

INFLUENZA 2010



Please ensure all staff read this information

2010 INFLUENZA VACCINE

- ◆ The influenza vaccine for 2010 in the southern hemisphere will include the following components:
 - A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like virus;
 - A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2)-like virus;
 - B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus.
- ◆ Information will be provided on when you will be able to order paediatric influenza vaccine.
Please note: Various brands of influenza vaccine marked "Government Funded Program" will be provided during the 2010 program.

DISTRIBUTION REGIME FOR INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR 2010

- ◆ Following distribution of the initial order, subsequent influenza orders will be taken on a weekly basis during the **first 2 months of the program**.
- ◆ Please be aware the Easter break commences 2 April 2010.
- ◆ When ordering influenza vaccine please use the *Flu Vaccine Order Form* enclosed and consider your requirements for special clinics or nursing home/aged care facilities.
- ◆ Queensland Health Immunisation Program (QHIP) will require a stock on hand count of all vaccines when you place your monthly vaccine order on the *Vaccine Request Form*.

VACCINE STORAGE

- ◆ Review your refrigerator storage capacity – you must be able to safely store all your vaccines in original packaging in a monitored vaccine refrigerator according to the recommendations in the *National Storage Guideline: Strive for Five*. This includes your supply of influenza and other vaccine.
- ◆ Vaccine supply will be restricted to your practice if you are storing vaccines in a bar fridge.

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE

- ◆ Pneumococcal vaccine is funded for all individuals aged 65 years and over, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults aged 50 years and over and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged 15 to 49 years who have a high risk underlying condition.
- ◆ You are encouraged to vaccinate all clients as they become eligible.
- ◆ Pneumococcal vaccine is available through your routine monthly vaccine order. Please discuss your vaccine requirements when placing your order early in 2010.

RECORDING VACCINATIONS

- ◆ Influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations administered under the National Indigenous Pneumococcal and Influenza Program must be recorded on your Vaccination Record Form or printed records and forwarded to VIVAS in the usual way.
- ◆ The attached **Data Collection** sheet should be used to record funded influenza vaccinations administered by your practice/clinic. QHIP will advise when you need to provide the data sheets.



2010 INFLUENZA PROGRAM - DATA COLLECTION

VSP No. VSP Phone No. _____

Please record the eligibility category for people receiving FREE influenza vaccine using the numbers below

1. Medical at risk group (please refer to the list on the schedule provided)
2. People 65 years or older
3. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
4. Pregnant women

	Date of vaccination	Patient Name	Date of Birth	Eligibility Category
Eg.	1/3/2010	Sample Record	30/6/1944	1, 2
1	/ /2010		/ /	
2	/ /2010		/ /	
3	/ /2010		/ /	
4	/ /2010		/ /	
5	/ /2010		/ /	
6	/ /2010		/ /	
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