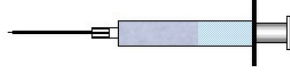


# Flu immunisation

**This task is about finding information from a text.**

## **ACOL VOLUNTARY FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAM**

As you are no doubt aware, the flu can strike rapidly and extensively during winter. It can leave its victims ill for weeks. The best way to fight the virus is to have a fit and healthy body. Daily exercise and a diet including plenty of fruit and vegetables are highly recommended to assist the immune system to fight this invading virus.



ACOL has decided to offer staff the opportunity to be immunised against the flu as an additional way to prevent this insidious virus from spreading amongst us. ACOL has arranged for a nurse to administer the immunisations at ACOL, during a half-day session in work hours in the week of May 17. This program is free and available to all members of staff.

Participation is voluntary. Staff taking up the option will be asked to sign a consent form indicating that they do not have any allergies, and that they understand they may experience minor side effects.

Medical advice indicates that the immunisation does not produce influenza. However, it may cause some side effects such as fatigue, mild fever, and tenderness of the arm.



### **WHO SHOULD BE IMMUNISED?**

Anyone interested in being protected against the virus.

This immunisation is especially recommended for people over the age of 65. But regardless of age, ANYONE who has a chronic debilitating disease, especially cardiac, pulmonary, bronchial, or diabetic conditions.

In an office environment ALL staff are at risk of catching the flu.

### **WHO SHOULD NOT BE IMMUNISED?**

Individuals hypersensitive to eggs, people suffering from an acute feverish illness, and pregnant women.

Check with your doctor if you are taking any medication or have had a previous reaction to a flu injection.

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If you would like to be immunised in the week of May 17 please advise the personnel officer, Fiona McSweeney, by Friday May 7. The date and time will be set according to the availability of the nurse, the number of participants, and the time convenient for most staff. If you would like to be immunised for this winter but cannot attend at the arranged time please let Fiona know. An alternative session may be arranged if there are sufficient numbers.

For further information please contact Fiona on ext. 5577.

*Enjoy*  
Good Health

Fiona McSweeney, the personnel officer at a company called ACOL, prepared the information sheet above for ACOL staff.

Refer to the information sheet to answer the questions which follow.

1. Which one of the following describes a feature of the ACOL flu immunisation program?  
(A) Daily exercise classes will be run during the winter.  
(B) Immunisations will be given during working hours.  
(C) A small bonus will be offered to participants.  
(D) A doctor will give the injections.
2. We can talk about the content of a piece of writing (what it says). We can talk about its style (the way it is presented). Fiona wanted the style of this information sheet to be friendly and encouraging. Do you think she succeeded? Explain your answer by referring in detail to the layout, style of writing, pictures, or other graphics.
3. This information sheet suggests that if you want to protect yourself against the flu virus, a flu injection is:  
(A) more effective than exercise and a healthy diet, but more risky.  
(B) a good idea, but not a substitute for exercise and a healthy diet.  
(C) as effective as exercise and a healthy diet and less troublesome.  
(D) not worth considering if you have plenty of exercise and a healthy diet.
4. Part of the information sheet says:

**Who should be immunised?** Anyone interested in being protected against the virus.

After Fiona had circulated the information sheet, a colleague told her that she should have left out the words "Anyone interested in being protected against the virus" because they were misleading. Do you agree that these words are misleading and should have been left out? Explain your answer.

5. According to the information sheet, which one of these staff members should contact Fiona?  
(A) Steve from the store, who does not want to be immunised because he would rather rely on his natural immunity.  
(B) Julie from sales, who wants to know if the immunisation program is compulsory.  
(C) Alice from the mailroom who would like to be immunised this winter but is having a baby in two months.  
(C) Michael from accounts who would like to be immunised but will be on leave in the week of May 17.