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|  | **France** | **Germany** | **USA** | **Mexico** | **China** |
| Population size (2010, Worldatlas) | 65,447,374 | 81,757,600 | 309,975,000 | 108,396,211 | 1,339,190,000 |
| *Start of the H1N1 vaccine program* | October 20 (HCW)  November 12 (priority groups) | October 26th | October 5th  (Nasal spray) October 12th (influenza shots) | mid December | September 21 (students participating national day) |
| *Start of seasonal influenza vaccine program* | End of September | October | End of July  (not officially, earlier than usual) | Early November | September |
| *Vaccination priority group* | 1. HCW  2. Pregnant women (6 months and over) without adjuvant (mid-November); Care providers and people living with infants lesser than 6 months of age; Health care personnel working with infants from 6 to 23 months; People aged from 2 to 64 with risk factors  3. Children and teenager from 2 to 18 years old  4. The rest of the population | 1. People working in health and safety occupations\*  2. People from 6 months and older with chronic diseases \*  3. Pregnant women\*  4. People living in the household of at risk patients\*  5. People from 6 months to 24 years\*  6. People aged 25 to 59 years\*  7. People above 60 years\* | 1. Pregnant women; domestic members and care providers of infants lesser than 6 months of age; people aged 6 months to 24 years; health care employees and emergency medical staff; people suffering from chronic diseases  2. The sparse initial doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine were intended to be restrictively given to sub-sets like toddlers below 4 years of age  3. The rest of the population | 1. Children; elderly; pregnant women; people suffering from chronic diseases; health care employees  2. The rest of the population | 1. Patients with high risk of complications (ie. children between 6 months and 5 years old, people aged 60 and over, people suffering from chronic diseases) and health care practitioners  2. The rest of the population |
| *Time of pandemic vaccine approval by authorities* | French health authorities (Afssaps) approved vaccine against the H1N1 influenza without adjuvant (November, 16th)  H1N1 vaccine was available in week 43, 2009 | H1N1 vaccine was available in week 44, 2009 | In September 15th FDA approved the H1N1 flu vaccine | In November 24th, Mexico has received the first batch of 865,000 doses of vaccine against the swine flu virus | September 2009 |
| *Place of vaccination administration* | * Vaccination centers were opened from mid-January * French GPs could vaccine their patients against H1N1 flu. | * Mostly GP’s and internists were in charge of vaccination (Dependent on states) * In all states the public health departments were also in charge. | Due to the number of States it is difficult to describe a “nation distribution”. But locally, the hospitals were given vaccines and doled it out to various clinics and practices. Later on, even pharmacies and grocery stores were giving it out. | The vaccination campaign mainly took place in vaccination centers under Health ministry's supervision. | Local health bureaus and sanitary & anti-epidemic stations are the main decision-makers. They are also in charge of the vaccination. |
| *Funding* | Pandemic vaccine was free for all | Pandemic vaccine was free for all | Pandemic vaccine was paid by the government  private providers may collect copayments and other charges from patients who are insured in order to cover the costs of administering the vaccine. | Vaccine was made available for free | Provinces have their own level of local reimbursement policies |
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