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2026-2027 Influenza Vaccination Information and Resources for Healthcare Professionals

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Guidance and Policy

POLICY AND STRATEGY

The national influenza immunisation programme 2026 to 2027 (WHC/2026/010)

Letter to health professionals about the vaccinations with several changes and detailed guidance.

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PGD and VGD templates: [Patient Group Directions \(PGD\) - Welsh Medicines Advice Service](#)

[Influenza: the green book, chapter 19 - GOV.UK](#)

[Overview | Flu vaccination: increasing uptake | Guidance | NICE](#)

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Vaccine Preventable Disease Programme resources:

- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Information for health and social care workers eligible for the flu vaccine - Public Health Wales](#)
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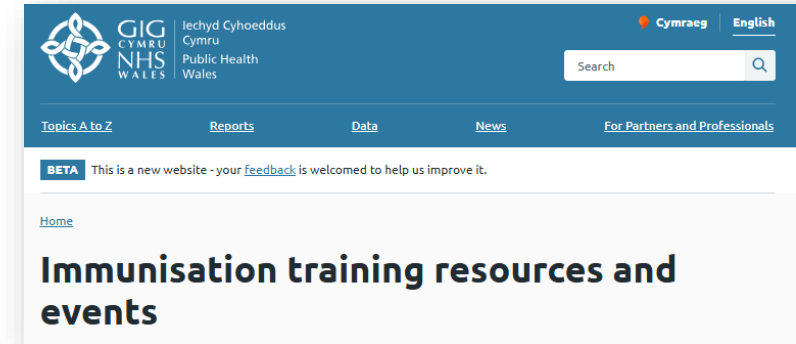
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- Module 2: Adults flu vaccination module
- Module 3: Children's flu vaccination module
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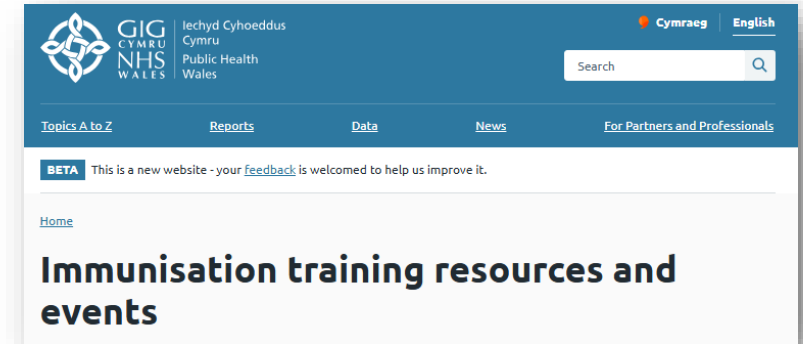
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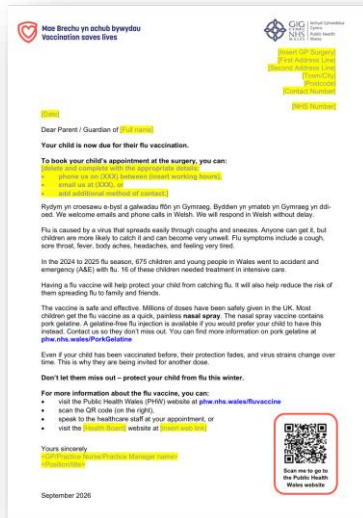


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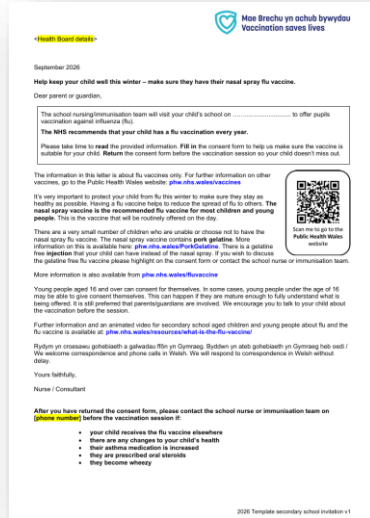


