

Information for parents who are concerned about pork gelatine in the nasal flu vaccine



The flu virus is very contagious and can be extremely serious – it kills around 11,000 people every year.

This year isn't like any other and that's why the NHS in Coventry and Warwickshire wants to make sure that you know what choices are available if you are concerned about the pork ingredient in the nasal flu vaccine.

Children can spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people. All children from the age of 2 to 12 (Yr 7) and children from 6 months -18 years with some "at risk" conditions are eligible for a free flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is generally given to children aged 6 months to 2 years as an injection, and as a nasal spray for children aged 2 to 18 years.

If you would prefer your child not to have the nasal flu vaccine, they can have the injected vaccine. The Vaccination Team are holding clinics for children to receive the injected vaccine.

Please ensure that you tick the box on the consent form which says you do not give your consent because of the pork gelatine. The school vaccinations team will then be in touch with you to invite your child to one of the clinics.

If you have any questions, please contact the Immunisation Team for your area:

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