

Year 11 & 12 Influenza Immunisation Fact Sheet

Banyule City Council's Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school to offer vaccination for Influenza for all Year 11 & 12 students, at a cost of \$25.00.

Once you have read the following information and if you wish to RESERVE A VACCINE for your child please complete the bottom cut off section of this page and return to your school by 17 February 2012. Payment is not required at this time.

The consent form (please see attached) needs to be completed and signed by a parent or guardian and is to be brought to the Immunisation Team on the day of immunisation, together with the \$25 payment.

What is influenza?

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is caused by a highly contagious virus that is spread by coughs and sneezes. Every year it causes illness in the community and when a high proportion of people in a group or geographic region are affected it is called an epidemic.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms usually occur one to three days after infection and may include sudden onset of:

- fever
- chills
- cough
- sore throat
- headache
- muscle aches
- severe tiredness
- loss of appetite

Complications may include pneumonia, worsening of other illnesses and death

Influenza viruses change frequently therefore the influenza vaccine is updated every year. Having an influenza vaccine every year in Autumn is recommended. Protection develops about two weeks after having the vaccine and lasts up to a year. There are different brands of influenza vaccine but they all protect against the same strains of influenza each year.

Influenza vaccines are an injection containing killed influenza virus components, salt water and trace amounts of an antibiotic. They are grown on hens eggs.

Influenza vaccine cannot give you a dose of influenza because it contains no active virus.

Some people who have had the influenza vaccine may still get the 'flu' but they will usually get a milder case than those who were not vaccinated.

If you have any questions or medical information that will assist council, please either contact Banyule City Council's Health Services on 9457 9965 or note on the consent form.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL <i>by 17 February 2012</i> TO RESERVE A VACCINE.			
I have read the information about the influenza vaccination and <u>I WISH TO RESERVE A FLU VACCINE</u> for my child (bring consent form & payment on the day of immunisation)			
Name of Child (please print):			
School.....	YEAR LEVEL.....	Signature.....	Date.....

School Influenza Immunisation Consent Form

Please read the entire consent form and accompanying fact sheet before completing and signing.

Surname:	First Name:	
Address:		
Suburb:	Postcode:	
Date of Birth: / /	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	
Telephone: (Home)	(Business)	(Mobile)
School:	Year Level:	
<p>Pre Immunisation Checklist / Contraindications Before you have your immunisation, check this list. Please tick if any of the situations apply and tell the nurse before immunisation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unwell on the day of immunisation (temperature over 38.5°C)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have had a severe reaction to any vaccine</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Allergic to any component of the vaccine</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has an anaphylactic allergy to eggs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)</p>		
<p>YES I have read and understand the information given to me about vaccination, including contraindications, risks and side effects. I understand that I am giving consent for a dose of influenza vaccine to be administered. I have been given the opportunity to discuss the risks and benefits of vaccination with an immunisation provider. I understand that consent can be withdrawn at any time before vaccination takes place. I am authorised to give consent for the above child to be vaccinated.</p> <p>Name of parent or guardian (please print):</p> <p>Parent/guardian signature:..... Date:</p>		
<p>The information you provide on this consent form is for the sole purpose of monitoring immunisation programs by the State and Commonwealth Governments. The data will be kept confidential and identifying information will not be disclosed for any other purpose. You can access your information by contacting Banyule City Council.</p>		

Please bring this completed and signed consent form together with
\$25 payment
to the Immunisation Team on the day of immunisation