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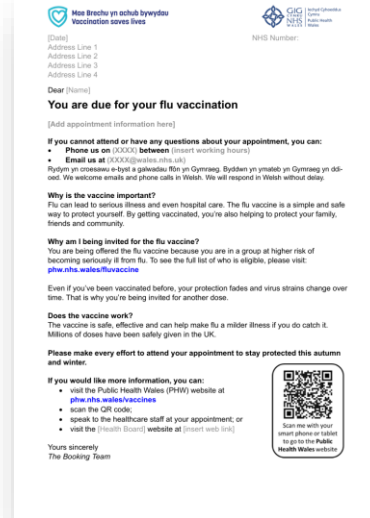
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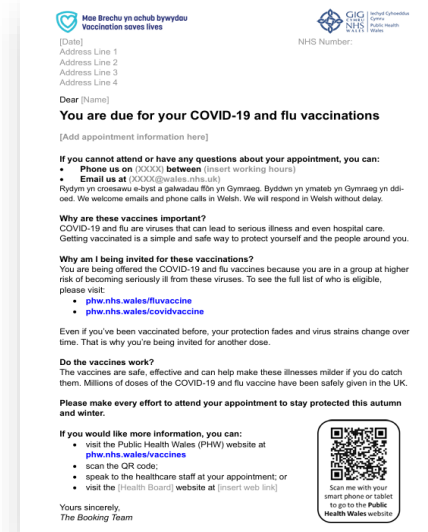
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Primary and secondary school letters



Adult flu letter



Combined flu and COVID-19 letter



Health and social care worker letters

Flu Champions and Peer Vaccinators Notification Letters

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Top Tips for Flu Vaccination Champions Guide



Flu Champion Certificate



Vaccination Champion Poster

Notification Letters and Posters for Health and Social Care Professionals



Are you a health & social care worker? - Public Health Wales



Flu - Catch it bin it kill it poster: VPDP109 - Public Health Wales

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If you have had your flu vaccine at work or somewhere else outside your GP surgery, please let them know as soon as possible. They will need to update your medical records with this information.

Please complete the details below then forward to your GP surgery.

Full Name	
Address	
DOB	
GP Name and Address	
Vaccine given	Flu
Date given	
Venue given	

Dear Doctor,
I am writing to inform you that I have had a flu vaccine.
Should you require any further information, please contact:
.....

Kind regards,

General GP flu notification letter - Public Health Wales

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If you have had a flu vaccine outside the workplace, please let us know as soon as possible, so we may update our records with this information.

Please complete the details below then forward to your line manager.

Full name	
NADEX	
Vaccine given	Flu
Date given	
Venue given	

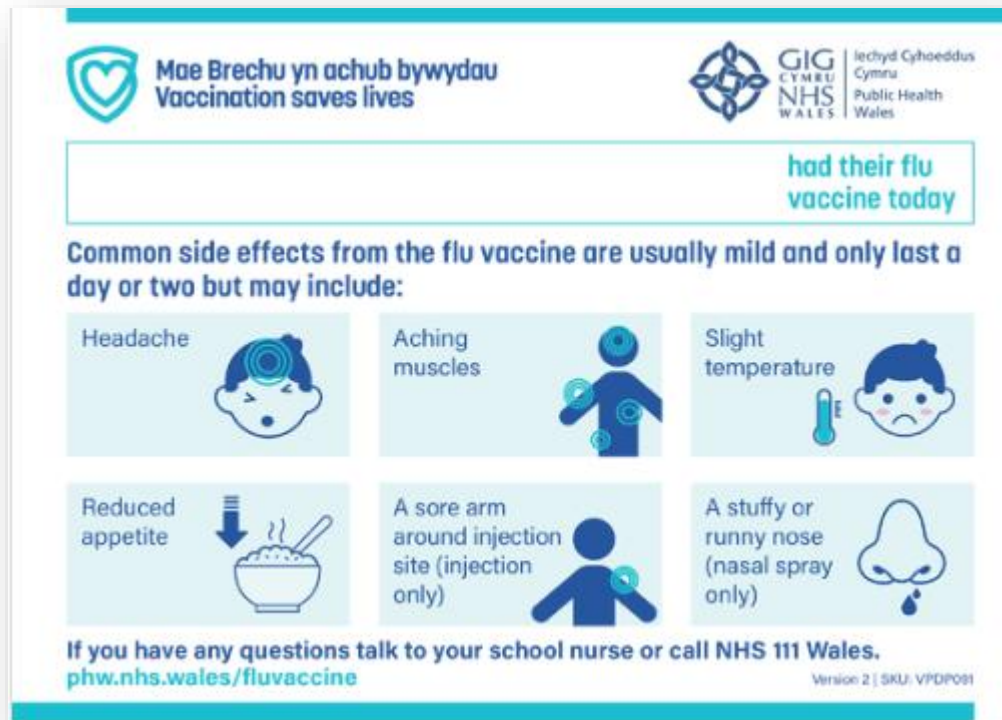
Dear Manager,
I am writing to inform you that I have had a flu vaccine.
Kind regards

