

Survey questions

RCH National Child Health Poll Questionnaire: Flu 2026

Parent Questionnaire

The next few questions are about flu and flu vaccination.

1. Thinking about your child and the flu vaccine BEFORE 2026. Did your child have the flu vaccine any time BEFORE 2026 (i.e. in 2025 or before)? {BY CHILD aged 13 months or more}

Yes/ No/ Not sure

2. Please select which of the following statements best describes your plans for your child in relation to the 2026 flu vaccine? Please answer separately for each child. {BY CHILD aged 6 months or more}

My child has had the 2026 flu vaccine in the past month or two.

My child has not had the 2026 flu vaccine yet, but I plan on having them vaccinated this year.

I have not decided yet if my child will have the 2026 flu vaccine.

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

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 the following.

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

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

3.2 The flu vaccine is not safe for children.

3.3 I don't think the flu vaccine is necessary because the flu is not that serious.

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

3.5 Healthy children are unlikely to catch the flu.

3.6 Children can get the flu from the flu vaccine.

3.7 I am worried about the side effects from the flu vaccine in children.

3.8 The flu vaccine is recommended for all children aged 6 months and over.

4. The next few statements are about accessing the flu vaccine for children. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Strongly agree/Agree/Disagree/Strongly disagree

4.1 I want my child/ren to have the flu vaccine, but I am not able to pay for it.

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

4.3 It is too inconvenient to get my child/ren vaccinated for the flu.

5. Have you heard of the intranasal flu vaccine also called FluMist?

Yes/ No/ Not sure

6. Will the intranasal flu vaccine be available for free in 2026 in your state for **your child**? Please answer separately for each child. {BY CHILD}

The intranasal vaccine will be available for my child FOR FREE.

The intranasal vaccine will be available for my child, but I will have to pay.

The intranasal vaccine will not be available for my child at all.

I'm not sure.

7. The intranasal flu vaccine is also called FluMist. FluMist works as well as a traditional vaccine given as a needle in the arm or leg. It is given as a nasal spray into both nostrils and is quickly absorbed. This makes it convenient for children aged two years and over who may prefer to avoid needles.

If an intranasal flu vaccine was available for your child, would this change your plans about vaccinating your child against the flu? {BY CHILD aged 2 or more who has not been vaccinated for flu in 2026}

I plan to vaccinate my child regardless of whether the intranasal flu vaccine is available.

Yes, I am **more likely** to get my child vaccinated against the flu if they can have the intranasal vaccine.

No, I **do not plan** to get my child vaccinated regardless of whether the intranasal flu vaccine is available.

I am not sure if I will get my child vaccinated.

8. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about the intranasal flu vaccine.

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

8.1 I would prefer my child/ren to get the intranasal flu vaccine instead of the flu vaccine given as a needle.

8.2 The intranasal flu vaccine will work as well as the flu vaccine given as a needle.

8.3 I am worried about the side effects from the intranasal flu vaccine in children.

8.4 I do not know enough about the intranasal flu vaccine for children.

8.5 Having the intranasal flu vaccine as an option would make it easier for me to get my child/ren vaccinated.

8.6 My child/ren would find the intranasal flu vaccine less distressing than a flu vaccine given as a needle.

8.7 I would only vaccinate my child/ren against the flu if the vaccine was free regardless if it was intranasal or given as a needle.

8.8 I would only vaccinate my child/ren with the intranasal flu vaccine, even if I have to pay for it.

9. Are you planning to get your child vaccinated for the flu with the intranasal vaccine (FluMist) this year? { BY CHILD aged 2 years and over who has not been vaccinated in 2026}

Yes/ No/ Not sure