

SWINE FLU VACCINATION 2009

When will the vaccination campaign begin?

The Interterritorial Council of the National Health System (CISNS) has decided that the vaccination campaign will begin on 16 November.

Who needs to be vaccinated initially?

The population groups the CISNS considers a priority for the pandemic vaccine are as follows:

- **Expectant mothers**

- **Social-health workers**

- All workers at health centres, for both primary and hospital treatment, public and private.
- Staff at retirement homes and centres for the chronically ill who have continuous contact with vulnerable persons.

- **People working in essential public services**

- State security forces and bodies, at the national, autonomous or local levels.
- Firefighters.
- Civil protection services.
- Persons manning the telephones of emergency health services.
- Workers at prisons and other places of legal confinement.

- **Persons aged over 6 months who, because of a special clinical condition, are at greater risk of complication arising from infection by the A (H1N1) virus 2009. These clinical conditions are:**

- Chronic cardiovascular diseases (excluding hypertension).
- Chronic respiratory diseases (including bronchopulmonary dysplasia, cystic fibrosis and persistent moderate-serious asthma).
- Type I and type II diabetes mellitus treated with drugs.
- Moderate-serious kidney failure.
- Moderate-serious haemoglobinopathies and anaemia.
- No spleen.
- Advanced chronic liver disease.
- Serious neuromuscular diseases.
- Immunosuppressive patients (including when due to HIV infection or to drugs, or in transplant recipients).
- Morbid obesity (body mass index of 40 or more).
- Persons aged under 18 receiving prolonged treatment with acetylsalicylic acid to guard against the possibility of developing Reye's syndrome.



Vaccination in our country is voluntary, even in the groups for which it is recommended as a priority, just as in all previous vaccination campaigns.

