

# Information about 2009 H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flue) Vaccine

## 1 About Vaccination:

2009 H1N1 Influenza vaccine is produced for the first time, and is considered to be effective in preventing severe illness and death cases, according to the data to date. However, effectiveness in preventing infection is yet to be proven. Please be noted that vaccination does not prevent every possibility of infection.

## 2 About Vaccination Priority Target Groups:

2009 H1N1 Influenza vaccines are being produced successively. In order for people with higher necessity to be given priority over vaccination, it will be implemented following the below order.

- Vaccination will start accordingly from Nov 24<sup>th</sup> by appointment.
- Appointment date and vaccination date vary between medical institutions.
- Vaccines are scheduled to come in 2 times each month until the beginning of March.
- Due to the limited quantities, you may be asked to wait for making an appointment.

### \* Vaccination Period \*

From Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>

- Pregnant women
- People with underlying medical condition
  - children from one year old to the 3rd grade of elementary school students
  - people corresponding to the target groups of Top-priority Criteria
  - students from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade of elementary school to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade of junior high-school
  - others
- Children from one year old to the age equivalent to the 3rd grade of elementary school student

From late Dec.

- Guardians of under a year old child
- Guardians of the people corresponding to the target groups of vaccination priority and that are not able to be vaccinated because of a physical reason

From middle of Jan.

- Children equivalent to the age of 4th to the 6th grade of elementary school students
- Children equivalent to the age of junior high-school students
- Children equivalent to the age of high school students
- People aged 65 or older

※ Decision on the vaccination availability will be made by the family doctor for those with underlying medical condition, and for guardians of the people corresponding to the target groups of vaccination priority and that are not able to be vaccinated because of a physical reason.

## 3 About Vaccination Site

Vaccination is available at medical institutions in the city. Make an appointment with the medical institution when your vaccination period approaches, and get vaccinated accordingly. Please confirm your vaccination period before getting in contact.

#### 4 About Vaccination Fee

1<sup>st</sup> dose: 3,600 yen

2<sup>nd</sup> dose: 2,550 yen (3,600 yen in case of getting vaccinated at a different medical institution than the 1<sup>st</sup> dose.)

※ Number of doses may be revised for each target groups of vaccination priority.

#### 5 About Free Vaccination

The following people can get vaccinated with 2009 H1N1 Influenza vaccine free of charge at medical institutions in the city; people who have priority over vaccination and who are alien registered in Hamamatsu City, and at the same time who is a member of either a welfare (*seikatsu-hogo*) recipient family or a municipal tax-free family (all family members need to be tax-free).

Those who correspond to the above, please go to the Healthcare Center - *hokenjo* (Public Health Promotion Division - *Kenko Zoshin-ka*) or the Ward Office (Public Health Division - *Kenko Zukuri-ka*) in advance to apply for a vaccination coupon, which will be necessary for vaccination.

#### Contact

【Naka-ku】 Public Health Promotion Division - *Kenko Zoshin-ka* TEL453-6119  
(Healthcare Center - *hokenjo*)

【Higashi-ku】 Public Health Division - *Kenko Zukuri-ka* TEL424-0125

【Nishi-ku】 Public Health Division - *Kenko Zukuri-ka* TEL597-1120

【Minami-ku】 Public Health Division - *Kenko Zukuri-ka* TEL425-1592

【Kita-ku】 Public Health Division - *Kenko Zukuri-ka* TEL523-3121

【Hamakita-ku】 Public Health Division - *Kenko Zukuri-ka* TEL585-1171

【Tenryu-ku】 Public Health Division - *Kenko Zukuri-ka* TEL922-0075