 2025, we can now confirm that the COVID-19 autumn/winter Programme will end on 28th February 2025.

As per the NIAC recommendations, at all times of the year, both during and outside of the seasonal COVID-19 vaccination programmes:

- COVID-19 booster vaccines continue to be recommended in pregnancy.
- COVID-19 booster vaccines should be offered to anyone commencing planned immunosuppressant therapy who has not had a booster vaccine in the previous 6 months.
- COVID-19 vaccines will also continue to be available for primary vaccination courses for those in recommended groups, regardless of the time of the year.

NIAC recommendations for COVID-19 vaccination for spring programme 2025 are available at https://www.rcpi.ie/Healthcare-Leadership/NIAC/Advice-Provided-to-the-Department-of-Health.

The spring booster vaccination programme is currently being planned and it is anticipated that it will commence in early April. Further information will be shared in due course.

Visit <u>Vaccination Primary Care Contractors Programme</u> to stay up to date on news and updates.

Thank you for your continued support in the delivery of COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccinations.

Kind regards

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