

## Survey questions

### Flu vaccine: Parents' plans for the 2018 season

*Branched to parents with one or more child aged 0 to 4 years and 11 months*

The next few questions are about the flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is not a routine childhood vaccine on the National Immunisation Program in Australia. It has, however, been funded in a number of states and territories in 2018 (Victoria, NSW, ACT, QLD, and WA), and will be available for free to all children aged 6-months to under 5-years. Influenza or "the flu" is a respiratory illness caused by a virus. It is very easy to catch and can make people very unwell. The flu is different from the common cold or a stomach bug. Outbreaks of the flu virus usually occur in the autumn and winter months. A new flu vaccine is available each year because the flu virus changes from year to year.

#### Question 1

The flu vaccine for this season (autumn/winter 2018) is now available for children. Please select which of the following statements best describes your plans for your child in relation to the 2018 flu vaccine. Please answer separately for each child aged under 5 years.

- a. My child has had the 2018 flu vaccine in the past month
- b. My child has not had the 2018 flu vaccine yet but I plan on having them vaccinated this year
- c. I have not decided if my child will have the 2018 flu vaccine
- d. I do NOT plan on having my child vaccinated against the flu this year

*Branch to Victoria, NSW, ACT, QLD and WA*

#### Question 2a

Does having a funded (free) flu vaccine for all children aged 6 months to 5 years make you more likely to get your child/ren vaccinated against the flu?

Yes / No / Not sure

*Branch to NT, SA, and Tasmania*

#### Question 2b

If the flu vaccine was funded (free) for all children aged 6 months to 5 years would you be more likely to get your child/ren vaccinated against the flu?

Yes / No / Not sure

### Question 3

Did your child receive the flu vaccine last year (in the autumn/winter of 2017)?

Please answer separately for each child aged under 5 years.

Yes / No / Not sure

### Question 4

Below is a series of statements about the flu vaccine in children. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each of these statements.

Strongly agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Unsure

- a. The flu is not a serious disease
- b. The flu vaccine doesn't work well to protect children from getting the flu
- c. The flu vaccine is not safe for children
- d. Healthy kids don't get seriously unwell from the flu