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MEDIA RELEASE

**Hospital District's Troubleshooters Program
Offers Affordable Flu Shots & Immunizations**

HOUSTON (Nov. 26, 2007) – Flu season is here, and the Harris County Hospital District's Troubleshooters mobile immunization outreach program is offering \$5 flu shots to the general public, as well as childhood immunizations. Children's vaccines are \$3 per child, regardless of the number of vaccinations given. All shots are given based on availability.

Flu, or influenza, is a virus that usually occurs in the winter and causes respiratory illnesses. The flu virus is spread from one person to another by sneezing, coughing or direct contact. While most people recover from the flu in a week or two, it can be life-threatening for the very young, the elderly, or those with chronic diseases.

Schedule

(All times are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., unless otherwise noted)

- Sunday, Dec. 2, George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, 1-3 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 3, Kate Bell Elementary, 12323 Shaftsbury Dr.
- Tuesday, Dec. 4, Bruce Elementary, 713 Bringhurst St.
- Wednesday, Dec. 5, Woodland Acres Elementary, 12936 Sarah Lane
- Friday, Dec. 7, Channelview ISD, 828 Sheldon Rd.
- Monday, Dec. 10, Looscan Elementary, 3800 Robertson St.
- Tuesday, Dec. 11, Jacinto City Elementary, 10910 Wiggins St.
- Wednesday, Dec. 12, Burrus Elementary, 701 E. 33rd St.
- Thursday, Dec. 13, Spring High School, 19428 I-45
- Friday, Dec. 14, Coop Elementary, 10130 Aldine-Westfield Rd.
- Saturday, Dec. 15, Children's Museum, 1500 Binz St., 1-3 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 17, Garcia Elementary, 9550 Aldine-Westfield Rd.
- Tuesday, Dec. 18, Clayton Homes, 1919 Runnels St., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 19, Ewing Apartments, 1815 Ewing St., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 21, Greenspoint Mall Community Room, 12300 North Freeway, 1-5 p.m.

The Harris County Hospital District is the public health care system for the nation's third most-populous county. It provides more than one million health care visits each year to uninsured and underinsured residents of Harris County. The hospital district operates Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Quentin Mease Community Hospital, 12 community health centers, a dental center, eight school-based clinics, 13 homeless shelter clinics and four mobile health units.

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