



H1N1 Flu —Survey questions

In 2009, a new type of influenza, called H1N1 or “swine” flu, has spread to over 70 countries around the world, including the United States.

Seasonal influenza (the flu) and the new H1N1 influenza (“swine flu”) are expected to come to the United States in the fall and winter of 2009-2010. We are interested in learning about what you think about these 2 related but different illnesses for the upcoming flu season.

Q1. Thinking about fall and winter of 2009-2010, how would you compare seasonal flu and the new H1N1 flu for each of the following?

There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. We are interested in what you think.

	Seasonal flu will be <u>worse</u>	Seasonal flu and H1N1 flu will be the <u>same</u>	H1N1 flu will be <u>worse</u>
Number of <u>children</u> who catch it			
Number of <u>children</u> who get very sick and need to be <u>hospitalized</u>			
Number of missed school days because children are sick			

Each year, vaccine against seasonal flu is made available to the public. There are two forms of the seasonal flu vaccine – as the flu shot (injection) or as a nasal spray.

[IF ONE CHILD, USE FIRST PHRASE IN BRACKETS IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD USE SECOND PHRASE IN BRACKETS]

Q2. Did [your child / one or more of your child(ren)] get the seasonal flu vaccine last year (in the fall/winter of 2008-2009)?

Yes 1
No 2

Q3. Are you planning on having [your child / one or more of your children] get seasonal flu vaccine this year (in the fall/winter of 2009-2010)?

- Definitely yes 1
- Probably yes 2
- Not sure 3
- Probably no 4
- Definitely no 5

[IF Q3=3, 4, OR 5]

Q4. Why are you not planning to get the seasonal flu vaccine for your child(ren) this year?
[Yes/No response for each option]

- Not worried about getting seasonal influenza
- Can take medications to treat it
- Worried about side effects of the seasonal flu vaccine
- Worried that vaccine will be too expensive
- Can get the flu from the seasonal flu vaccine
- Seasonal flu is not a serious disease
- Going to get the H1N1 flu vaccine, so won't need the seasonal vaccine
- Won't be required or recommended for school

For fall/winter 2009-2010, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that, when sufficient supplies of vaccine are available, all children (6 months and older) and adults should be offered the vaccine against the new H1N1 influenza ("swine flu"). The new vaccine is expected to be available in fall 2009.

By fall 2009, new H1N1 vaccine will be available that is made in the same way as seasonal flu vaccine.

Two doses of H1N1 flu vaccine, given a few weeks apart, will be required to get full benefit.

The H1N1 flu vaccine will be separate from the seasonal flu vaccine. That means that it will be necessary to get different doses to get protection from H1N1 flu vaccine and the seasonal flu vaccine.

Q5. Are you planning on having [your child / one or more of your children] get the new H1N1 influenza ("swine flu") vaccine this year (in the fall/winter of 2009-2010)?

- Definitely yes 1
- Probably yes 2
- Not sure 3
- Probably no 4
- Definitely no 5

[IF Q5=3, 4, OR 5]

Q6. Why are you not planning to get the H1N1 influenza vaccine for your child(ren) this year?
[Yes/No response for each option]

- Not worried about getting H1N1 influenza
- Can take medications to treat it
- Worried about side effects of the H1N1 vaccine
- Worried that vaccine will be too expensive
- Too much hassle to get 2 doses
- H1N1 is not a serious disease
- Going to get the seasonal flu vaccine, so won't need the H1N1 vaccine
- Won't be required or recommended for school / daycare

[ASK IF Q5=1 OR 2]

Q7. Why are you planning to get the H1N1 influenza vaccine for your child(ren) this year?
[Yes/No response for each option]

- Worried about getting H1N1 influenza
- Worried that medications will not be available or effective
- Vaccine likely to be inexpensive
- H1N1 is a serious disease
- Not getting the seasonal flu vaccine, so will need the H1N1 vaccine
- Will likely be required or recommended for school / daycare
- H1N1 is recommended for children

Parent participants were also asked demographic questions on child age, gender, health status, chronic conditions and insurance status. Adults were also asked questions on race/ ethnicity, household income, education, health status, chronic conditions and insurance status.

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