

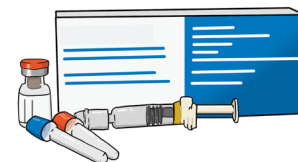


Vaccines

Influenza (flu)

What is influenza (flu)?

Influenza, or “the flu”, is caused by a virus that affects the nose, throat and lungs and can easily spread within families, schools, day care and the community.



Symptoms of the flu:



Fever



Cough or noisy breathing



Nausea and vomiting



Diarrhoea



Headache, muscle aches, tiredness



Sore throat and runny nose



Loss of appetite or poor feeding



Irritability

How serious is the flu for children?

- 1 in 3 children who catch the flu go to hospital.
- The influenza virus strains changes every year -that's why having the flu vaccine each year is important.



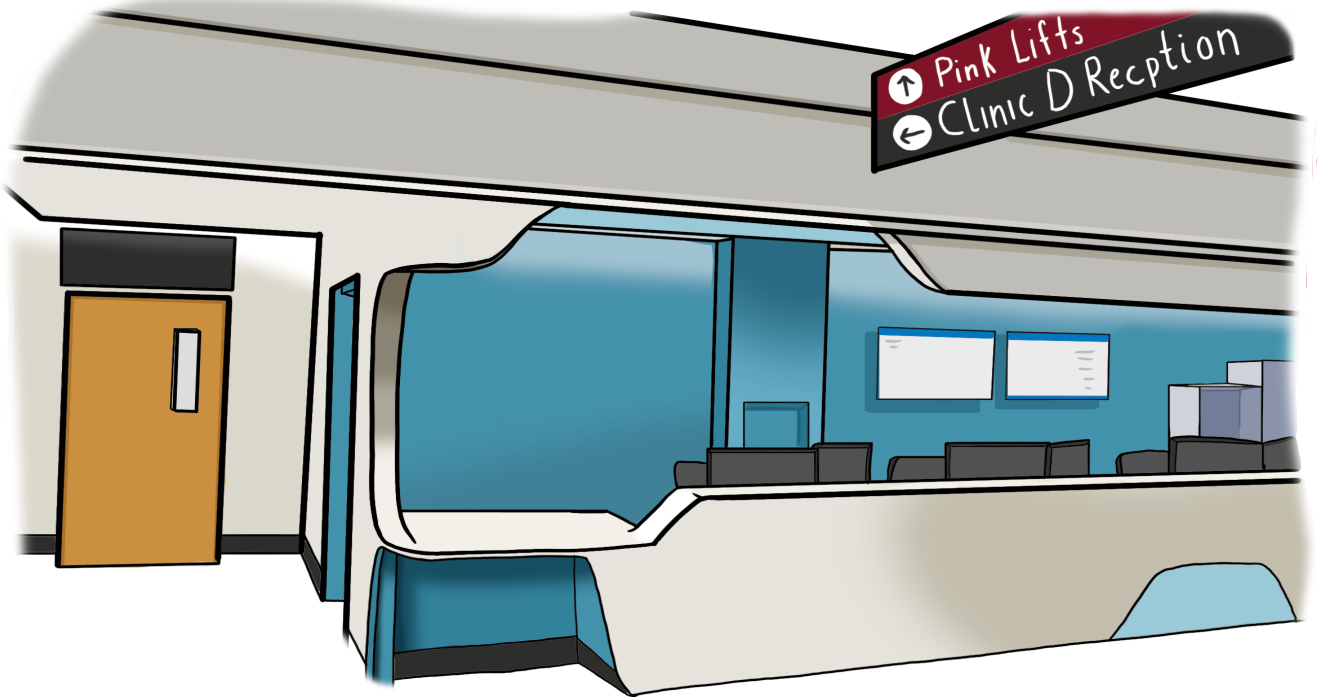
Good to know

- To build bubs immunity they should have the yearly flu vaccine from 6 months of age.
- Visit www.aefican.org.au or www.ausvaxsafety.org.au for vaccine safety monitoring information on WA immunisations.
- You can check out the Healthy WA website at ww2.health.wa.gov.au for more vaccine information.

The flu vaccine is FREE for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, from 6 months of age onwards.

Where get the flu vaccine?

Visit the PCH Stan Perron Immunisation Centre, Level 1, Clinic D, from 8.30am to 4.00pm. If you have any questions please call **6456 3742**.



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