

H1N1 Flu Vaccine: Dosing Recommendations

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ADJUVANTED* VACCINE

(From <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/h1n1/vacc/recommendation-recommandation-eng.php>)

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.

UNADJUVANTED VACCINE

CATEGORY	DOSING RECOMMENDATION
Pregnant women	1 dose unadjuvanted vaccine * If unadjuvanted vaccine is not available and rates of H1N1 flu are high or increasing, women more than 20 weeks pregnant should be offered adjuvanted vaccine.

CO-ADMINISTRATION

- H1N1 flu vaccine may be administered concurrently with seasonal flu vaccine and other vaccines.
- If co-administered, injections should be given in separate limbs.
- If not given concurrently, there is no minimum interval required between the H1N1 flu vaccine and other vaccines.
- This advice is consistent with the Canadian Immunization Guide.

To find out more, visit www.fightflu.ca or call 1 800 0-Canada (1-800-622-6232) (TTY 1-800-926-9105)



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