

## Pandemic (H1N1) Vaccination Program – Priority Groups

Target group	Definition
Pregnant women	All trimesters
Adults & children (aged 10 years and above) with underlying chronic medical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chronic respiratory conditions</li> <li>▪ Immuno-suppression</li> <li>▪ Cancer</li> <li>▪ Diabetes mellitus</li> <li>▪ Chronic renal disease</li> <li>▪ Cardiac disease</li> <li>▪ Chronic metabolic diseases</li> <li>▪ Haemoglobinopathies</li> <li>▪ Chronic neurological diseases</li> </ul>	<p>Requires clinical judgement.</p> <p>Includes asthma &amp; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease</p> <p>HIV/AIDS infection, use of immunosuppressive drugs</p> <p>Only malignant cancers</p> <p>Not including simple hypertension</p>
Individuals with moderate to severe obesity	BMI > 35
Health care & community care workers (includes volunteers and students)	<p><b>Health care worker:</b> a person who has direct contact with patients, either in the community or hospital setting, in both public and private practice settings, focusing on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff within or working with Aboriginal Medical Services, general practice, remote or community health clinics, and ambulance services.</li> <li>• All hospital and outpatient staff focusing on those who have direct patient contact.</li> <li>• All staff working in acute care clinics/satellite clinics that provide care, limited to diabetic clinics, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, dialysis and oncology services and perinatal care.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community and residential care workers:</b> Aged care and disability services workers who have direct patient contact while providing community and residential services to vulnerable groups.</p>
Indigenous people, remote and isolated communities with vulnerable people	<p>Self identification of indigenous status.</p> <p>Includes the Australian Antarctic Territory and subantarctic islands (vaccination to be provided prior to departure).</p>
Children (aged 10 years and above) in special schools	Children (aged 10 years and above) in schools and institutions that are exclusively special needs based. Excludes mainstream schools with special needs programs.
Parents & guardians of children aged 0 – 6 months	Primary carers of children aged 0 – 6 months