



## COMMUNIQUE FOR ALL QUEENSLAND GPs (#5) PANDEMIC (H1N1) 2009 VACCINATION PROGRAM - 19 October 2009

### Data Collection and Reporting

Collection of specific data is required to monitor the profile of vaccine recipients for Queensland Health analysis and, reporting to the Commonwealth. GPs are reminded to use the data collection form with each vaccine delivery. The form can be found at

[http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/vaccination/documents/vaccine\\_data\\_coll.pdf](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/vaccination/documents/vaccine_data_coll.pdf)

The data collection form is to be faxed to Queensland Health on a twice weekly basis on a Tuesday and Thursday at **3328 9721** or **3328 9720**, along with any wastage notification forms.

### Consent

Valid consent must be obtained prior to giving any vaccine. While the use of the Commonwealth consent form is not mandatory, GPs are advised to contact their medical indemnity insurer to clarify if the insurer requires the use of a consent form when vaccinating with the Panvax® vaccine. If used the consent form should be filed in the patients chart and not returned to Queensland Health or the Commonwealth.

### Medicare ineligible clients

The Commonwealth has advised that the Panvax® vaccine is available free to all people, including those who are not covered by Medicare. Billing for the administration of the vaccine is a matter for individual GPs.

### Issues Register

Queensland Health appreciates the lead role General Practice is undertaking in the roll out of the Pandemic H1N1 2009 vaccination program. To help identify issues, support or information that GPs may require, GPQ are keeping an issues register specifically related to the H1N1 vaccination program. This register will enable GPQ to raise issues with Queensland Health for resolution. Please raise any issues through your local Division of General Practice.

### Latex allergy

There has been concern that the latex in the syringes supplied by the Commonwealth in the vaccination packs could lead to hypersensitivity reactions. Expert opinion from the Therapeutics Goods Administration (TGA) and the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) provides the following advice:

**Persons reporting a history of severe (anaphylactic) allergy to latex** can still receive Panvax® H1N1 vaccine with careful precautions to avoid latex exposure as follows:

1. Do NOT use the 1 ml syringe provided in the pandemic vaccination pack.
2. Use a new multi-dose Panvax® H1N1 vaccine vial to vaccinate these patients. This is to eliminate the very rare possibility of latex contamination of the vaccine from other latex-containing syringes used to draw up previous doses.

<http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf/Content/national-vaccination-program#summary>

### Marketing Materials/ Resources

Queensland Health resources are available at: [http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/vacc\\_providers.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/vacc_providers.asp)

### Further information for health professionals is available from:

Commonwealth Health Emergency website: [www.healthemergency.gov.au](http://www.healthemergency.gov.au)

Queensland Health Vaccination website: <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/vacc.asp>

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