

**ZA5222**

**Flash Eurobarometer 287  
(Influenza H1N1)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
Malta (English)**

# FLASH 287 - INFLUENZA

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- 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 Malta?**
- 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
- Trust not 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 Malta 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 pay not 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 Malta 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 at risk the most to catch 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
- manager of a company ..... 14
- other ..... 15

- Employee

- i.e. : - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect) ..... 21
- 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

**D6. Would you say you live in a ...?**

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

- (Refusal) ..... 9