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# Common questions about the Children's Flu Vaccination

## Why should children have the flu vaccine?

Flu is a viral infection and a potentially serious disease. It affects the lungs and airways. Symptoms appear quickly and can include fever, cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints. In children complications of flu can include pneumonia and bronchitis which can become severe.

## What are the benefits of the vaccine?

Having the vaccine will help protect your child from what can be a very nasty illness and will also reduce the chance of others in your family getting it. It can help you avoid having to take time out because you are ill or to look after your sick child.

## How will the vaccine be given?

For most children, it is given as a nasal spray.

## Who will give my child their flu vaccination?

Specially trained healthcare staff will give your child the flu vaccination. In some cases, older children may be given the option to give the vaccine to themselves, under the supervision of the healthcare team.

## How does the nasal vaccine work?

The nasal vaccine contains viruses that have been weakened to prevent them from causing flu but will help your child to build up immunity, so that when your child comes into contact with the flu virus they are unlikely to get ill.

## Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Side effects are uncommon but may include a runny or blocked nose, headache, general tiredness and some loss of appetite. The vaccine is absorbed quickly in the nose so, even if your child sneezes immediately after having had the spray, there's no need to worry that it hasn't worked.

## Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

Children should not have the nasal vaccine if they:

- are severely asthmatic, i.e. being treated with oral steroids or high dose inhaled steroids.
- are severely immuno compromised.

## What products are used in the vaccine?

Vaccines may contain minute traces of animal products and other components. If you have any concerns about the contents of the vaccines you can find more information at:

**[www.gov.uk/government/news/vaccines-and-gelatine-phe-response](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/vaccines-and-gelatine-phe-response)**



## BE A FLU DETECTIVE

Find the Clues for Staying Healthy  
During Flu Season!

### We need your child's help!

Are you ready to be a flu detective  
like Detective Dan?

Can you find all the ways to help keep you healthy  
during flu season? Circle the answers below.

1. Getting a flu vaccine every year
2. Covering your mouth with a tissue when you cough
3. Eating healthy food
4. Staying up late
5. Getting enough sleep
6. Riding your bike
7. Sharing your food and drink with friends
8. Playing on the playground
9. Covering your nose with a tissue when you sneeze
10. Going over to your friend's house,  
even though you feel sick
11. Washing your hands with warm, soapy water  
or using hand sanitizer
12. Using someone else's sleeve to cover your  
nose and mouth

### Great Job, Flu Detective!

Help your friends and family avoid getting sick by  
teaching them these important healthy habits!

It's Not 'JUST' the Flu - It's a Serious Disease!  
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