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**Comments**

*I recently became aware of the problem that cross-country truck drivers experience in accessing influenza vaccines due to their mobility and work hours. This is of great concern due to their potential ability to spread an influenza virus throughout this country in the course of traveling the highways. Certainly, if the truck drivers were highly impacted by a pandemic flu, incurring high absenteeism, the US commerce would be severely paralyzed. I think your plan to conduct this health survey at the truck stops is excellent. Would it be possible to offer free influenza vaccines to the truck drivers as an incentive to participate in the health survey? The truck stops are the best method of accessing the truck drivers and possibly immunizing a large number of them. Thank you for taking the time to consider this.*

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