



COMMUNIQUE FOR ALL QUEENSLAND GPs (#7) 04 December 2009 PANDEMIC (H1N1) 2009 VACCINATION PROGRAM – CHILDREN'S VACCINATION

Registration of Panvax® H1N1 for vaccinating children

- The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has registered Panvax® H1N1 vaccine for use in children from 6 months to 9 years of age. The Product Information is available at:
<http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf/Content/kids-vaccine-qna-toc>

Vaccine presentation

- For children 6 months to 35 months:
 - (i) Panvax H1N1 Junior® in a pre-filled syringe (PFS), (which does not contain thiomersal) 0.25 mL per dose (7.5 µg HA). (NB Panvax® Junior is only for use in children 6 months to 35 months); **OR**
 - (ii) Panvax H1N1 (multidose vial) 0.25 mL per dose (7.5 µg HA). (NB This is the same vaccine **but different dose** currently in use for adults and children over 10 years)
- For children 36 months to 9 years
 - (i) Panvax® H1N1 (multi-dose vials) 0.5 mL per dose (15 µg HA) for use for children 36 months to 9 years. (NB This is the same vaccine currently in use for adults and children over 10 years)

Distribution of pre-filled syringes (PFS) for children 6 months to 35 months

- The Queensland Health Immunisation Program (QHIP) has *pre-allocated* Panvax H1N1 Junior® PFS vaccine orders for vaccine service providers based on usual childhood vaccine order quantities.
- If your Practice does **not** wish to receive Panvax H1N1 Junior® vaccine prior to Christmas, **please notify QHIP urgently by fax 3328-9720**. Your practice will then need to order Panvax H1N1 Junior® after 04 January 2010.
- Following the initial distribution of pre-allocated orders, vaccine service providers will need to order Panvax H1N1 Junior® as per routine vaccine ordering (remembering Christmas closure). There will be no restriction on how frequently orders for Panvax H1N1 (either presentation) can be placed.
- The vaccine will not be released for distribution for at least one week following registration. This means that practices will not begin receiving vaccine until the week beginning 14 December at the earliest. It will take some days to distribute to all providers across Queensland so providers may not receive Panvax H1N1 Junior® until the week of 21 December.

Vaccination of children

Dosages of Panvax H1N1 vaccine for children are:

Age	Dose	Formulation	Number of doses
6 months - 35 months	0.25ml (7.5µg)	Panvax H1N1 Junior prefilled syringe or Panvax H1N1 multidose vial	2 doses at least 4 weeks apart
36 months – 9 years	0.5ml (15µg)	Panvax H1N1 multidose vial	2 doses at least 4 weeks apart
10 years and above	0.5ml (15µg)	Panvax H1N1 multidose vial	1 dose

Further information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

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