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BETHESDA HEALTH CARE LAUNCHES FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM

Today Bethesda Health Care launched their annual staff flu vaccination program encouraging all of their staff to take up the offer for a free 'flu shot' for the next two weeks.

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 and the usual onset of the 'flu season'. This year the quadrivalent vaccine is offered with the aim of providing protection against 4 subtypes of the Influenza virus.

'This vaccination program is one of the strategies used to support the Infection Prevention & Control program at Bethesda Health Care. 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 program has a high take up rate amongst staff at Bethesda Health Care, with more than 70% of staff participating in previous years'.

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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