



Dear Parent/Legal Guardian

Through the HSE vaccination services the Grants Pharmacy Vaccination Team will visit Coláiste Bríde on Friday the 18th of November offering your child the nasal flu vaccine.

The flu vaccine is recommended for all children aged 2-17years. The vaccine that your child is being offered is called Fluenz Tetra. It is a safe and effective vaccine that is given as a nasal spray.

All children can get the nasal flu vaccine by visiting their GP or local Pharmacist however, this year your child is also being offered this vaccine in school.

Getting the flu vaccine will protect your child against infection with the flu which sometimes causes complications in children. Complications of flu in children Include:

- Pneumonia
- Bronchitis
- Rarely inflammation of the brain (encephalitis).

Vaccinating your child benefits, them and also benefits their community as children can spread flu to those around them including those who may be older or have underlying conditions.

Please find attached an information leaflet about the nasal flu vaccination in children and an excipient list of ingredients in the vaccine

The consent form for your child's vaccination can be filled in on www.grantspharmacy.ie by following the steps below. The deadline for registering is midnight, Tuesday 15th of November.

- 1) www.grantspharmacy.ie> Vaccinations > School Vaccinations Consent Form > Nasal Influenza Vaccination Consent Form (2-17years)

- 2) It is of importance that you read the information leaflet for the nasal vaccination to ensure that your child is not allergic to any of the vaccination ingredients and to ensure your child is not contraindicated to the flu vaccination. Should you have any questions please send an email to grantsvaccinations@gmail.com.
- 3) Once the consent form has been submitted online, one of our trained members of staff will screen the form and contact you to ask further questions if necessary. If we do not contact you then this means the pharmacist has no queries and your child's vaccination is confirmed.
- 4) On the day of the flu clinic, should your child feel unwell, then the school should be notified at the earliest opportunity so that our vaccinating pharmacist can be made aware.

You can find further information on the vaccine at www.hse.ie/flu or you can speak to your local Grants pharmacist.

If your child has already received the flu vaccine since September this year or has an appointment already arranged, please do not consent for your child to receive a flu vaccine in school.

If you consent for your child to have the flu vaccine in school and they subsequently get the flu vaccine from their GP or Pharmacy, please inform the school immunisation team as they will not have access to this information

There will be a small number of children not able to have nasal spray flu vaccine because of pre-existing medical conditions or treatments. They will be identified by the information provided by you on the attached consent form. If your child falls into this category, they should still be vaccinated against the flu with an injected vaccine unless this vaccination is also contraindicated. The Grants Pharmacy Vaccination Team can make an appointment for this.

Yours sincerely,

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