

CHILDREN IN MEDICAL AT RISK GROUP ELIGIBLE FOR FREE INFLUENZA VACCINE			
AGE	DOSAGE	DOSES	NOTES
≥ 6 months to < 3 years	0.25ml	Two doses at least 1 month apart are recommended for children aged ≥ 6 months to < 10 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 seasonal influenza vaccination. Children 6 months to < 10 years who do not receive 2 doses in the first year of vaccination should have 2 doses the following year.
≥ 3 years to < 10 years	0.5ml		
≥ 10 years	0.5ml	1 dose per year	

ADULTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE INFLUENZA VACCINATION			
GROUP	DOSAGE	DOSE	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 Groups" for influenza	0.5ml	1 dose per year	Refer to the "Medical At Risk Groups"

MEDICAL AT RISK GROUPS

<p>§ Cardiac disease:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cyanotic congenital heart disease - coronary artery disease - congestive heart failure 	<p>§ Chronic respiratory conditions</p> <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) 	<p>§ Chronic neurological conditions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - multiple sclerosis - spinal cord injuries - seizure disorders - or other neuromuscular disorders 	<p>§ Other chronic illnesses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - diabetes mellitus - chronic metabolic diseases - chronic renal failure - haemoglobinopathies - impaired immunity 	<p>§ Impaired immunity including HIV infection, malignancy and chronic steroid use</p> <p>§ Children aged 6 months to 10 years on long term aspirin therapy</p>
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NB For further information regarding influenza please refer to *The Australian Immunisation Handbook* (current edition page 190, 191) and recommendations of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation at <http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf/Content/national-vaccination-program#atagi> or you can access the following Queensland Health website: <http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/index.asp>