

## FAQS - Swine Flu Vaccination

### **Panvax H1N1 Vaccination**

Panvax H1N1 vaccine is given for the prevention of infection by the influenza virus strain causing the current pandemic H1N1 influenza which is also known as 'swine flu'.

Panvax H1N1 vaccine is manufactured by CSL and contains a fragment from the killed influenza virus strain that has been determined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to be responsible for the circulating pandemic flu.

The vaccine does not contain any live virus.

### **Do I need to get the seasonal vaccine if I have had the Pandemic vaccine?**

Even if you have already had the pandemic H1N1 2009 vaccine, it is still recommended that you have the seasonal vaccine as you will get additional protection against the other two new flu strains. These strains can also cause complications from influenza.

### **If I have been vaccinated with Fluvax<sup>®</sup>, will I be protected against pandemic influenza?**

It is highly unlikely that Fluvax<sup>®</sup> (the seasonal influenza vaccine) will provide any protection against pandemic influenza as the virus strain responsible for the pandemic flu is very different from the strains that cause ordinary seasonal influenza. Therefore, even if you have been vaccinated with Fluvax<sup>®</sup>, it is unlikely that you will be protected against pandemic flu.

### **Are there additional adverse events associated with having two flu vaccines in one season?**

The annual seasonal influenza vaccine is often given at the same time as other routine vaccines. There is no reason to expect that it would not be safe to receive both the seasonal influenza vaccine and Panvax<sup>®</sup>H1N1 vaccine in one season.