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Bartell Drugs gives 4,000 flu vaccine doses in support of pharmacy outreach programs at the University of Washington and Washington State University

SEATTLE--Bartell Drugs has announced it will give 4,000 flu vaccines to the University of Washington and Washington State University for use in pharmacy programs at both universities.

The donations of 2,000 doses of the current flu vaccines to each school will support student pharmacy outreach programs to underserved communities and students in need.

"We're proud to give the donations to both schools in support of their missions of teaching and community service," said George Bartell, chairman and CEO of the Seattle-based, family-owned chain. "We've been an advocate of the programs at both schools for many years. This is a way for us to show our support for their on-going outreach efforts to the communities they serve."

The donation to the University of Washington's School of Pharmacy will work towards providing influenza vaccinations to various outreach programs for underserved communities. Previous UW vaccination projects have taken place in tribal communities and safety-net nonprofit organizations such as Aloha House, the Salvation Army and drug treatment centers.

At Washington State University's College of Pharmacy, the vaccines will be used to boost immunization rates among college students in Pullman and Spokane. This is a group which is traditionally under-vaccinated but vulnerable because their high density living conditions can foster the spread of communicable diseases.

Founded in Seattle in 1890, family-owned Bartell Drugs is the oldest drugstore chain in the United States and owns and operates 59 stores in King, Snohomish & Pierce counties. For more information on Bartell Drugs visit <http://www.bartelldrugs.com>.

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