NAME

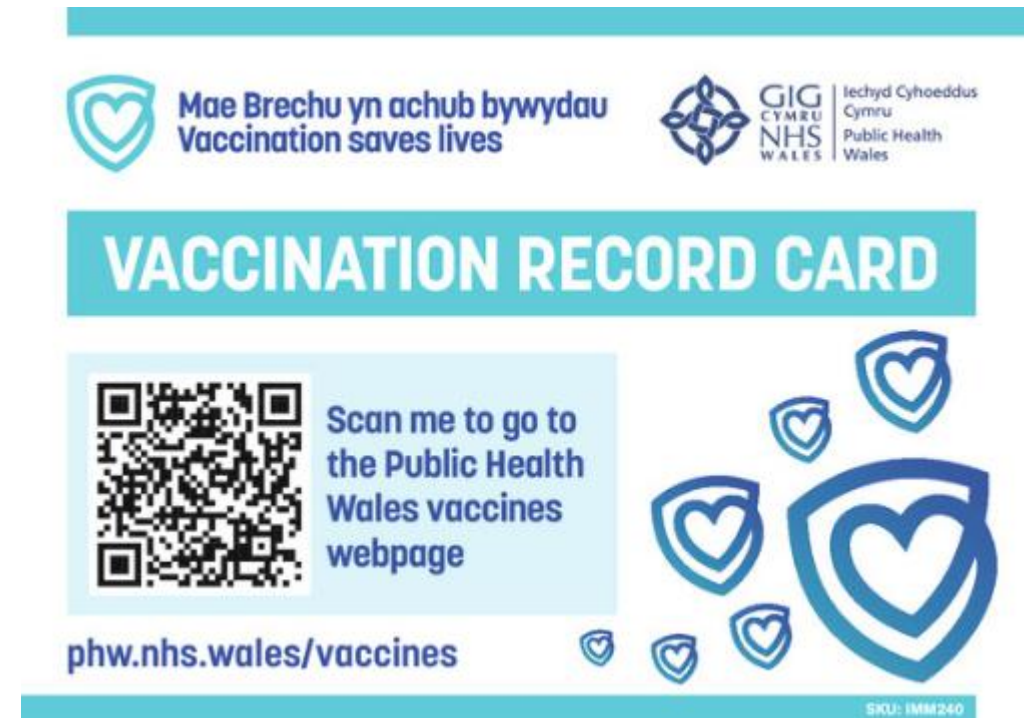
Employer flu notification letter - Public Health Wales

Flu notification letters

Vaccination Record Cards



Flu record card for children and young people - Public Health Wales



Vaccination Record Card - Public Health Wales

Template Consent Forms for Schools

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Consent for inactivated flu vaccine						
Please take time to read the information that came with this form, then fill in and return the form to your child's school before the vaccination session. This vaccination provides protection against flu, for those who are unable to receive the flu nasal spray vaccine. The vaccine is given as an injection in the upper arm. For more information on flu and the vaccine, visit: phw.nhs.wales/flu/vaccine For a full list of the vaccine ingredients and possible side effects, visit: medicines.org.uk/emc (external site) and enter 'Cell based Trivalent Influenza Vaccine' into the search box. If you have any questions or want to discuss the vaccination further or what vaccine your child will receive, please contact the school nurse or immunisation team.						
Child's full name (first name and surname):		Date of birth:		School:		
Home address and postcode:		Daytime contact number:		Year or form:		
Name and address of GP:						
Please list any previous reactions to vaccinations, known allergies, regular medications or serious health problems:						
This consent form should be filled in (in pen) by a parent or a guardian with parental responsibility for the child. Young people aged 16 and over can consent for themselves. In some cases, young people under the age of 16 may be able to give consent themselves. If this can happen if they are mature enough to fully understand what is being offered. It is still preferred that parents/guardians are involved. We encourage you to take to your child about the vaccination before the session. Any vaccination your child receives will be recorded within the NHS for the purpose of record-keeping and vaccine-monitoring. To find out how the NHS uses your information, visit 111.wales.nhs.uk/AboutUs/YourInformation (external site). This consent form should be completed and returned to school before the vaccination session.						
Consent for immunisation						
☐ Yes, I have parental responsibility, and I agree to my child (named above) receiving the inactivated influenza vaccination.			☐ No, I have parental responsibility, and I do not agree to my child (named above) receiving the inactivated influenza vaccination. Please give your reasons in the comments box below.			
Your name (please print):				Relationship:		
Signature of parent or guardian:				Date:		
Comments (parents and health service):						
Thank you for filling in this form. The section below is for health service use only.						
Date and time	Vaccine and product name	Site of injection (please circle)	Batch number	Expiry date	Name of immuniser (please print)	Signature of immuniser
		☐ L arm ☐ R arm				

