

Flu Immunisation Programme

Briefing document for head teachers and school staff 2023/24

This briefing is for **primary and secondary schools** 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.



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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 **easy, painless and safe**. The flu vaccine 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 nasal spray flu vaccine this autumn/winter to help protect them from flu. In some areas, three-year-olds and some four-year-olds are offered their flu vaccine in nursery.
- **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. More information on eligibility can be found at phw.nhs.wales/fluvaccine. 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

About flu and the nasal spray vaccine

- Flu can be very serious. It is caused by a virus like COVID-19, and some children can develop serious complications, such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
- Nearly every year some children need treatment in intensive care because of 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 best form of flu vaccine for most children and young people. **It does not cause flu.**



- A small number of children cannot have the nasal spray because of some pre-existing medical conditions or treatments. These children will need to receive the flu vaccine **injection** from their GP surgery. The consent form asks parents questions that will help the team giving the vaccines to identify these children.
- The nasal spray vaccine contains small traces of highly purified porcine gelatine, which is also used in a range of essential medicines; however, flu injections are gelatine-free. Those who prefer their child to have this as an alternative should contact their GP surgery so they don't miss out. Some faith groups such as the Muslim and Jewish communities have approved the use of non-oral medicines and vaccines that contain gelatine. More information is available here: phw.nhs.wales/PorcineGelatine
- A full list of the vaccine ingredients and possible side effects are available at medicines.org.uk/emc by entering 'Fluenz Tetra' into the search box.

Consent packs and flu vaccination information

Consent packs for pupils and their parents or carers will be supplied to schools before the scheduled school flu vaccination session. This may be paper based or in a digital format.

Each consent pack usually contains:

- **A letter (or email), leaflet and consent form.** The letter and leaflet gives pupils and parents/carers an understanding of the vaccine and its benefits. Information is provided to enable informed consent for children and young people to receive the flu vaccine. Some schools will be asked to send these electronically.

▪ The leaflet is available in **accessible formats** (including Large Print, Easy Read, British Sign Language and Audio). To find these formats parents and care givers should be directed to: phw.nhs.wales/vaccines/accessible-information

- **A consent form has to be completed before a vaccination is given.** While we recommend that pupils get **agreement from their parent or care giver**, some children in secondary school will be able to legally consent for themselves. This may include some children who are under 16, but only if they are assessed as having the understanding needed to do so by a school nurse or immuniser. This is called 'Gillick competence' For more information about this, search consent here: www.111.wales.nhs.uk

How your school can support the flu vaccination programme

The relationship between schools and the NHS school nursing/immunisation team is vital for protecting the health of future generations. The World Health Organization estimates that vaccination prevents up to 5 million deaths globally from diseases, including flu.

School support with the flu programme is highly valued and essential.

The following will help to minimise disruption to the school:

- Ahead of the day of vaccinations talk to the school nurse or immunisation team to arrange a suitable location and requirements.
- It's important to let parents and carers know which day vaccinations will take place. The consent pack will contain this information. Please ensure the school consent packs are distributed to parents and carers. Communication (e.g., an email or a text) can be sent to parents to remind them of the:
 - vaccination date(s); and
 - date they need to return the consent form by.
- Please **reassure** parents and care givers of the **effectiveness and safety** of the flu vaccine.
- Pupils and their parents/carers may have questions about the vaccine. Let them know that further information is available at: phw.nhs.wales/fluvaccine

How consent is collected:

- Your school may be asked to collect **completed paper consent forms** from parents on behalf of the school nursing or immunisation team.
- Electronic consent forms are sent directly from the parent/carer to the school nursing or immunisation team.
- Forms should be **returned by the deadline agreed** with the school nurse or immunisation team.

Who will give the vaccine to the children:

- The programme will be delivered by an NHS employed school nursing or immunisation team.
- They will administer the vaccination according to nationally set standards. NHS vaccinators have appropriate qualifications and training, including safeguarding training. They are also fully trained to answer any questions from pupils and teachers about the flu vaccine.

Further information about the flu vaccine

- Flu vaccines are safe and have been given to millions of children worldwide.
- Side effects are usually mild, and only last for a day or two but not everyone gets them. The most common side effects are a runny or blocked nose, reduced appetite, feeling tired, headache, aching muscles and getting a temperature. Serious side effects are extremely rare.
- Like all vaccines, the safety and effectiveness of the flu vaccine has been rigorously tested in clinical trials.
- The safety of all vaccines continues to be monitored by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) through the Yellow Card Scheme. Anybody can report suspected side effects of vaccines and medicines through the Yellow Card scheme. This can be done online at www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or by calling 0800 731 6789 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm).



A note of thanks

Delivering immunisation programmes through schools is vital for ensuring children and young people have easy access to vaccines. This helps to achieve high uptake of vaccination and reduces inequalities in health for children and young people.

We are grateful for the support of schools in hosting these vaccination sessions, and for communicating to parents and carers when the sessions are scheduled to take place.

If you have any enquiries or questions regarding the delivery of the flu vaccination programme in your school, please direct these to the local health board school nursing/immunisation team.

