

September 2024

Influenza (flu) vaccination – Students in year 11

We will be offering flu vaccination to all students in Year 11 this autumn and winter. Your schools vaccination session is on **Wednesday 6th November 2024**

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness, and for some it can cause serious complications. The vaccination programme is in place to protect you from getting flu. It also helps to protect your family and friends, by preventing its spread.

For most 15 and 16-year-olds, the vaccination is given as a quick and painless spray up the nose.

The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of purified porcine gelatine. This is an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available.

Important information for 16 year olds - Your parents / guardians have been asked to complete an e-Consent return for you to be vaccinated in school. The law states that 16-year-olds must be the person who is asked to give consent unless they are not able to make the decision. Therefore, if your parent returns e-Consent indicating that they want you to be vaccinated and you are 16 on the day of vaccination, we will check that you are happy to proceed and record that you have given your own consent. If your parent does not return consent and you want the vaccination, you can arrange a vaccination appointment at a community clinic by contacting our team on 0151 495 5066

Important next steps:-

Read the information on flu vaccination programme and discuss the vaccination with your parents. Information is available at [Children's flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) and from [Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Further information about school-aged vaccinations can be found on our Bridgewater NHS website, using this address: www.tiny.cc/imm. You can also visit the website by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet.



Thank you for taking the time to read this important information. If you have any questions before the date we are attending your school, please contact your local School-aged Immunisation Team using the details below.

Yours sincerely

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