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Inactivated flu vaccine consent form v1

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Prison flu key facts flyer

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Don't delay Get your flu vaccine

- All adult prisoners in Wales can have a free vaccine.
- Vaccination is one of the best ways you can protect yourself and others from flu.
- Flu is a virus that can make people very ill. People with certain health conditions are more likely to get seriously ill from flu.
- Flu spreads easily in places where people live close together, such as prisons.
- Anyone can catch flu, including people who are young and healthy.
- Flu symptoms are common. Speak to the healthcare team if you are worried about getting your vaccine.
- Flu vaccines are safe and have been given to millions of people worldwide.
- You might feel sick for a few days after having the vaccine. But it will help to stop you from getting very ill if you do catch it.
- Most side effects are mild, last less than three days, and not everyone gets them. Common side effects are a sore arm and general aches or feeling tired. You can ask for paracetamol to help with this. If you get symptoms get worse, speak to the healthcare team.

Peidiwch ag oedi Ewch i gael eich brechlyn fflw

- Gall pob carcharwr sy'n oedolyn yng Nghymru gael brechlyn fflw am ddim.
- Mae'r brechlyn fflw yn virus sydd yn gallu gwynnau a phroblemau iechyd eraill. Mae pobl sydd â phobol problemau iechyd eraill yn fwy eiddur i gael oedi oherwydd y fflw.
- Mae'r fflw yn hysgu'n eiddur iechyd a phroblemau iechyd eraill. Mae pobl sydd â phobol problemau iechyd eraill yn fwy eiddur i gael oedi oherwydd y fflw.
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Prison resident flu poster

Mae eich brechlyn fflw yn barod

Gall pob carcharwr sy'n oedolyn yng Nghymru gael brechlyn fflw am ddim.

Gall unrhyw un ddal y fflw, hyd yn oed os ydych chi'n iechyd, yn gallu gwynnau a phroblemau iechyd eraill. Mae'r brechlyn fflw yn ffordd dda i helpu i amddiffyn eich hun.

Siaradwch â'r tîm gofal iechyd am fwy o wybodaeth.

HERE to HELP Peer Support

Your flu vaccine is here

All adult prisoners in Wales can have a free flu vaccine.

Anyone can catch flu, even if they are young and healthy. The vaccine is a safe way to help protect yourself.

Talk to the healthcare team for more information.

Prison Resources

Prison staff flu poster

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Mae eich brechlyn fflw yn aros amdanoch chi

Your flu vaccine is waiting for you

Gall fflw arwain at salwch difrifol. Amddiffynwch eich hun a phobl eraill drwy gael y brechlyn fflw am ddim.

Flu can lead to serious illness. Protect yourself and others with your free flu vaccine.

Sut i gael eich brechlyn

- ✓ Ar y safle yn eich carchar
- ✓ Mewn fferylfa leol trwy ein cynllun talebau
- ✓ Mewn fferylfa leol trwy ein cynllun talebau

How to get your vaccine

- ✓ On site at your prison
- ✓ At a local pharmacy through your employer's voucher scheme

Need help or support?

Contact digitalflu@optimalhealth.co.uk or hrequests@justice.gov.uk

Prison flu Easy Read leaflet

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The flu vaccine for adults in prison

HERE to HELP Peer Support

Easy Read

Mae'r daflen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg. You can get this leaflet in Welsh.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Available on the VPDP
SharePoint page (*Access for
NHS email only*) at:

[Frequently asked questions](#)

