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Help Keep Your Child Flu-Free—All Season Long.

Dear Parent,

Tuesday's Trig exam. Thursday's term paper. Friday night's party. With all that's happening in your son's or daughter's life, there's not much time to think about the importance of staying healthy. And there's even less time to think about getting a flu shot.

But did you know that every year in America the flu is second only to stress as the reason why students withdraw from class?¹

In addition, this year the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) encouraged that students and those who reside in dormitories and other institutional settings be vaccinated to lower the rate of disease and to lessen the disruption of routine activities.²

Towson University is committed to both the prevention and treatment of health problems, especially the flu. That's why we're proud to sponsor the *Season Pass* flu vaccination program, to take place on campus throughout the months of October and November. Specific dates and times for this event will be posted around campus—your child should be on the lookout for this important information.

Please strongly encourage your son or daughter to attend this important event. We want your child to stay healthy throughout the entire flu season. And we need your help to spread the feeling.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jane Halpern
 Director of Health Services

References: **1.** Sacher L, Moses K, Fabiano P, et al. College health: stretch your definition of the core concepts, assumptions and practices. American College Health Association. Presented at NASPA (student affairs administrators in higher education) session; March 22, 2005; Washington, DC. **2.** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Prevention and control of influenza: recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), 2007. *MMWR* (Early Release). 2007;56:1–54.

The *Season Pass* campus flu vaccination program has been sponsored by **Towson University**. Promotional materials for this program have been provided by CSL Biotherapies. The brand of flu vaccine administered to students during this event may be manufactured by a company other than CSL Biotherapies.

