

This vaccine is especially important for:

Health care and community care workers, pregnant women, parents and guardians of young infants, children in special schools*, Indigenous Australians and people with some chronic health conditions like heart and lung disease, asthma, cancer, obesity, diabetes, kidney and neurological diseases and inherited blood diseases.

***Initially those 10 years and over**

Can I still get seasonal flu if I've been vaccinated for pandemic (H1N1) 2009?

Yes. This new vaccine only protects you against the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza virus. You can still be infected by other seasonal influenza viruses.

To protect yourself and the community, you should get the seasonal flu vaccine as well as the Panvax® H1N1 vaccine.

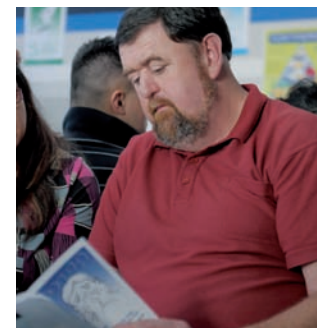
Ongoing monitoring

Australian health authorities and CSL Limited will continue to monitor the new Panvax® H1N1 vaccine. Australia's Chief Medical Officer and the Therapeutic Goods Administration will evaluate all new information to ensure the vaccine remains safe and effective. Reports of adverse events can be made on-line at www.tga.gov.au or by calling 180 2007.

Where do I get the vaccine?

Vaccination is available at a range of locations, including GP offices, vaccination clinics, hospitals and health centres.

For information on where to get your vaccination, call 180 2007 or visit the website at www.healthemergency.gov.au



Get vaccinated for H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu) now



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PROTECT YOURSELF, PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (Swine Flu) vaccine

A new FREE vaccine to protect Australians from the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza virus – or Swine Flu – is ready. Panvax® H1N1 vaccine has been tested and is safe.

There is clear evidence of serious or fatal health complications for some people who catch this flu. It is a new strain of flu that spreads easily from person to person, and experience in other countries shows that this is not just a winter flu – it could come back during spring and summer.

Vaccination is the safest response for the community, particularly as people continue to be infected, and some are suffering serious health complications. By getting vaccinated, you can protect yourself and help stop this flu spreading.

Are some people at greater risk than others?

Some people are more at risk of severe outcomes if they catch this flu, such as pregnant women, Indigenous Australians and those with some underlying chronic



conditions, including:

- **heart disease**
- **asthma and other lung diseases**
- **cancer**
- **obesity**
- **diabetes**
- **kidney disease, and**
- **neurological disease.**

There are other chronic conditions which may also put people at risk, so it is important that you speak to your GP. Even if you are fit and well you could still be at risk from this flu or pass it on to others more vulnerable.

Frontline health care and community workers are at increased risk of getting influenza and of passing it on, so it is important they have the vaccine. Parents and guardians of infants up to six months old should also ensure they have the vaccine to protect their infant.

Protect yourself and the community with the free vaccine*.

*Your GP may charge a consultation fee.

Is the vaccine safe?

Yes. The Panvax® H1N1 vaccine is as safe as the seasonal influenza vaccine, which is given to millions of Australians every year. It is made by CSL Limited, which has been making vaccines such as this for 50 years. The vaccine does not contain any 'live' flu virus and cannot cause influenza.

Panvax® H1N1 vaccine and pregnancy

Pregnant women are more susceptible to complications with the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 flu than most other people. Some women who have caught this disease have miscarried or gone into premature labour.

The vaccine does not contain any 'live' flu virus and is not a risk to unborn babies. It is safe to get influenza vaccines at any stage of pregnancy, and it is normally recommended. Even if you have had the seasonal flu vaccine during your pregnancy, it is still recommended that you get this additional vaccine. The seasonal vaccine gives no protection against this new influenza strain.

Are there any side-effects?

The potential side-effects of the vaccine are similar to those associated with seasonal flu shots. Most commonly, they can include some swelling, redness and/or soreness at the injection site. Other reactions, such as fever, headache, tiredness and muscle aches are also fairly common.

These side-effects can start within a few hours of vaccination, and may last for one to two days. Simple reactions can be managed at home.

Allergic reactions are uncommon after vaccination, but can be severe in some people. People who are allergic to eggs should not get the Panvax® H1N1 vaccine.

