Swine Flu.
Second Wave.

Protect your family.

Free weekend* school immunisation clinics at a local state high school near you.

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza, or human swine flu, is a serious illness which can cause hospitalisation or death.

A second wave of the virus is expected to hit Queensland in April or May.

Immunisation is the safest way to protect yourself, your family and the entire community.

Queensland Health will be running FREE weekend immunisation clinics at all Queensland state high schools on different dates throughout term one, 2010.

*Some clinics may operate on weekdays

Information on clinics in your area are listed on the back of the attached letter.

A full list of alternative clinic locations are available by calling 13 HEALTH (13 432584) or visiting our website www.health.qld.gov.au
Frequently asked questions

Q. Isn’t swine flu over?
   No. A second wave of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza is expected to occur as an early winter flu season.

Q. Shouldn’t I just wait for the seasonal flu vaccine?
   No. The seasonal flu vaccine will be too late to prevent a second wave of swine flu and is only free for groups identified as at high risk.

Q. Who is eligible for the free vaccine?
   Anyone from six months of age.

Q. Can my whole family be vaccinated at the same time?
   Yes

Q. Is Panvax® H1N1 vaccine safe?
   Yes. Panvax® H1N1 has been tested and is registered by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

Q. How many doses of Panvax® H1N1 vaccine are needed?
   A single dose is required for all people 10 years and older. Children aged from six months to nine years will require a follow up dose four weeks later.

Q. Will I get influenza from the Panvax® H1N1 vaccine?
   No. This vaccine does not contain live virus and cannot give you influenza.

Q. Do I need a referral from my GP?
   No, but immunisation is still available at your local GP.

For further information visit www.health.qld.gov.au

* Vaccination FREE at all school immunisation clinics, but if administered by a GP in their surgery a consultation fee may be charged.