

Immunisation Team
Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
Telephone: 0151 247 6130

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's annual flu vaccination will be due when they attend Nursery in the autumn term.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu.

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help to protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

All children aged two and three years old on the 31 August 2023, are eligible for a free flu vaccination.

The vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, we still recommend that they have the flu vaccine again this year.

Children who attend a local authority nursery can either have their flu spray in nursery or can attend your GP practice.

Please visit the below link **from the 1 September 2023** to access further information and complete your child's consent form, even if you don't want them to receive their flu spray. As this will avoid further communications from our service: econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk

If you are unable to complete the online form, require a translator or any further support please contact our team who will be happy to help.

Please contact the immunisation team if after completing your child's form you attend the GP for their flu immunisation or you wish to amend their form.

Further accessible information explaining the vaccination programme in different languages and formats can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>.

Please remember it's important to ensure your child has received two doses of MMR and their other routine immunisations to ensure they are fully protected against vaccine preventable diseases.

If you have any further queries, please contact the team on 0151 247 6130.

Yours sincerely,

School Immunisation Services

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