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Dear Darren

Thank you for your recent Written Question regarding what assessment the Welsh Government has made of the impact on COVID-19 infection rates in Wales of students who are yet to be vaccinated commencing on-campus university courses and what consideration has been given to vaccinating them in advance of their courses starting, regardless of age?

We have now offered all adults in Wales an appointment for their first vaccine; six weeks earlier than our target date of the end of July. HE students, the vast majority of who are over 18, will therefore have been offered their first vaccination. Over 67% of 18-29 year olds have already had their first dose.

On 28th May 2021, we published advice for HE students, providing information on how to access the vaccine. Included in this advice was information for students travelling to and from Wales, and the requirements for getting the vaccine in either England, Scotland or Northern Ireland: <https://gov.wales/covid-19-vaccination-higher-education-students>.

The main message for students is to register with their local GP, even if this is on a temporary basis, and ensure their contact details are up to date. This will provide our systems with the most up to date details, in order to inform the vaccination appointment schedule.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The Welsh Government continues to follow the advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation on all matters related to COVID-19 including the vaccination of students.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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