

Funded vaccine for dose 2 of H1N1 vaccine for children aged 6 months up to 10 years

Pandemic H1N1 influenza

Pandemic H1N1 influenza vaccine is funded for all children and adults through the Pandemic H1N1 (2009) Vaccination Program

Seasonal Influenza vaccine

Seasonal influenza vaccine is **funded only for children at increased risk of complications from influenza infection.**

- Cardiac disease
- Chronic respiratory conditions
- Chronic illness
- Chronic neurological conditions
- Long-term aspirin therapy in children (aged 6 months to 10 years)

See the Australian Immunisation Handbook (9th Edition) pages 190 –191 for details.

For all parents of other children aged 6 months and over who wish to reduce the risk of their children contracting influenza or choosing to have dose 2 of the H1N1 component as part of the seasonal influenza vaccine the **vaccine is not funded** and will need to be purchased via private prescription.

Recommendations

Rationale: two doses of influenza vaccine in the first year give a much better antibody response to a single dose of vaccine in subsequent years.

Children aged ≥ 6 months to < 10 years planning to receive seasonal influenza vaccine in 2010 who have previously received two doses of seasonal vaccine

- a) one dose of Panvax® as soon as practicable
- b) one dose of seasonal influenza vaccine ≥ 28 days after Panvax®

Note: seasonal influenza vaccine is only funded for groups with risk factors

Children aged ≥ 6 months to < 10 years planning to receive seasonal influenza vaccine in 2010 with no previous seasonal vaccine influenza vaccine or only one dose

- a) one dose of Panvax® as soon as practicable
- b) two doses of seasonal influenza vaccine, separated by at least one month, ≥ 28 days after Panvax®

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Children aged ≥ 6 months to < 10 years either not planning to receive seasonal influenza vaccine in 2010 or travelling to the northern hemisphere before the availability of the 2010 seasonal influenza vaccine:

- a) two doses of Panvax®, ≥ 28 days apart

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For detailed information see the Australian Technical Advisory group on Immunisation (ATAGI) document 'Use of pandemic and seasonal influenza vaccines in children < 10 years of age' can be accessed at <http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/> ⇒ Health and Aged Care Professionals ⇒ National vaccination program ⇒ ATAGI vaccine advice.