

ANNUAL SEASONAL FUNDED INFLUENZA PROGRAM 2010

CHILDREN IN MEDICAL AT RISK GROUP ELIGIBLE FOR FREE INFLUENZA VACCINE			
AGE	DOSAGE	DOSES	NOTES
6 months up to 3 years of age	0.25ml	Two doses at least 1 month apart are recommended for children aged ≤ 9 years who are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time. In subsequent years only 1 dose is required each year.	If a child has received 1 or 2 doses of Panvax® H1N1 vaccine they still need two doses of seasonal influenza vaccine if it is their first year of receiving a seasonal influenza vaccine.
3 years to less than 9 years	0.5ml		
9 years and over	0.5ml		

ADULTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE INFLUENZA VACCINATION			
GROUP	DOSAGE	DOSE No.	NOTES
All persons aged 65 years and over	0.5ml	1 dose per year	Assess pneumococcal vaccination status
All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over	0.5ml	1 dose per year	Check Indigenous status and assess pneumococcal vaccination status
All pregnant women	0.5ml	1 dose per year	All pregnant women in the first, second or third trimester should be offered influenza vaccine
All those in the "Medical At Risk Group" for influenza	0.5ml	1 dose per year	Refer to the " <i>Medical At Risk Group</i> "

MEDICAL AT RISK GROUPS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Cardiac disease:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – cyanotic congenital heart disease – coronary artery disease – congestive heart failure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Chronic respiratory conditions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – suppurative lung disease – bronchiectasis – cystic fibrosis – chronic obstructive pulmonary disease – chronic emphysema – severe asthma (defined as requiring frequent hospital visits) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Chronic neurological conditions such as:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – multiple sclerosis – spinal cord injuries – seizure disorders – or other neuromuscular disorders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Other chronic illnesses such as:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – diabetes mellitus – chronic metabolic diseases – chronic renal failure – haemoglobinopathies – impaired immunity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Impaired immunity</i> including HIV infection, malignancy and chronic steroid use ▪ <i>Long term aspirin therapy in children</i> (aged 6 months to 10 years)

NB For further information regarding influenza please refer to *The Australian Immunisation Handbook* (current edition page 190, 191) or you can access the following Queensland Health website: <http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/index.asp>