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Advice to General Practice Queensland

Completion of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Catch Up Program

The catch-up component of the National HPV Vaccination Program finishes 31 December 2009.

Distribution of funded HPV vaccine will therefore cease prior to Christmas.

Previous advice has been provided on closing dates for orders for 2009 (see reverse).

Do not discard HPV vaccine left in refrigerators after 31 December 2009.

HPV vaccine doses remaining in service provider refrigerators should be used to **complete** any vaccine course for young women between 13 and 26 years of age.

For further information or advice, contact your local Public Health Unit.

Public Health Units			
Brisbane Northside	3624 1111	Mackay	4968 6611
Brisbane Southside	3000 9148	Redcliffe	3142 1800
Cairns	4050 3600	Mt Isa	4744 9100
Darling Downs	4631 9888	Central Qld	4920 6989
Gold Coast	5509 7222	Sunshine Coast	5409 6600
Wide Bay	4120 6000	Townsville	4753 9000

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Ordering vaccines prior to Christmas 2009/New Year 2010

- The Queensland Health Immunisation Program will close on 23rd December 2009 and will re-open 4th January 2010.
- The deadline for vaccine orders for delivery before the holiday period is outlined below.

AREA	CLOSING DATE TO ORDER
Everywhere outside the Brisbane metropolitan area	Last orders - Before 8.30am Friday 18th December 2009
Brisbane metropolitan (All VSP numbers commencing with BN or BS)	Last orders - Before 8.30am Monday 21st December 2009

- The closing date for orders prior to Christmas/ New Year is necessary to ensure all orders are delivered without risk to the vaccines.
- **Please consider your vaccine requirements over this period of closure. If necessary, order vaccine to carry over until your next order in the New Year.**
- Normal working hours (8am to 4.30pm) will resume on 4th January 2010.
- If you have any enquiries regarding vaccine orders prior to Christmas or you would like to place an order telephone 3328 9888.