



H1N1 Flu & Health Care Workers —Survey questions

Seasonal influenza (the flu) and the new H1N1 influenza (“swine flu”) are expected to come to the United States in the fall and winter of 2009-2010. We are interested in learning about what you think about these 2 related but different illnesses for the upcoming flu season.

Each year, vaccine against seasonal flu is made available to the public. There are two forms of the seasonal flu vaccine – as the flu shot (injection) or as a nasal spray.

Q1. Are you planning to get the seasonal flu vaccine this year (in the fall/winter of 2009-2010)?

- Definitely yes 1
- Probably yes 2
- Not sure 3
- Probably no 4
- Definitely no 5

For fall/winter 2009-2010, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that, when sufficient supplies of vaccine are available, all children (6 months and older) and adults should be offered the vaccine against the new H1N1 influenza (“swine flu”). The new vaccine is expected to be available in fall 2009.

By fall 2009, new H1N1 vaccine will be available that is made in the same way as seasonal flu vaccine.

Two doses of H1N1 flu vaccine, given a few weeks apart, will be required to get full benefit.

The H1N1 flu vaccine will be separate from the seasonal flu vaccine. That means that it will be necessary to get different doses to get protection from H1N1 flu vaccine and the seasonal flu vaccine.

Q2. Are you planning to get the new H1N1 influenza (“swine flu”) vaccine this year (in the fall/winter of 2009-2010) for yourself?

- Definitely yes 1
- Probably yes 2
- Not sure 3
- Probably no 4
- Definitely no 5

[Q3 IF Q2=3, 4, OR 5]

Q3. Why are you not planning to get the H1N1 influenza vaccine for yourself this year?
[Yes/ No responses for each option]

- Not worried about getting H1N1 influenza
- Can take medications to treat it
- Worried about side effects of the H1N1 vaccine
- Worried that vaccine will be too expensive
- Too much hassle to get 2 doses
- H1N1 is not a serious disease
- Going to get the seasonal flu vaccine, so won't need the H1N1 vaccine
- Won't be required or recommended for work
- Can get H1N1 flu from the vaccine

If there is an outbreak of H1N1 influenza ("swine flu") this coming fall/winter in the United States, public health authorities and other government agencies may recommend various ways that the public can help stop the spread of H1N1 disease.

Q4. Please indicate whether you would agree or disagree with each of the following strategies to try to stop the spread of H1N1 influenza, if an outbreak of H1N1 illness occurred in your community.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<u>Requiring</u> vaccination of health care workers against H1N1 influenza				

Q5. Please indicate if you work in the following types of jobs:

'Health care worker – i.e., medical assistant, home health worker, nurse, physician Yes No

Participants were also asked demographic questions on on race/ ethnicity, household income, education, health status, chronic conditions and insurance status.

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