

Detailed guidelines for influenza vaccine scheduling for children less than 10 years old in WA, 2010

EXAMPLES Child	Number of SEASONAL influenza vaccine doses received in prior years			→	Total number of SEASONAL vaccine doses in prior years†	Number of PANVAX vaccine doses received to date	Number of SEASONAL influenza vaccine doses recommended in 2010	IF NOT GIVING 2010 SEASONAL vaccine ‡ how many PANVAX vaccine doses are recommended now?
	2007	2008	2009					
A	0	0	0	→	0	0	2	2
B	0	0	1	→	1	0	2	2
C	0	1	0	→	1	0	2	2
D	1	0	0	→	1	0	2	2
E	1	1	0	→	2	0	1	1
F	1	0	1	→	2	0	1	1
G	0	1	1	→	2	0	1	1
H	0	0	2	→	2	0	1	1
I	0	2	0	→	2	0	1	1
J	2	0	0	→	2	0	1	1
K	0	0	0	→	0	1	2	1
L	0	0	1	→	1	1	2	1
M	0	1	0	→	1	1	2	1
N	1	0	0	→	1	1	2	1
O	1	1	0	→	2	1	1	0
P	1	0	1	→	2	1	1	0
Q	0	1	1	→	2	1	1	0
R	0	0	2	→	2	1	1	0
S	0	2	0	→	2	1	1	0
T	2	0	0	→	2	1	1	0
U	0	0	0	→	0	2	2	0
V	0	0	1	→	1	2	2	0
W	0	1	0	→	1	2	2	0
X	1	0	0	→	1	2	2	0
Y	1	1	0	→	2	2	1	0
Z	1	0	1	→	2	2	1	0
AA	0	1	1	→	2	2	1	0
BB	0	0	2	→	2	2	1	0
CC	0	2	0	→	2	2	1	0
DD	2	0	0	→	2	2	1	0

† This column is the sum of the doses in years 2007-2009; if a child had >2 seasonal flu vaccines in the past, count them as you would a child with 2 doses.

‡ The 2010 trivalent influenza vaccine contains the pandemic A H1N1 strain, as well as an influenza A H3N2 influenza strain and an influenza B strain.

If the child is under 5 years of age or has an underlying medical condition as listed in the Australian Immunisation Handbook, 9th Edition, pages 190-191, they are eligible for free 2010 trivalent seasonal influenza in WA. Since trivalent influenza vaccine will protect against three influenza strains, including the pandemic strain, it is preferred over PANVAX for these children. PANVAX is free for every child; unlike other states, WA provides seasonal influenza vaccine to all children < 5 years. If a child is not eligible for free trivalent influenza vaccine, they should be given the option of receiving free PANVAX or purchasing 2010 trivalent seasonal influenza vaccine.

Children < 3 years of age should be given the a 0.25 mL influenza vaccine dose; children aged ≥ 3 years should be given the 0.5 mL formulation.