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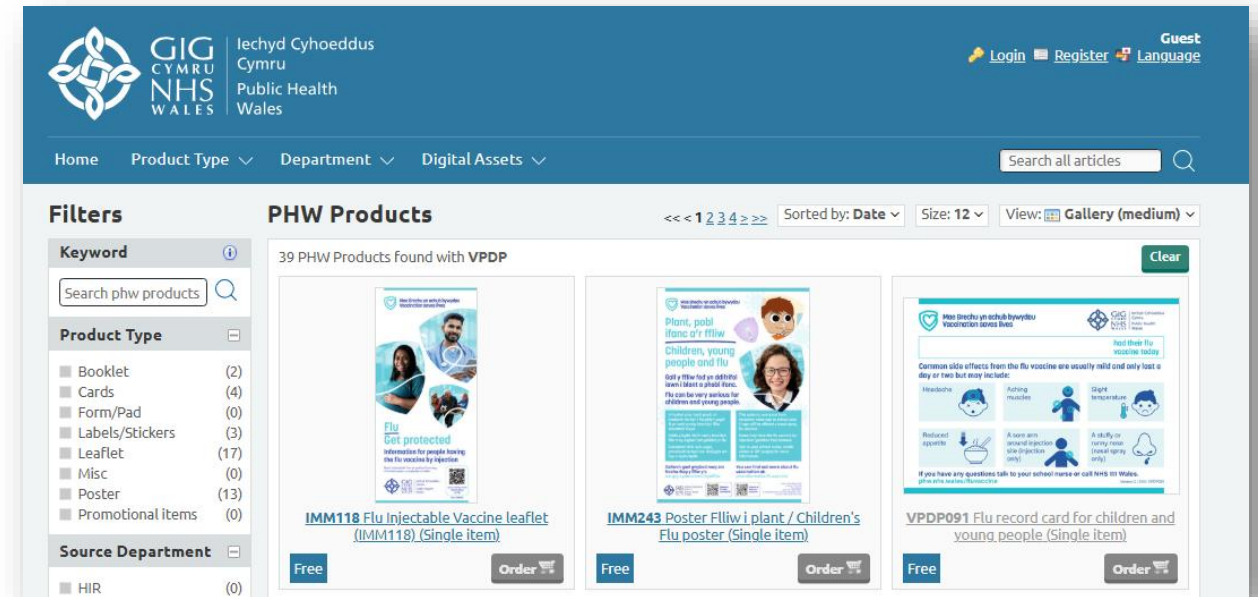
Information for the Public

Webpages:



Flu vaccine - Public Health Wales

Resources available to order for free from:



PHW Products - Public Health Wales

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Mae eich brechlyn fflw yn barod i chi

Gallwch chi gael brechlyn fflw os ydych:

- 65 oed neu'n hyn
- â chylfwr lechyd tymor hir, neu
- yn feichiog.

Mae angen brechlyn fflw arnoch bob blwyddyn oherwydd bod feirysau'n newid ac mae amddiffyniad rhag y fflw yn gwanhau dros amser.

Yn feichiog?
Ddwylo chi a'ch babi

Gall y brechladau canlynol yn ystod beichiogrwydd helpu i'ch cadw chi a'ch babi yn ddiogel rhag salwch difrifol.

- Y pas (pertwisia)
- Ffairs syncytol anadol (RSV)
- Y fflw

Byddwch chi'n hysbysu neu eich gofrestru mwyd ychydig yn ystod beichiogrwydd.

Agorwch i'f gael fflw a'ch brechlyn fflw yn ystod beichiogrwydd.

Get vaccinated – help protect yourself and those around you from serious illness.

You can have a flu vaccine if you:

- are aged 65 or over
- have a long-term health condition, or
- are pregnant.

You need a flu vaccine every year because viruses change and flu protection weakens over time.

Mynnwch frechiad – helpwch i amddiffyn eich hun a'r rhai o'ch cwmpas rhag salwch difrifol.

I gael gwybod mwy, siaradwch â'ch darparwr gofal iechyd neu fferyllydd, neu ewch i: icc.gig.cymru/brechlynfflw

To find out more, speak to your healthcare provider or pharmacist, or visit: phw.nhs.wales/flu/vaccine

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Generic adults flu poster - IMM114 - Public Health Wales

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Flu
Get protected

Information for people having the flu vaccine by injection

Mae' wybodaeth hon ar gael yn Gymraeg. This information is available in Welsh.

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Scan me for more information on flu

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Information for flu vaccine by injection - Public Health Wales

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Pregnant?
Protect you and your baby

The following vaccinations in pregnancy can help keep you and your baby safe from serious illness.

- Whooping cough (pertussis)
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- Flu (influenza)

Ask your midwife or GP surgery about these vaccines.

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How to protect you and your baby
Information about vaccinations in pregnancy

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Scan me for more information on pregnancy

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How to protect you and your baby - Public Health Wales

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Sut i amddiffyn eich hun a'ch babi

