

# PANDEMIC (H1N1) 2009 INFLUENZA (HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA)

## VACCINATION UPDATE # 6: 4 December 2009

### GENERAL PRACTITIONERS and ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Please distribute this information to all of your practice staff

#### Key points

1. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has approved the use of Panvax® (multi-dose vials) for people aged 6 months and above.
2. Practices may now start vaccinating children aged 6 months and above with Panvax® (MDV).
3. The TGA has also approved the use of Panvax® Junior (pre-filled syringe) for children aged 6 months to less than 3 years.
4. Distribution of Panvax® Junior is expected to commence shortly.
5. While two doses of vaccine are recommended for children under 10 years of age, one dose may provide a good protective boost against pandemic influenza.

Panvax® can now be administered to **anyone over the age of 6 months** who wishes to be protected from pandemic influenza. It is especially important to encourage vaccination for people who:

- are at increased risk of severe illness from influenza
- have an infant under 6 months of age
- are travelling to an area with high levels of pandemic influenza activity (eg many countries in North America, Europe and Asia)

#### Panvax® and Panvax® Junior dosage and schedule

	Dosage	Number of doses	Presentation
Children aged 6 months to less than 3 years	7.5 mcg (0.25mL)	2 doses at least 28 days apart	Panvax® Junior (pre-filled syringe) <b>OR</b> Panvax® (multi-dose vial)
Children aged 3 to less than 10 years	15 mcg (0.5mL)	2 doses at least 28 days apart	Panvax® (multi-dose vial)
People aged 10 years and over	15 mcg (0.5mL)	1 dose	Panvax® (multi-dose vial)

Resources on the NSW Health pandemic influenza vaccination website

([http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/vaccination/swine\\_flu\\_latest\\_data.asp](http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/vaccination/swine_flu_latest_data.asp)):

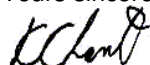
- **Revised CSL Limited Product Information sheet (dated Dec 2009, please now disregard the previous PI dated Sept 2009)**
- Order forms for Panvax® and Panvax® Junior
- Consent forms (optional)
- ATAGI advice about the safety of vaccines containing thiomersal
- Answers to FAQs about vaccinating children against pandemic influenza

Please check this website regularly for updated information.

Initial orders of Panvax® Junior already received will be dispatched from Monday 7 December.

Practices are reminded that the State Vaccine Centre will be closed after 18 December 2009 to 4 January 2010 as per its usual practice. Please plan to place vaccine orders accordingly.

Yours sincerely



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