

12th December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Flu season is here!

We have been informed by the Public Health Team at the City Council that there are cases of Flu across Greater Manchester. There has been a number of hospital admissions due to the flu and this year there have been a number of children being admitted.

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you to protect yourself and your children by getting the flu vaccination if you are eligible.

The complications of flu can be serious, causing severe respiratory illness and even pneumonia.

Who is eligible for the free flu vaccination?

Even if you feel healthy you should have the free flu vaccination if you are:

- aged 65 years or over
- aged 6 month to 65 years if you have an underlying health condition – (including (long-term) respiratory diseases, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchitis; chronic heart disease/failure; chronic kidney or liver disease- hepatitis; neurological conditions,- Parkinson's disease/ motor neurone disease; diabetes; problems with your spleen.–sickle cell disease or removal of your spleen; a weakened immune system such as HIV and AIDS; or medication eg steroid tablets or chemotherapy). Speak to your Doctor.
- living in a residential or nursing home
- the main carer of an older or disabled person
- a household contact of an immuno-compromised person
- a health or social care worker (speak to your employer).
- Pregnant Women
- 2 and 3 year old (via nasal spray, by the GP)
- Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be offered the nasal vaccination in Salford primary schools (via nasal spray)



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Those over the age of 18 and eligible for the free vaccination can get it from the GP or Pharmacy!

If you are not eligible for a free vaccination and are over the age of 18, you can still get the vaccination from the pharmacy for a small cost.

If your child has missed the school vaccination session they have 1 last opportunity to get the vaccination at a session being provided on – **Wednesday 13th December 3.30pm to 8pm at Pendleton Gateway in Salford.** No need for an appointment just drop in!

Yours faithfully,

Tracey Redgrave
Children & Families Officer



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