Gwybodaeth am frechladau yn ystod beichiogrwydd

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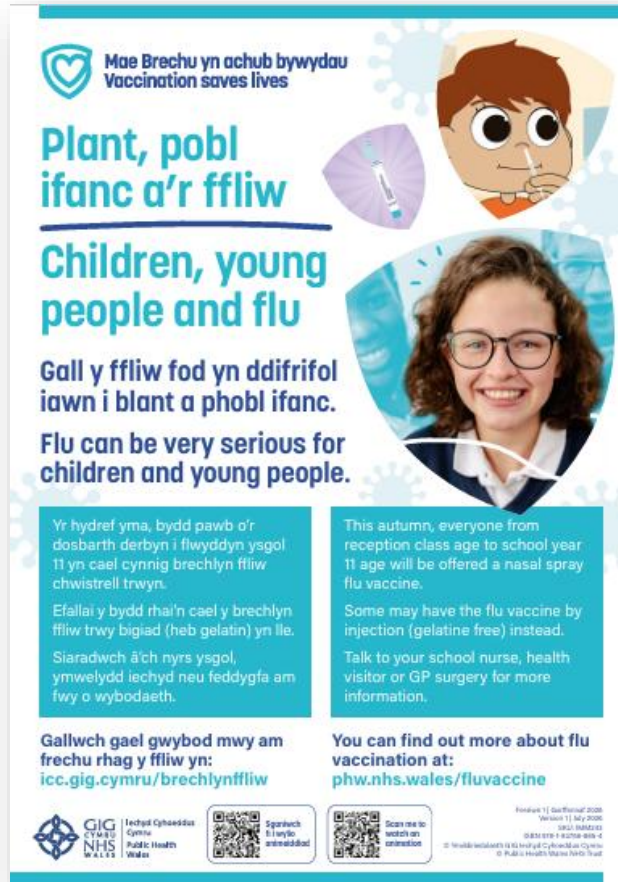
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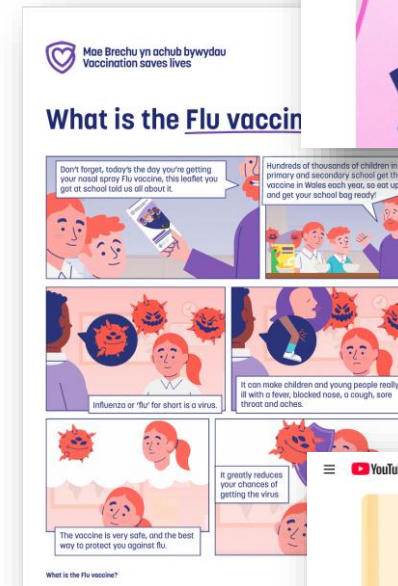
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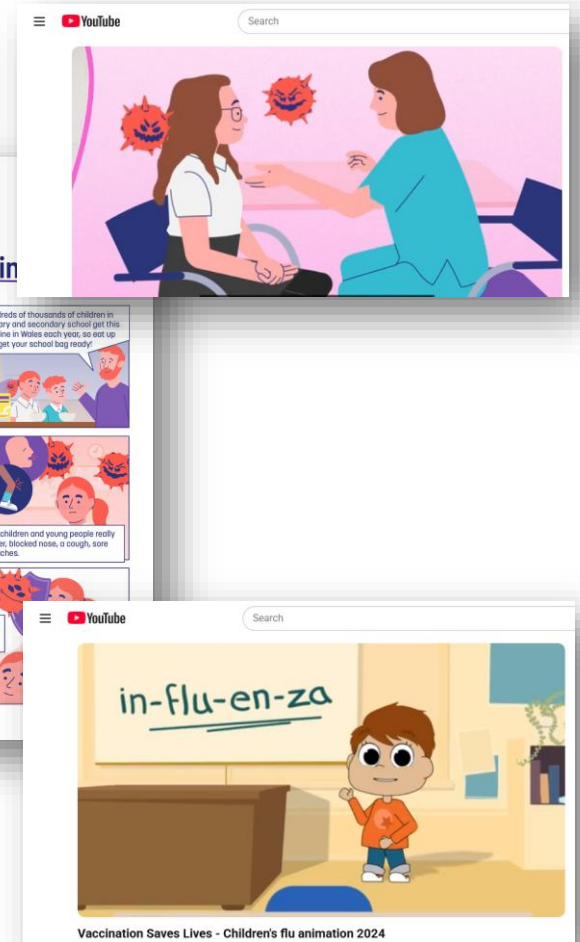
Children, young people and flu poster - Public Health Wales



Protecting children and young people with a nasal spray flu vaccine - Public Health Wales



What is the flu vaccine?



Accessible resources

Large Print



[Protecting-children-and-young-people-with-a-simple-nasal-spray-flu-vaccine-Large-Print.pdf](#)

Easy Read



[Nasal Flu Vaccine](#)

Audio



phw.nhs.wales/app/uploads/sites/2/2025/09/Protecting-children-and-young-people-with-a-simple-nasal-spray-flu-vaccine-Audio-File.mp3

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[Protecting children and young people with a nasal spray flu vaccine - Public Health Wales](#)

Vaccines and Pork Gelatine



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Vaccines and pork gelatine

This leaflet explains how and why pork gelatine is used in a small number of vaccines.

It offers information about the 3 vaccines that contain this product and the alternatives that are available.

