

**From the Chief Medical Officer  
Professor Sir Michael McBride**



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**HSS(MD)28/2023**

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Dear Colleague

**COVID-19 VACCINATIONS OVER THE SUMMER OF 2023**

My letter of 20 March 2023 (HSS(MD)15/2023) announced the changes to the primary course offer of the COVID-19 vaccine from 30 June 2023 which are:-

- The offer of a primary course of vaccination for any healthy persons aged 5-49 years of age who have yet to take up the offer will cease; and
- The ongoing offer of a primary course of vaccination for eligible individuals who have yet to take up the offer will only be available to coincide with a seasonal programme such as a spring or autumn programme.

I recognise however that there may be exceptional circumstances beyond June 30<sup>th</sup> where an individual still requires access to COVID-19 vaccination, such as for medical or travel purposes etc.

Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Public Health Agency will put in place arrangements to allow a number of venues to continue to offer primary courses of COVID-19 vaccination over the summer months until the autumn 2023 COVID-19 booster programme begins. The PGD will be updated to reflect this arrangement.

Details of where these venues will be located will be made available on the NI Direct COVID-19 vaccination page in due course - <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/get-covid-19-vaccination-northern-ireland>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M McBride', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

**PP DR NARESH CHADA**

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**Chief Medical Officer**

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