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Re: Conclusion of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Swine Flu Vaccination Programme

Dear Doctor

As per previous correspondence the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Swine Flu Vaccination Programme will conclude on 31st March 2010 as the numbers contracting Swine Flu have declined significantly.

All outstanding claims must be returned to PCRS by 16th April 2010

However **all pregnant women over 14 weeks gestation, up to 6 weeks post partum and those in the first trimester in the medically at risk groups should continue to be vaccinated.** This is due their risk of serious complications from pandemic flu as well as adverse perinatal outcomes and delivery complications. In addition maternal vaccination may protect the newborn through placental transfer.

Please encourage all pregnant women as above to avail of pandemic vaccination from you or their maternity hospital. Participating doctors will be reimbursed for the administration of pandemic vaccines to these patients and claims should be returned in the usual way.

Please keep any remaining pandemic vaccine in your fridge as this vaccine may be recommended for certain groups for the next influenza season. We will let you know as soon as there is more information about this.

To date over 1 million people have been received pandemic vaccine and I would like to thank you for your significant contribution to the success of this programme.

Yours sincerely,

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