What is pork gelatine?
Gelatine is a substance found in animal collagen. Collagen is a protein that helps build tendons, ligaments, bones and cartilage. Pork gelatine comes from collagen in pigs.

Why is pork gelatine used in vaccines?
Gelatine is a stabiliser used in certain forms of medicine, such as capsules and some vaccines. Stabilisers make sure vaccines are safe and effective while they are being stored. Pork gelatine in vaccines is different from that in foods, as it has been made pure and turned into tiny particles.

Why can't vaccines be made with other stabilisers or other types of gelatine?
The people who make vaccines test a wide range of stabilisers so they can choose the best one. This testing can take many years of experiments and clinical studies. Once a stabiliser is chosen, it is rarely changed, as the testing process would have to be repeated. This means that it is unlikely that pork gelatine will be removed from these 3 vaccines, as it is a key ingredient.

Which vaccines contain pork gelatine?
There are around 20 vaccines in the

routine immunisation programme for Wales. Only 3 of these vaccines contain pork gelatine:

- Fluenz® – a nasal spray vaccine that protects children against flu.
- MMR VaxPro® – a vaccine that protects against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR).
- ProQuad® – a vaccine that protects against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chickenpox) (MMRV).

What gelatine-free alternatives are available?
Flu - The Fluenz® nasal spray vaccine is the recommended flu vaccine for most children and young people. If you decide you do not want your child to have the nasal spray, they can have an injection instead. This does not contain pork gelatine. You can highlight this on your consent form.

MMR - In the UK we have two types of MMR vaccine – Priorix® and MMR VaxPro®. Priorix® does not contain pork gelatine and is as safe and effective as MMR VaxPro®.

MMRV - In the UK we have two types of MMRV vaccine – Priorix Tetra® and ProQuad®. Priorix Tetra® does not contain pork gelatine and is as safe and effective as ProQuad®.

Resources - Public Health Wales



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Brechlynnau a gelatin moch

Mae'r daflen hon yn esbonio sut a pham y defnyddir gelatin moch mewn nifer fach o frechlynnau.

Mae'n rhoi gwybodaeth am y 3 brechlyn sy'n cynnwys y cynnyrch hwn a'r dewisiadau eraill sydd ar gael.

Beth yw gelatin moch?
Mae gelatin yn sylwedd a geir mewn collagen anifeiliaid. Protein yw collagen sy'n helpu i adeiladu tendonau, ligamentau, esgyrn a chartilagau. Daw gelatin moch o golagen mewn moch.

Pa frechlynnau sy'n cynnwys gelatin moch?
Mae tua 20 o frechlynnau yn y rhaglen imiwneiddio rheolaidd ar gyfer Cymru. Dim ond 3 o'r brechlynnau hyn sy'n cynnwys gelatin moch:

- Fluenz® – brechlyn chwistrell trwyn sy'n amddiffyn plant rhag y fflw.
- MMR VaxPro® – brechlyn sy'n amddiffyn rhag y frech goch, clwy'r pennau a rwbela (MMR).
- ProQuad® – brechlyn sy'n amddiffyn rhag y frech goch, clwy'r pennau, rwbela a farisela (brech yr ieir) (MMRV).

Pa ddewisiadau eraill sydd ar gael nad ydynt yn cynnwys gelatin?
Y Fflw - Y brechlyn chwistrell trwyn Fluenz® yw'r brechlyn fflw a argymhellir ar gyfer y rhan fwyaf o blant a phobl ifanc. Os byddwch yn penderfynu nad ydych am i'ch plentyn gael y chwistrell trwyn, gall gael pigiad yn lle hynny. Nid yw hwn yn cynnwys gelatin moch. Gallwch dynnu sylw at hyn ar eich ffurflen gydsynio.

MMR - Mae gennym ddau fath o frechlyn MMR yn y DU – Priorix® ac MMR VaxPro®. Nid yw Priorix® yn cynnwys gelatin moch ac mae yr un mor ddiogel ac effeithiol ag MMR VaxPro®.

MMRV - Mae gennym ddau fath o frechlyn MMRV yn y DU – Priorix Tetra® a ProQuad®. Nid yw Priorix Tetra® yn cynnwys gelatin moch ac mae yr un mor ddiogel ac effeithiol â ProQuad®.

Pam mae gelatin moch yn cael ei ddefnyddio mewn brechlynnau?
Mae gelatin yn sefydlogdd sy'n cael ei ddefnyddio mewn rhai mathau o feddyginiaeth, fel capsïwlau a rhai brechlynnau. Mae sefydlogddion yn sicrhau bod brechlynnau'n ddiogel ac yn effeithiol tra'u bod yn cael eu storio. Mae gelatin moch mewn brechlynnau yn wahanol i'r hyn a geir mewn bwydydd, gan ei fod wedi'i buro a'i droi'n ronynnau bach.