Further information on flu and the vaccine is available at:

phw.nhs.wales/fluvaccine



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Os oes gennych unrhyw ymholaiddau neu
gwestybau yngylch cyflwyno'r rhaglen
trechu rhag ffilw yn eich ysgol, cyfeirwch y
rhan at dim nrysio/imiwnieddio ysgolion y
bwrdd iechyd lleol.

Rydym yn ddiolchgar am gyfathrebu wrth
a rhieni a gofawyr yngylch pryd y cynheli y
gynnal y sesiynau brechu hyn, ac am gyfathrebu
blant a phobl ffanc.
frechu i sicrhau bod nifur uchel yn mantesi ar
franc fyndiad hawdd at frechlynnau. Mae hyn yn
ynganodd er mwyn sicrhau bod gan blant a phobl
Mae darparu rhagleni imiwnieddio drwy ysgolion
diolch



- Mae diogelwch pob brechlyn yn parhau i
gael ei foni'r gan yr Asiantatech Rheoleiddio
Meddyginaethau a Chynhyrchion Gofal lechyd
(MHRA) drwy'r Cydnllun Yellow Card. Gall unrhyw un
roi gwylod am sgil-effeithiau tybiadol brechlynnau
a meddyginaethau drwy'r Cydnllun Yellow Card,
Gellir gwneud hyn ar-lein yn www.mhra.gov.uk/
drwy'r ffôn 0800 731 6789
(diddl Llun i ddydd Gwenner, 9am i 5pm).

- Mae diogelwch pob brechlyn yn parhau i
drylwyd mewn treialion clinicol.
effeithiolwyd y brechlyn ffilw wedi'u profi'n
Fel pob brechlyn, mae diogelwch ac
a gwres. Mae sgil-effeithiau difrifol yn brin iawn.
teimlo'n fliniedig, pen tost/cur pen, cyhyrau posenus
sy'n rhedeg neu wedi'r rwystryo, llai o archwaeith,
cael. Y sgil-effeithiau mwyaf cyffredin yw trwyn
diwrnod neu ddau yn unig ond nid yw pawb yn eu
Mae'r sgil-effeithiau fel arfer yn ysgafn, ac yn para
holl i filiynau o blant ledled y byd.
Mae brechlynnau ffilw yn ddiogel ac wedi cael eu

Rhagor o wybodaeth am Y brechlyn ffilw

- Byddant yn gweinyddwr brechiad yn unol â safonau
a benrir yn gennedlaethol. Mae gan frechwyd
GIG gyflymysterau a hyfforddiant periodol, gan
gynnwys hysbodaethol. Mae gan frechwyd
hyfforddiah llawn i ateb unrhyw gwestybau gan
ddisgybilon ac atharwon am y brechlyn ffilw.

- Bydd y rhaglen yn cael ei chyflwyno gan dim nrysio
neu imiwnieddior ysgol a gyflwynir gan y GIG.

Pwy fydd yn rhoi'r brechlyn i'r plant:

- Dylid dychwelyd ffurflenini erbyn y terfyn amser
uniolgyrchol o'r rhianant/gofalwr at dim nrysio neu
imiwnieddior ysgol.
- Anfonir ffurflenini cydysniol elecronicig yn
cydysniol papur wedi'u llenwi gan rieni ar ran tim
nyrsio neu imiwnieddior ysgol.
- Efallai y gofynnir i'ch ysgol gasglu ffurflenini
gasglu:
- Sut y mae cydysniad yn cael ei
gasglu:

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Mae gymorth ysgolion gyda'r
rhegllen ffliw yn wertfawr iawn
ac yn hanfodol.

Mae'r berthynas rhwng ysgolion a thîm nyrsio/
Imiwneddi o ysgolion y GlG yn hanfodol er mwyn
amddiffyg iechyd cenedlaethol a dyffordd. Mae
Sefydliaid lechyd y Byd yn amcangyfrif bod brechua yn
atal hyl at 5 milliwn o farwolaethau yn fydd-eang
o gelifydau, gan gyrru mynyddiwl.

Sut y gall eich ysgrif felneg i'r
rhaglen frechu rhag ffliw

- Mae'r dafffen ar gael mewn **formatau hygrych** (gan gyrraedd y modd yw'n ddilys i'r dafffen i'w wneud)
 - Rhaid llenewi ffurflen gydsyntio cyrano rhoi brechriad. Er ein bod yn argymhell bod disgyblion yn cael **cyfunddeb gan eu rhamant neu roddwr** gofali, bydd rhoi plant yn yr ysgol uwchradd hunain. Gall hy'n gyrraedd cyfrifiaduol drostynt eu 16 oed ond dim ond os aseisi'r bod gannddynt y gan nhwys ysgol neu imiwrnieddiwr. Gelwir hy'n ymddygiad a pherfodaeth sydd ei hangen i wneud hyunny ddealltwriaeth sydd ei hangen i wneud hyunny am hyn, chwiliwch am gydsyntiaid yma: **111.wales.**

- Mae pob pecyn yng Nghymru fel arfer yn cynnwys:
- Llythy'r (neu neges e-bost), taflein a ffurflen
- Gydysniad. Mae'r llythy'r ar dafffen yn rhoi dealtwr aeth i reini/gofalwyr o'r brechlyn a'i fantefision. Darperir gwybodaeth i alluogi cydysyndiad ar gael y brechlyn ffliw. Gofynniri i roi ysgolion anfon y rhain yn electronig.

