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NEWS

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ADMINISTER FREE FLU VACCINES TO BOSTON ELDERLY

Boston, Mass.--First- and second-year medical students from Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) will administer free flu shots to elderly residents in the Boston area beginning October 3rd and continuing through early November. BUSM students, trained by the University Hospital's (UH) Home Medical Service's (HMS) nurses and supervised by UH and BUSM physicians and nurses, are part of the largest program offering free flu shots to elderly residents in the Boston area.

Free flu shots will be administered at elderly housing sites, senior centers and homeless shelters in an effort to prevent flu influenza infection among Boston's elderly population. According to Anna Bissonnette, R.N., M.S., the associate director of HMS, influenza can be serious for the elderly, particularly for those suffering from such chronic illnesses as heart disease and diabetes. "While age and chronic illness are risk factors for influenza infection, vaccination of high-risk groups before flu season is the single most important preventive measure," adds Bissonnette.

The flu vaccine for this program is provided by the City of Boston Department of Health and Hospitals as part of its annual citywide immunization program.

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<u>SITE</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>
Harriet Tubman House 566 Columbus Avenue	October 3, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Ellis Sr. Program 42 Chandler Street	October 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Boston Housing Authority 280 Martin Luther King Blvd. Roxbury	October 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
West 90th Street Development South Boston	October 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Codman Square Apartments Dorchester	October 11, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
L Street Development South Boston	October 11, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Washington Manor 1701 West Street	October 17, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Foley Apartments 199 H Street South Boston	October 17, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Council of Elders 2055 Columbus Avenue Roxbury	October 17, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
St. Botolph 70 St. Botolph Street	October 17, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Hassan Apts. Hyde Park	October 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Pine Street Inn 444 Harrison Avenue	October 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Marcus Garvey Apt. 44 John Elliot Square	October 24, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Walnut Park 1990 Columbus Avenue Roxbury	October 24, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Frederick Douglas 755 Tremont Street	October 25, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Unity Towers 80 West Dedham	October 31, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

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Castle Square 440 Tremont Street	October 31, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Council Towers 2875 Washington Street Roxbury	October 31, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Amory Street 125 Amory Street Roxbury	November 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Jewish Memorial Hospital in Roxbury will offer free flu shots for the elderly on October 21, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and on November 14 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.