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Bay State Dentists Train to Administer the H1N1 Flu Vaccine

Program Sponsored by the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the Massachusetts Dental Society

Approximately 100 dentists from across Massachusetts attended trainings in October to learn how to administer the H1N1 flu vaccine. Sponsored by the Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS), the two training sessions took place in Boston and Worcester.

Effective September 14, 2009, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health implemented emergency regulations to authorize the Commissioner to allow dentists and other designated health care professionals to administer the H1N1 vaccination to residents across the Commonwealth. The training program was created in response to these emergency regulations.

The program combined classroom didactic instruction with hands-on immunization techniques. Those dentists who completed the voluntary training are now able to administer the vaccine at licensed health care or public health facilities across the state. Dentists were able to sign-up for the training through the MDS at no cost.

For more information on the Society's response to the H1N1 flu virus, please visit www.massdental.org/h1n1.

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