



Australian Government

# PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN NOW WITH THE FREE SWINE FLU VACCINE.



The pandemic H1N1 influenza (Swine Flu) vaccine is now registered as safe and effective for children from 6 months of age. You can now protect your children and yourself by getting this free\* vaccine.

One third of all Australians who have died from Swine Flu did not have pre-existing illnesses or chronic conditions, and many children with the virus needed to be hospitalised.

Swine Flu is still a major threat to Australia and continues to spread around the world. The flu season in the northern hemisphere started early and may do so here. Many travellers continue to be exposed to the disease and may bring it into Australia.

The seasonal flu vaccine (expected to be released in Autumn 2010) is only free for pregnant women, people aged over 65, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged over 15, and those who suffer from chronic health conditions that increase their risk of severe influenza. So the best way to ensure your family is protected from Swine Flu is to vaccinate them now.

Contact your GP or vaccine provider for an appointment.

\*Consultation fee may apply.

**For more information go to [www.healthemergency.gov.au](http://www.healthemergency.gov.au) or call 180 2007.**