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MMR catch-up Vaccination Programme Update

Dear Doctor,

Thank you for your participation in the MMR catch-up vaccination programme over recent months. To date, GP practices have recorded over 2,000 MMR Catch-up vaccines to over 1,800 individuals.

Cases of measles are continuing in Ireland and are increasing across Europe, so it is still vitally important that any eligible people who have not received MMR vaccine are given it and that babies are immunised on time to ensure they are protected.

The pro-active MMR catch-up programme, which commenced in General Practice on 6th March 2024, will finish on **30th June 2024**. All claims for catch-up vaccines administered between 6th March and 30th June 2024 should be submitted to MMRcatchup@healthmail.ie by **5pm on 31st July 2024** to avail of the agreed fee rates for the pro-active catch-up programme, as outlined in [Circular NCO-12-2024](#), dated 8th March 2024.

After 30th June, GPs may continue to offer MMR catch-up vaccination to children who are not up to date with their MMR vaccinations as well as providing opportunistic vaccination to those aged 18 to 46 who are un- or under vaccinated and present for vaccination. The HSE will continue to remind people of the importance of MMR vaccine and encourage people to get vaccinated using digital media channels during the summer months. All MMR vaccines administered on or after 1st July 2024 should be returned through the normal process to the Local Immunisation Office for reimbursement.

In addition, any MMR catch-up vaccines administered before 30th June but not submitted before the 31st July deadline, should be submitted through the normal process to the Local Immunisation Office and these will be reimbursed at the normal fee rates.

For any queries or assistance in relation to submitting returns under the MMR catch-up programme, please contact the Relationship Management Team on 0818 008811, or email MMRcatchup@healthmail.ie.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to General Practitioners and their teams for the efficient manner in which immunisation programmes have been delivered to date, and to thank you for your participation in the MMR catch-up programme.

Yours sincerely

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