

Survey questions

RCH National Child Health Poll Questionnaire: Flu 2025

The next few questions are about the flu (also known as influenza), and the flu (influenza) vaccine.

1. 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. When answering this question, think about all of your children.

Strongly Agree/ Agree/ Disagree/ Strongly Disagree/ Not sure

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

1.2 I don't want my child to have the flu vaccine because I think children have too many vaccines.

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

1.4 I want my child to have the flu vaccine, but I am not able to pay for the vaccine.

1.5 Healthy children don't get seriously unwell from the flu.

1.6 It is not necessary to have the flu vaccine every year.

1.7 It is hard for me to get at least one of my children vaccinated against flu because they are scared of needles.

1.8 I am worried about the side effects of the flu vaccine in children.

1.9 It is hard to travel to a healthcare provider to get the flu vaccine for my child.

1.10 It is inconvenient for me to get the flu vaccine for my child because I would have to take time off work.

1.11 I would prefer if my child's school offered flu vaccinations.

1.12 I trust the information I get about the flu vaccine from my child's doctor and/or nurse.

1.13 I know where to find trustworthy information about the flu vaccine online.

1.14 My close friends and family support flu vaccination.

1.15 I don't have time to get my child vaccinated for the flu.

1.16 I would prefer for my child to have the flu vaccine at a local council clinic close to home.

2. Thinking about your child and the flu vaccine before 2025. Has your child had the flu vaccine any time before this year (e.g. in 2024 or before?) {BY CHILD}

Yes/No/Not Sure

3. Which of the following statements best describes your plans for your child in relation to the 2025 flu vaccine? {BY CHILD}

Select one from the following list:

My child has had the flu vaccine in 2025

My child has not had the 2025 flu vaccine yet, but I plan on having them vaccinated this year

I have not decided if my child will have the 2025 flu vaccine

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

The next couple of questions are about needle phobia. It is very common for children to fear needles. For some children, teens, and even adults, this fear can become so intense and distressing that it leads them to avoid vaccinations. This is called 'needle phobia'.

4. Do you think that your child has needle phobia? {BY CHILD}

Yes/No/Not sure

5. Does your child's needle phobia stop them from getting vaccinated against flu? {BY CHILD}

Yes/No/Not sure

6. How confident are you that you know where to go to get help for your child's fear of needles? {BY CHILD}

Not at all confident

Somewhat confident

Very confident