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Dear University Administration;

As you may know, Boston has seen a recent surge in suspected overdoses associated with “club drugs.” Over the past week, several young people have been hospitalized and one has died. While there are several drugs that are considered “club drugs” (GHB, Ketamine, Rohypnol, and MDMA), the suspected culprit in these incidents is MDMA, also known as Ecstasy and Molly.

As the semester begins and students return to Boston, we urge you to educate them about the dangers of using MDMA and other illicit drugs. Attached, please find a brief fact sheet on MDMA developed by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and a simple tip sheet about preventing overdoses that you may find helpful.

If you would like further information about overdose prevention and addictions support, please contact the Boston Public Health Commission’s Bureau of Addictions Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services.

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Sincerely,

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