



PANDEMIC (H1N1) 2009 INFLUENZA VACCINE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT

- Please read all the information on BOTH sides of this form**
- The vaccinator will tear off and provide you with a record of vaccination.**
- You should keep the vaccine record in a safe place – it is your personal vaccination record.**

****People with a known severe allergy to eggs should not be given this vaccine****

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The pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza is a new type of influenza virus. In most cases it is a mild illness but for some people this influenza can cause serious health complications or death. This vaccination program will protect people from infection, minimise the amount of influenza virus circulating in the community and help protect against future waves of the virus.

The Panvax® H1N1 vaccine you are getting is made using the same processes that CSL has been using to produce seasonal influenza vaccines for Australia over the last 40 years.

The vaccine comes in a multi-dose vial (or a pre-filled syringe for young children) rather than individual pre-filled syringes which are used in seasonal influenza vaccinations. While the vaccine comes in a multi-dose vial, a new needle and syringe is used for every person. A second dose of vaccine may be required for children less than ten years of age, but will not be required for adults or for children ten years and older.

To keep the vaccine safe and sterile the multi-dose vials contain a very small amount of a preservative called thiomersal. Thiomersal is commonly used in multi-dose vials and has a very long safety record.

Clinical trials have shown that the vaccine is safe in those who participated.

Ongoing assessment of the vaccine will continue to monitor its safety.

Side effects of vaccinations

Most vaccines cause minor adverse events such as low grade fever, tiredness, muscle aches and headaches, or pain and redness at the injection site. In most people, these will only last a short time. Very rarely, anaphylaxis (a severe allergic reaction that may result in unconsciousness and death if not treated quickly) can occur.

There have been reports overseas, but not in Australia, of a possible very rare association (1-2 cases per 1 million people vaccinated) between influenza vaccinations and a condition called Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), a nervous system disorder which may cause paralysis. The association with this vaccine is not proven.

Contraindications

People who have experienced the following should not receive the Panvax® H1N1 vaccine:

- anaphylaxis following a previous dose of any influenza vaccine
- anaphylaxis following any vaccine component
- severe allergy to eggs.

Panvax® H1N1 vaccine is provided to you by the Australian Government

For further information about the Panvax® H1N1 vaccine, please contact the Pandemic Hotline on **180 2007**

Care after vaccination

- For redness or swelling at the injection site, apply a cold compress
- To lower temperature or relieve discomfort, paracetamol can be taken
- If fever persists, consult your doctor
- Drink extra fluids and rest
- If any reaction occurs that you consider serious or unexpected, seek medical advice
- Contact your doctor if you have had a reaction following any dose of the vaccine or require further medical advice.

Possible side effects of vaccination

Common:

About 1 in 10 people may have pain and redness at the injection site, drowsiness or tiredness, muscle aches; low grade fever

Very Rare:

Severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis)

