

Health **FAX**

H1N1 Immunization Program – Update re: Children’s Dosing and AEFI Reporting

Attention: **Physicians, Long-Term Care Homes, Hospitals, Infection Control Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics, Nurse Practitioners, Correctional Facilities, Rest & Retirement Homes**

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Dosing Recommendations for H1N1 Adjuvanted Vaccine:

CATEGORY	DOSING RECOMMENDATION
Age 0-5 months	H1N1 flu vaccine not authorized for use
Age over 6 months and less than 3 years	2 half-doses of adjuvanted* vaccine There should be a minimum of 21 days between the 2 half-doses.
Age 3 to 9 years - Healthy children	1 half-dose adjuvanted vaccine, for now**
Age 3 to 9 years - Children with chronic*** medical conditions	2 half-doses of adjuvanted vaccine There should be a minimum of 21 days between the 2 half-doses.
Age 10 years + (including 65+)	1 dose adjuvanted vaccine

* An adjuvant is a substance that is added to a vaccine to boost the individual’s immune response. It includes naturally occurring oil (called squalene), water and vitamin E.

** These recommendations may be updated as more information becomes available.

*** The chronic medical conditions defined as:

- Cardiac or pulmonary disorders (including bronchopulmonary dysplasia, cystic fibrosis and asthma)
- Diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases
- Cancer, immunodeficiency, immunosuppression (due to underlying disease and/or therapy)
- Renal disease
- Anemia or hemoglobinopathy
- Conditions that compromise the management of respiratory secretions and are associated with an increased risk of aspiration
- Children and adolescents with conditions treated for long periods with acetylsalicylic acid.

AEFI Reporting

Health Canada has posted a “revised” Adverse Event Form available at: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/aeafi-form-eng.php>. This form will now be used to support improved adverse event information reporting to the ministry.

We request that you replace the Ontario AEFI form with this one. In addition, we will include a copy in your next vaccine order. Please ensure once completed that they are immediately faxed to the health unit at (705) 721-1495.