Pam na ellir gwneud brechlynnau gyda sefydlogddion eraill neu fathau eraill o gelatin?
Mae'r bobl sy'n gwneud brechlynnau yn profi ystod eang o sefydlogddion er mwyn dewis yr un gorau. Gall y broses brofi hon olygu bod arbrofion ac astudiaethau clinigol yn cael eu cynnal dros nifer o flynyddoedd. Pan fydd sefydlogdd wedi'i ddewis, ni fydd yn cael ei newid yn aml gan y byddai'n rhaid ailadrodd y broses brofi. Mae hyn yn golygu nad yw'n debygol y bydd gelatin moch yn cael ei dynnu o'r 3 brechlyn hyn, gan ei fod yn gynhwysyn allweddol.

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Information for Educational Settings

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Flu Immunisation Programme

Briefing document for head teachers and school staff

This briefing is for **primary schools, secondary schools and other educational settings** on the school-aged influenza (flu) vaccination programme in Wales this autumn/winter.

Please ensure that all school staff who need to know about the programme have access to this information.

**Having a flu vaccine every year is one of the best ways to protect against flu**

3 reasons for having the flu vaccine:

- 1 The flu vaccine helps **protect school children and others** from flu-related illness, which can be serious – even for children who are healthy.
- 2 It's **quick, easy, and safe**. The flu vaccine routinely offered to children in school is a quick and painless nasal spray.
- 3 The flu vaccine helps **prevent flu related absences from school**.

Eligibility for flu vaccination

- All school children in Wales, from **reception class up to and including school year 11**, will be offered a free flu vaccination this autumn/winter to help protect them from flu. In some areas, younger children (aged two to three) are offered their flu vaccine in nursery settings.
- School staff at increased risk of complications if they catch flu are also eligible to get the free flu vaccine from their GP surgery or a community pharmacy. Some local authorities may offer flu vaccination for school staff through their occupational health service, but this is not part of the NHS vaccination programme. More information on eligibility can be found at phw.nhs.wales/flu/vaccine/eligibility

About flu and the flu vaccine

- Flu can be very serious. It is caused by a virus and some children can develop serious complications, such as bronchitis, pneumonia and ear infections.
- Most years some children need treatment in intensive care because of flu. In 2024 over 460 children and young people in Wales went to A&E with flu.
- There are outbreaks of flu most winters. In a normal winter, thousands of people will die from flu-related illnesses in the UK. **Having a flu vaccine every year is one of the best ways to protect against flu.**
- Most children will receive the flu vaccine as a **painless nasal spray**. This is a fine mist that is sprayed up the nose from the tip of each nostril. The nasal spray is the recommended flu vaccine for most children and young people. **It does not cause flu.**

Flu vaccination programme – Briefing document for headteachers and staff at all educational settings.

****currently being updated****

Communications



Healthcare professional -
stakeholder toolkit Eng &
Cym



Healthcare professional -
Mp4 video - Eng & Cym



Healthcare professional - digital (GP)
screen - bilingual

Surveillance

- [Weekly influenza and acute respiratory infection report - Public Health Wales](#)
- [Annual influenza surveillance and influenza vaccination uptake reports - Public Health Wales](#)

The following can be accessed by anyone with an NHS email address:

- [Surveillance of Vaccines, Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Respiratory Infections](#)
- [Influenza Vaccine Online Reporting \(IVOR\)](#)

Weekly influenza and acute respiratory infection report

Authors: Vaccine Preventable Disease Programme

Published on: 13th May 2026

This report provides a weekly overview of influenza, RSV and COVID-19 activity in Wales, including surveillance data, trends and vaccination coverage, highlighting current levels and changes in respiratory infections.

Reports

Annual influenza surveillance and influenza vaccination uptake reports

All Wales/National

Annual

Public Health Wales monitors uptake of seasonal influenza immunisation each year.

During each influenza immunisation programme (usually October – March), uptake is summarised every week in the weekly influenza activity in Wales report. Final figures are presented each year at the end of the influenza season in an annual report, which also includes an epidemiological summary of the season.

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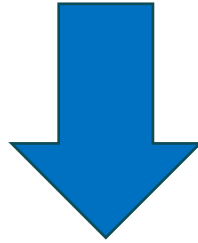
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Contacts for queries

In the first instance, please contact your local vaccine health board contact. They should be able to help you.

[Vaccine contacts - Public Health Wales](#)



Contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Programme at
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