

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009

GUIDELINE FOR REPORTING DISCARDED VACCINE

Applies to:	All Queensland Vaccine Service Providers		
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Vaccination Program

PURPOSE

To advise the process for reporting the discarding of unused Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 vaccine (Panvax® H1N1) from multi-dose vials as requested by the Commonwealth.

Note: For vaccines that have been exposed to a vaccine cold chain breach the policy prescribed by the Queensland Health Immunisation Program (QHIP) is to be followed.

POLICY

To assist in the effective management of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 vaccine (Panvax® H1N1), the Commonwealth has requested vaccine service providers record the quantities of vaccine left over from partly used multi-dose vials.

The contents of a multi-dose vial are required to be discarded 24 hours after first breaching the vial.

Vaccine Service Providers are requested to complete and return the attached record of multi-dose vial contents discarded to the Queensland Health Immunisation Program (fax: 3328-9721 or 3328-9720) at least weekly.

Instructions for completing form

The attached form – *Vaccine Discard Record – Panvax® Multi Dose Vials* – is to be used for recording the amount of vaccine that is discarded from a multi-dose vial as a result of not being used within 24 hours of initial opening of the vial.

The form consists of two halves:

- Left hand – three records for 18 dose multi vial (blue);
- Right hand – three records for 10 dose multi vial (pink).

To complete the record, approximate the amount of vaccine remaining in the vial when it is discarded by marking clearly in black ink a line across the body of the pictured vial, extending the line to the middle of the scale on the immediate right of the vial being recorded.

The form allows for recording the discarded quantities of three multi dose vials of each size. If more than three vials of one or other of the sizes have contents discarded during the weekly reporting period, please use another form. Do **not** record the quantity discarded for an 18 dose vial in the 10 dose vial section or *vice versa*.

Fax completed form(s) to QHIP (fax number on form) once per week.

It is accepted that the recording of vaccine wastage is an approximation of the amount of vaccine being discarded.

Disposal of discarded vials/contents

Discarded vials/contents should be disposed by high temperature incineration in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency recommendations.

BACKGROUND

In the first phase of vaccine distribution, Panvax® is being supplied in multi-dose vials:

- an 18-dose multi-dose vial presented with a blue-themed label and box; and
- a 10-dose multi-dose vial presented with a pink-themed label and box (with blue printing).

The Commonwealth has requested that information be collected on the quantity of vaccine discarded.

Revisions to previous guideline

New guideline.

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Attachment

- A. [Vaccine Discard Record – Panvax® Multi Dose Vials](#)