

Survey questions

Poll 25 – Flu vaccine for children: Parents' plans for 2022

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 or COVID-19. Outbreaks of the flu virus usually occur in autumn and winter.

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. But it is free for all children aged 6 months to under 5 years.

Question 1

Thinking about your child and the flu vaccine *before* 2022. Did your child have the flu vaccine anytime *before* 2022 (eg in 2021 or before)?

Yes

No

Not sure

The flu vaccine for this season (autumn/winter 2022) will soon be available for children.

Question 2

Please select which of the following statements best describes your plans for your child in relation to the **2022 flu vaccine?**

My child has had the 2022 flu vaccine in the past month

My child has not had the 2022 flu vaccine yet but I plan on having them vaccinated this year

I have not decided if my child will have the 2022 flu vaccine

I do NOT plan on having my child vaccinated against the flu this year

Question 3

Below is a series of statements about the flu and the flu vaccine in children. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements about the flu vaccine.

Strongly agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Not sure

3.1 The flu vaccine is not necessary this year as there will be less flu than in previous years

3.2 The flu vaccine is not as important for children as the COVID-19 vaccine

3.3 Children have too many vaccines and I don't want my child to have the flu vaccine

3.4 The flu vaccine may not work well enough to be worth having

3.5 The flu vaccine is not safe for children

3.6 I do not want to/am not able to pay for the vaccine

3.7 I don't think the flu vaccine is necessary because the flu is not that serious in children

3.8 Healthy children don't get seriously unwell from the flu

3.9 It is not necessary to have the flu vaccine every year

3.10 It is not safe to have the flu vaccine and the COVID vaccine at the same time