

3 things to remember after your child's

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Immunisation

Influenza.
Don't get it.
Don't give it.

- 1 You and your child will need to wait at the clinic or surgery for 20 minutes after the vaccine is given. This is to make sure treatment is quickly available if they have a rare, severe allergic reaction.
- 2 Your child still might get affected by colds this winter. The influenza vaccine only protects against influenza, not against the common cold or other viruses and diseases in circulation.
- 3 It takes up to two weeks for the body to start developing protection against influenza. If your child is exposed to an influenza virus before or soon after this immunisation, they can still get influenza.

What to do if your child feels unwell after immunisation

Some people can get reactions that are the body's normal response to immunisation and usually resolve after a day or so.

Common reactions	What to do
Pain and/or redness at the site of injection	A cold damp cloth can be held on the injection site
Less common reactions	What to do
Feeling unwell or tired	Encourage your child to drink plenty of fluids and rest
A fever or aching muscles [^]	If your child feels pain or is very uncomfortable, consider using pain relief such as ibuprofen or paracetamol*

[^]These events may not be related to the vaccine and could be signs of an unrelated illness. Seek medical advice if you are concerned. *When taking pain relief follow the manufacturer's instructions or seek advice from your healthcare professional.

If you are concerned about your child, contact your family doctor or nurse, or call Healthline 0800 611 116.

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