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**Flash Eurobarometer 287
(Influenza H1N1)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland**

FLASH 287 - INFLUENZA

- Q1. Do you intend to get vaccinated against seasonal influenza this year?**
- Yes, I have been already vaccinated 1
 - Yes, I intend to get vaccinated 2
 - No 3
 - DK/NA 9

- Q2. Have you heard about the pandemic H1N1 flu, also referred to as swine flu?**
- Yes, and I know what it means..... 1
 - Yes, but I don't know what does it mean..... 2
 - No 3
 - DK/NA..... 9

Q2x.
[READ ONLY IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" IN Q2.]

The 2009 flu pandemic is a global outbreak of a new strain of influenza A virus subtype H1N1, colloquially called swine flu. The outbreak was first observed in Mexico. As the virus quickly spread globally since last April, WHO declared the outbreak to be a pandemic.

Only mild symptoms are experienced by the overwhelming majority of victims, but there are exceptions. There are small subsets of patients, even among young persons previously healthy, in which the patient rapidly develops severe pneumonia and some die.

- Q3. How concerned are you that the pandemic/swine (H1N1) flu may develop into a serious risk in Ireland?**
- Very much concerned 4
 - Quite concerned..... 3
 - Not concerned 2
 - Not concerned at all? 1
 - [It is a serious risk already]..... 8
 - [DK/NA] 9

- Q4. How likely do you think it is that you, personally will catch pandemic (H1N1) flu?**
- Very likely 4
 - Rather likely 3
 - Rather unlikely 2
 - Not likely at all?..... 1
 - [Already had/have H1N1 flu] 7
 - [I am vaccinated against pandemic H1N1 flu] 8
 - [DK/NA] 9

- Q5. Which of the following statements is the closest to your opinion on H1N1 flu?**
- Pandemic (H1N1) flu is more dangerous than regular seasonal flu 1
 - Regular seasonal flu is more dangerous than H1N1 flu 2
 - Both are equally dangerous 3
 - None of them are dangerous? 4

- DK/NA 9
- Q6. How well informed do you feel about the pandemic H1N1 flu?**
 - Very well informed..... 4
 - Well informed 3
 - Not very well informed 2
 - Not at all informed 1
 - DK/NA 9

Q7. In general, what can people do to protect themselves against the pandemic H1N1 flu?
[OPEN ENDED, CODE THE FIRST ANSWER, AND PROBE, FOR MORE, UP TO THREE ANSWERS]

[INTERVIEWER: IF THE ANSWER IS "GET VACCINATED" IN GENERAL, CLARIFY WHICH VACCINE THEY ARE REFERRING TO: SEASONAL OR H1N1]

- Get vaccinated against pandemic H1N1 flu 01
- Get vaccinated against seasonal flu 02
- Avoid contact with people who are infected with pandemic H1N1 flu 03
- Wash your hands regularly 04
- Good respiratory hygiene (e.g. sneezing into a tissue, disposal of used tissues) 05
- Wear a face mask 06
- Take antiviral drugs (e.g. Tamiflu, Relenza) 07
- Avoid places where large numbers of people are gathered (e.g. buses, trains, cinemas, bars, restaurants, schools etc) 08
- Other 12
- [CAN'T DO ANYTHING] 13
- Don't know 99

FIRST ANSWER:

OTHER ANSWERS:

- Q8. Have you changed your behaviour to protect yourself against pandemic (H1N1) flu?**
 - Yes 1
 - No 2
 - DK/NA 9

IF THE ANSWER IS "YES"

Q9. In what ways?

[OPEN ENDED, CODE UP TO THREE ANSWERS]

- Avoid contact with people who are infected with pandemic H1N1 flu 01
- Get vaccinated against pandemic H1N1 flu 02
- Wash your hands regularly 03
- Good respiratory hygiene (e.g. sneezing into a tissue, disposal of used tissues) 04

- Wear a face mask..... 05
- Take antiviral drugs (e.g. Tamiflu, Relenza) 06
- Avoid places where large numbers of people are gathered
(e.g. buses, trains, cinemas, bars, restaurants, schools etc)..... 07
- Get vaccinated against seasonal flu 08
- Other 12
- [CAN'T DO ANYTHING] 13
- [Don't know] 99

Q10. How much do you trust each of the following sources to inform you about the pandemic (H1N1) flu?

- Trust completely 4
- Trust mostly 3
- Do not trust much 2
- Do not trust at all 1
- DK/NA 9

A – National health authorities (Ministry, ..etc) 4 3 2 1 9

B – European authorities 4 3 2 1 9

C – Health professionals like doctors, pharmacists 4 3 2 1 9

D – Media (TV, radio, newspapers etc.) 4 3 2 1 9

E – Internet 4 3 2 1 9

Q11. In your opinion, the media in Ireland pay too much, enough, or not enough attention on the pandemic (H1N1) flu?

