Read the leaflet on Swine Flu and answer the questions below.



1. The main purpose of this leaflet is to

- a) persuade you to buy hand gel
- b) give instructions on how to contact your doctor
- c) give general information about Swine Flu
- d) reduce the workload of the NHS

2. What are the symptoms of Swine Flu?

- a) Vomiting, fever, cough
- b) Shortness of breath, cough, fever
- c) Shortness of breath, diarrhoea, cough
- d) Cough, fever, rash

3. Is there a vaccination against Swine Flu?

- a) Yes, it is the normal flu vaccine available every year
- b) No, there is not yet a vaccine against Swine Flu
- c) Yes, it is being manufactured and will be ready soon.
- d) Yes, anti viral drugs are available

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4. What can you do to avoid catching Swine Flu?

- a) Stay indoors, wash your hands or use gel, cover your mouth with clean tissues when you cough or sneeze, bin the tissues after one use
- b) Wash your hands or use gel, wear a face mask, bin the tissues after one use, always carry tissues
- c) Wash your hands or use gel, bin tissues after one use, always carry tissues, use clean tissues to cover your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze
- d) Avoid people who have been on holiday in Mexico, wash your hands or use gel, bin tissues after one use, always carry tissues.

5. What is the slogan you need to remember to avoid Swine Flu?

- a) CATCH IT, WIPE IT, KILL IT
- b) KILL IT, CHASE IT, BIN IT
- c) CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT
- d) CLEAN IT, BIN IT, KILL IT

6. Who are 'flu friends'?

- a) Neighbours, friends and relatives who can collect medicine for you if you are ill
- b) Friends who have flu
- c) Friends who have given you flu
- d) Friends and relatives who you need to look after if they have flu

7. Do I need a face mask?

- a) Yes, you should wear a face mask at all times
- b) No, face masks don't protect people from becoming infected
- c) Yes, if you have flu
- d) No, you should stay at home

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8. Does the government have enough antiviral drugs to treat the UK population?

- a) they have enough to treat less than 33 million people (half the UK population)
- b) they are ordering drugs because the UK does not have any
- c) they have enough to treat more than 33 million people (half the UK population)
- d) the UK does not need antiviral drugs

9. How can you keep up to date with the latest information about Swine Flu?

- a) Ask your neighbours they will know, watch TV, listen to the radio, check the internet and look out for announcements in the press
- b) Check the internet, listen to the radio, watch TV and look out for announcements in the press
- c) Watch TV, check the internet, visit your health centre and listen to the radio
- d) Listen to your friends and neighbours, watch TV, listen to the radio and get a book about flu from the library

10. If you think you have Swine Flu you should

- a) Go to the Accident and Emergency department of your local hospital, ring your friends and ask them to come with you
- b) Check your symptoms on www.bbc.co.uk if possible and stay at home
- c) Call the Swine Flu Information Line and stay at home
- d) Go to your doctor to get Tamiflu and check your symptoms on www.nhs.uk if possible

Answers and teacher's notes

You will need copies of the NHS Guidance leaflet available at http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Swineflu/DG_177831
Large print (useful for display on an interactive whiteboard), Welsh and foreign language versions are available here http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Swineflu/News/DG_177995

Further swine flu resources are available – simply type swine flu into the search box on any page of www.skillsworkshop.org

Answers

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 - c) give general information about Swine Flu
- 2. What are the symptoms of Swine Flu?
 - b) Shortness of breath, cough, fever
- 3. Is there a vaccination against Swine Flu?
 - b) No, there is not yet a vaccine against Swine Flu
- 4. What can you do to avoid catching Swine Flu?
 - c) Wash your hands or use gel, bin tissues after one use, always carry tissues, use clean tissues to cover your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze
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- 8. Does the government have enough antiviral drugs to treat the UK population?
 - c) they have enough to treat more than 33 million people (half the UK population)
- 9. How can you keep up to date with the latest information about Swine Flu?
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