Best Practices
for Increasing Influenza Vaccination Levels among Healthcare Workers

Facility: Houston Northwest Medical Center
710 FM 1960 West
Houston, TX 77090

Type of Facility: Hospital

Methods:
• Occupational health nurses pushed mobile carts to all departments/locations in hospital
• Vaccine was available in hallway by cafeteria during lunch hours
• Provided tootsie pops and stickers to all vaccinees
• Distributed weekly roster of employee compliance by department October-November (created competition between departments)
• Declination forms required
• Departments with low compliance were visited to improve rates
• Provided clinic days for family members (some preferred to be vaccinated with family)
• Employer covered costs of program from Occupational Health budget

Results:
• Vaccination rate in 2007-08 season: 62% (3% increase over previous year)

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