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Flu Vaccine Program Launched at Bethesda Health Care

Bethesda Health Care launched their annual staff flu vaccination program this week, encouraging all of their staff to take up the offer for a free 'flu shot'.

The program, coordinated by Libby Oakes, Manager Infection Prevention and Control at Bethesda Health Care, happens every year at this time just before the onset of the winter months.

'This vaccination program is one of our key strategies for infection prevention for Bethesda Health Care staff. Achieving high influenza vaccination rates amongst our staff is a critical step in the prevention of health care transmission of Influenza, and provides some protection to our patients, volunteers, doctors and visitors to the hospital', Libby said.

'The majority of the staff are keen to participate in the program held over the next two weeks, with more than 70% of staff utilizing the 200 free vaccines in previous years'.

Bethesda Health Care is also participating in Flu Track - an online health surveillance system to detect epidemics of influenza and to find ways to detect seasonal influenza, to better protect the community from epidemics.

www.flutracking.net

Bethesda Health Care is an independent 88-bed award-winning hospital in Claremont who has been providing care and service to the Western Australian community for more than 70 years.

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