**Advice for Study Abroad Students Seeking Expedited Vaccines**

Students destined for outbound travel are advised to contact their GP to request expedited and full vaccination before departure, based on their essential need to travel.

In approaching this with your GP, you may want to refer to, adapt or use this text.

“I am full time registered student in year *X* of the *name degree programme*at NUI Galway. It is a requirement of my degree that I spend a semester/year *(delete as appropriate*) studying / on placement abroad *(delete as appropriate*).

I am scheduled to insert country on insert travel insert date. I understand that the vaccination programme in Ireland will reach my my age category until after I am due to depart. I have been advised by my host university/employer *(delete as appropriate*) that full vaccination is mandatory / high recommended *(delete as appropriate*) before arrival.

The Government, in Statutory Instrument 29/2021 amending the Health Act 1947 effective from February 1st 2021, has included education as a reasonable excuse for travel outside of the country: “such reasonable excuse includes an applicable person leaving his or her place of residence to go to an airport or port for the purpose of leaving the State in order to…attend, for educational reasons… (ii) a university, higher education institution or other education and training facility, …to the extent that it is necessary for such educational reasons to attend in person”. (<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2021/si/29/made/en/print>)

In this instance, I would very grateful if you can consider, if you are in a position to do so, facilitating an accelerated vaccination schedule so that I can complete my studies as planned.

If helpful to this case, NUI Galway can provide formal confirmation of my status in this respect.”