

# Best Practices

## for Increasing Influenza Vaccination Levels among Healthcare Workers

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**Facility:** Blythedale Children's Hospital  
95 Bradhurst Avenue  
Valhalla, NY 10595

**Type of Facility:** Hospital

### Methods:

- Held educational sessions on influenza disease and vaccine for each unit
- Information given to employees with pay checks
- Vaccination services were timed during employee work hours, including night shifts
- Provided vaccination services using rolling carts on all units, during some staff meetings, and direct to administrative and support staff in their offices
- Employees accepting vaccination were given free pens
- Participation in program is voluntary; declination form required
- Employer covers costs of program

### Results:

- Vaccination rate in 2007-08 season: 73% (329 employees)
- Vaccination rate for nursing staff: 68%
- Vaccination rate for physicians: 64%

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