

Student Health

Latest Advice re : N1H1 Influenza

Vaccination Programme

Since the outbreak of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza virus (Human Swine Flu), Queensland Health has been working closely with other Government agencies and the community to promote awareness of the virus and measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

Queensland Health's Acting Chief Health Officer Dr Christine Selvey has advised the next step in the pandemic response is a vaccination program which commenced roll out across all States and Territories in Australia on 30 September.

For more information click on this link.

The vaccination programme is available to community members who are considered to be at risk.

Currently doctors in the Coolum area are reporting cases of Whooping Cough to QLD Health. A few students have been diagnosed as having contracted the disease and have experienced flu like symptoms. Their medical diagnosis has only been identified when their cough fails to pass in the usual time frame. These students have then been kept at home until they have completed five days on anti biotics. It would seem that older children and adults can cope reasonably well with the illness and remain at home. The greatest risk factor in Whooping Cough are infant babies.