Pecynau Cydysyntio a gwybodaeth am frechau rhag ffliw



- Bydd y rhain fwyaf o blant yn derbyn y brechlyn ffiliw o amddyfyn yn erbyn ffiliw.
- Mae'r brechlyn ffiliw bob blwyddyn yn un o'r ffyrdd brechlyn rhag ffiliw bob blwyddyn a ffiliw yn y DU. Mae cael o salwch sy'n gysylltiedig â ffiliw yn marw Meulen gaer a'r ferol, bydd miloedd o boli yn gaeaf. Ceir briogiau o achosion o ffiliw bron bob gaeaf.
- Bron bob blwyddyn mae angen triniaeth meulen cymlhetbodau difrifol, fel broncits a niwmoria.
- Gall ffiliw fod yn ddiffrifol iawn. Mae'n cael ei achos i gan feirws fel COVID-19, a gall rhai plant ddatblygu ei gyrraedd i blant meulen ysagolion yn addiogeil. Mae'r brechlyn ffiliw sy'n cael ei gyrraedd i blant iach.
- Mae'n hawdd, yn ddi-bœen ac yn chwistrell drwyndu ariannol sy'n gysylltiedig â ffiliw absenoldebau sy'n gysylltiedig â ffiliw o'r ysgol.

Yngylch ffiliw a'r brechlyn

o'r ysgol.
absenoldebau sy'n gysylltiedig â ffiliw
Mae'r brechlyn ffiliw yn helpu i atal

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Mae'n hawdd, yn ddi-bœen ac yn chwistrell drwyndu gyffym a di-bœen.
ei gyrraedd i blant meulen ysagolion yn addiogeil. Mae'r brechlyn ffiliw sy'n cael ei gyrraedd i blant iach.

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Mae'r brechlyn ffiliw yn helpu i amddyfyn ddiffrifol - hyd yn oed i blant iach.
sy'n gysylltiedig â ffiliw, sy'n gallu bod yn plant ysagol ac erai llawn erbyn salwch mynediad at y wybodaeth hon.

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3 rhestrwm dras gal y brechlyn ffiliw:



- Mae'r staff ysagol sy'n wnebu risg uwch blwyddyn ysgol 11, yn cael cynnig brechlyn ffiliw dosbarth derbyn hyd at a chan gynnwys o'r ffyrdd gorau o amddyfyn yn erbyn ffiliw.
- Mae'r staff ysagol sy'n wnebu risg uwch blwyddyn ysgol 11, yn cael cynnig brechlyn ffiliw ardalodd, bydd plant tar oed a rhai plant pedair i helput i'r hamddyfyn yn erbyn ffiliw. Meulen rhai chwistrell drwyndu am ddilim rhagfyr hwn blwyddyn ysgol 11, yn cael cynnig brechlyn ffiliw ogymhlethodau os yddant yn dal ffiliw hefyd o gyrraedd i'r amgylcheddau a'r gwaith a'u wneud.
- Mae'r staff ysagol sy'n wnebu risg uwch bydd y rhain o raglen frechur GIG. Gywasanaeth iechyd galwedigaethol oed nid yw yn cynnig brechyd ffiliw i staff ysagolion drwy eu wybodaeth am gymhwysterau yn icc.gig.cymru/meddygfa neu ffrylfa gymanedol. Cefir rhago o yn gyrraedd i gal y brechlyn ffiliw am ddilim o'u oed yn cael cynnig eu brechlyn ffiliw yn y fethiriña.
- Mae'r staff ysagol sy'n wnebu risg uwch bydd y rhain o raglen frechur GIG. Gywasanaeth iechyd galwedigaethol oed nid yw yn cynnig brechyd ffiliw i staff ysagolion drwy eu wybodaeth am gymhwysterau yn icc.gig.cymru/meddygfa neu ffrylfa gymanedol. Cefir rhago o yn gyrraedd i gal y brechlyn ffiliw am ddilim o'u oed yn cael cynnig eu brechlyn ffiliw yn y fethiriña.

Cymhwystra ar gyfer brechyd ffiliw

Mae cael brechlyn rhag Y
ffiliw bob blwyddyn yn un
o'r ffyrdd gorau o
amddyfyn yn erbyn ffiliw.



Sicrhewch fod holll staff yr ysgol sydd angen gwybod am y rhaglen yn cael Nhybmu yr hydrer/gaeaf hwn. Mae'r brif hwn ar gyfer ysagolion cymrad ac uwchradd ar y rhaglen frechu rhag ffiliw i blant oed ysgol yng Nghymru. Mae'r brif hwn ar gyfer ysagolion 2023/24

Rhag Ffiliw Rhaglen Limwneiddio Brioff ar gyfer pengethiad a staff ysagolion 2023/24

Rhaglen Limwneiddio

Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives

