



Information Circular No: **2010/6** Date: 18 March 2010

TO: SENATORS, MEMBERS AND OTHER BUILDING OCCUPANTS.

Influenza Vaccination Program 2010

1 Each year the most serious strains of the influenza virus are identified by the Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee and a new influenza vaccine is developed to counter those specific strains of the virus. The 2010 influenza vaccine contains the H1N1 Influenza Vaccine (Swine Flu).

2 With the 2010 influenza season approaching, DPS has engaged Health for Industry (**HFI**) to administer this year's influenza vaccination program in Parliament House.

3 HFI will provide qualified nurses to administer the vaccination under the supervision of a medical practitioner.

4 All recipients of the vaccine will be provided with information about the vaccine and possible side effects. Recipients will also have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with a medical practitioner before receiving the vaccine.

5 As in previous years, recipients will be asked to sign a consent form provided by HFI indicating that:

- (a) they have no particular allergies or medical conditions;
- (b) they have read and understood the Consumer Medical Information leaflet regarding the vaccine; and
- (c) they consent to receive an influenza vaccination.

Venue and Timing

6 The vaccination program will be conducted over three sessions during May 2010 including;

- (a) **3 May and 4 May 2010** – 9:00am to 4:30pm for, those employees engaged under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*(MOPS), staff of the Department of the Senate, the Department of the House of Representatives, DPS staff, contractors, licensees and members of the Parliament House Press Gallery; and
- (b) **25 May 2010** – 9:00am to 4:30pm for Senators, Members, as well as any passholders who were unable to attend the earlier session.

7 Vaccinations will be administered at the Parliament House Health and Recreation Centre. The last appointment for each day will be at 4:30pm but with no appointments scheduled between 12:00pm and 1:00pm.

Making an Appointment

8 Senators and Members do not need to make an appointment and are invited to attend on 25 May 2010 as work commitments allow.

9 All other passholders should make an appointment to ensure waiting times are kept to a minimum. To make an appointment please register on the internet portal at <https://portal.hsagroup.com.au/flu> using the access code **61409**, and enter your department name in the cost code field.

10 In the event that you are unable to access the portal booking screen, please contact the Nurses Centre on (02) 6277 5315 or nursecentre@aph.gov.au.

Charges

11 The charge for the 2010 influenza program is \$30.00 per person—the same amount that was charged in 2009.

12 Employees of DPS, Department of the Senate, Department of the House of Representatives and MOPS employees do not need to make a direct payment for their vaccination as their respective Certified Agreements contain funding provisions for the Parliament House Influenza Vaccination Program.

13 Senators and Members, and all other photographic passholders are required to pay for their vaccination at the Health and Recreation Centre. The influenza vaccine will only be administered on presentation of a receipt from the Health and Recreation Centre.

14 The Health and Recreation Centre is open from 7:00 am to 7:00pm Monday to Friday.

15 For further information, please contact the Nurses Centre on (02) 6277 5315 or nursecentre@aph.gov.au.

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Secretary