

Swine Flu vaccination

The vaccination programme is commencing today. UNISON is encouraging its members to take up the opportunity to be immunised against swine flu, in addition to the seasonal winter flu virus. Organisations should be making plans for the vaccine to be readily available to staff without them having to travel or to come in to work in their own time to have it. In addition detailed information will be available to staff to enable them to make an informed judgement on the vaccine. UNISON wants to stress that there is no compulsion what so ever to have this. However we hope that staff will see this as an opportunity to protect them selves, their families and those in their care.

More detailed information about the vaccine is available on the department of health's web site,
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publichealth/Flu/Swineflu/InformationandGuidance/index.htm>. This includes information about the vaccination programme within health and social care. A training video clip on preparation of the vaccine prior to administration can be found at
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/Media/DH_107265

A range of publicity material has been produced and can be accessed at
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publichealth/Flu/Swineflu/Campaignresources/index.htm>

If branches or colleagues experience problems accessing the vaccine they should email gail.adams@unison.co.uk