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Update on H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine

We have now completed the first phase of the vaccination campaign, immunising people of all ages with long term health conditions, pregnant women and those living in the same house as someone whose immune system is compromised by disease or treatment.

We are now offering immunisation to all young children aged between 6 months and 5 years. We strongly recommend that parents take up this offer even though the incidence of new cases of Swine Flu has dropped.

Young children are being offered the vaccine to protect them from swine flu and its possible complications. They seem to be particularly vulnerable to severe illness as a result of swine flu, resulting in hospitalisation. Children under five have significantly higher rates of hospitalisation than children aged five to fifteen.

Healthy children in this age group are also far more likely to be hospitalised as a result of swine flu than healthy people in other age groups. They also have high rates of admission to critical care and some children under five have died as a result of swine flu.

Vaccination is the best way to protect young children from possible complications.

Remember – make sure we have your current mobile phone number