- The media pay too much attention on this topic..... 1
- The media pay enough attention on this topic..... 2
- The media do not pay enough attention on this topic 3
- DK/NA 9

Q12. Based on what you know, how satisfied are you with the preventive measures that authorities in Ireland have taken so far against pandemic (H1N1) flu?

- Very satisfied..... 4
- Satisfied..... 3
- Not satisfied 2
- Not satisfied at all 1
- DK/NA 9

Q13. Do you pay attention to what other countries are taking as measures and decisions to manage the pandemic (H1N1) flu?

- Yes, quite a lot..... 1
- Yes, somewhat 2
- No..... 3
- DK/NA 9

In the next questions I would like to ask you about the vaccination against the H1N1 flu.

Q14. Do you think that the seasonal flu vaccination will provide protection against the H1N1 flu?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- DK/NA 9

Q15. From whom, or where, have you received information about the N1H1 flu vaccine?

[READ OUT – ROTATE – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE]

- An advertisement / leaflet 01
- A programme on TV 02
- The national government flu website 03
- An article in magazine or newspaper 04
- Doctor 05
- Another health professional 06
- Family / friends / colleagues 07
- Other 09
- [Have not received information] 88
- [DK/NA] 99

Q16. If the vaccine would be available for you how likely will it be that you get vaccinated against the pandemic (H1N1) flu ...

- Very likely 4
- Likely 3
- Not likely or 2
- Not likely at all ? 1
- [You have already received this vaccination] 8
- [DK/NA] 9

Q17_3. Why?

CODING FOR “4” OR “3”:

[DO NOT READ OUT, CODE ALL THAT APPLIES]

- I believe it will protect me against influenza 01
- Because vaccination is free of charge 02
- Recommended by my doctors 03
- Recommended by national public health authority 04
- Recommended by WHO 05
- Recommended by family / friends 06
- Recommended by my employer 07
- Recommended by TV 08
- Recommended by newspaper / magazine 09
- Recommended on internet 10
- Other 98
- DK/NA 99

Q17_2. Why?

CODING FOR “2” OR “1”:

[DO NOT READ OUT, CODE ALL THAT APPLIES]

- Not aware that a vaccine was available against influenza 01
- Did not know where to get vaccinated 02
- Vaccination costs money / I cannot afford it 03
- Not a priority for me 04
- Do not believe vaccine will protect me against influenza..... 05
- Vaccination is unsafe..... 06
- Religious / ideological objection to vaccination..... 07
- Too difficult/too complicated to get it 08
- You have already had H1N1 flu..... 09
- Other 98
- DK/NA 99

Q18. Do you believe the pandemic (H1N1) flu vaccine will be effective and safe or not?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- DK/NA 9

Q19. Pandemic (H1N1) influenza can make some people very ill, and even kill them. Which group of people do you think are most at risk of catching the pandemic (H1N1) flu?

[READ AND ROTATE – THREE ANSWERS POSSIBLE]

- The elderly / people aged 65 and over 01
- Children under 14 years of age 02
- Babies..... 03
- Pregnant women..... 04
- Men 05
- Women..... 06
- People with chronic illnesses (e.g. heart disease) 07
- Healthcare workers 08
- Other 09

D1. Gender

(DO NOT ASK- MARK APPROPRIATE)

- Male 1
- Female..... 2

D2. How old are you?

- [][] years old
- [99] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

(Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED)

- [][] years old
- [99] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]
- [01] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [00] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]

D4. As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity? Does it mean that you are a(n)...

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Self-employed

→ i.e. :	- farmer, forester, fisherman	11
	- owner of a shop, craftsman.....	12
	- professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)	13
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	- manager of a company	14
	- other	15

- Employee

→ i.e. :	- professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	21
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	- general management, director or top management.....	22
	- middle management	23
	- Civil servant	24
	- office clerk	25
	- other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...).....	26
	- other	27

- Manual worker

→ i.e. :	- supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...)	31
	- Manual worker	32
	- unskilled manual worker	33
	- other	34

- Without a professional activity

→ i.e. :	- looking after the home	41
	- student (full time).....	42
	- retired	43
	- seeking a job	44
	- other	45

- (Refusal)	99
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D6. Would you say you live in a ...?

- metropolitan zone.....	1
- other town/urban centre.....	2
- rural zone.....	3

- (Refusal)	9
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