

# WellKiwis infant study: Yearly study activities

## Enrolment

Infant and participant questionnaires

Baseline blood sample for those who have never provided one



**WellKiwis**  
influenza study

## Influenza season

April    May    June    July    August    September

Weekly online surveys on influenza vaccination. If you report your baby receiving a flu vaccine, our clinical team will collect a post-vaccine blood sample 3 – 6 weeks after the vaccination.

Weekly online surveys on **influenza-like illness (ILI)**

**If you report an ILI for your baby**, our clinical team will assess your baby's symptoms and may contact you to ask you to take a nose swab from your baby.

**If your baby's swab is POSITIVE for influenza (flu):**

Our clinical team will contact you, usually within 48 hours, with the positive flu result. If the result is negative for flu, this will be reported via email within 1 – 2 weeks.

Our clinical team will arrange to collect two blood samples from your baby:

- one sample within 1 – 2 weeks following the positive result
- one sample 4 – 7 weeks after

**Reporting swab results for non-flu viruses:**

Our clinical team will contact you, usually within 48 hours, if the swab is positive for SARS-CoV-2. Results for other viruses (eg. RSV, Rhinovirus) will be available after 1 – 2 weeks:

- By email
- Via your baby's 'Manage my Health' portal
- or from your GP

## Influenza off-season

October    November    December    January    February    March

**Annual blood sample collection\***

\*We will contact you to arrange a convenient time to visit you at home to collect this sample.

**Annual survey and study updates**

The ILI surveillance for the year stops as the flu season has come to an end.  
During this time, we do not send the weekly ILI surveys or collect swabs. This will resume the following year.  
If you are concerned about your child's health during this period, please consult your GP or call Healthline on 0800 611 116.