



November 15, 2021

Attention all Catholic School Flu Vaccination Challenge participants:

We are pleased to announce the **First time winner** of the **6th ANNUAL ALANA YAKSICH CATHOLIC SCHOOL FLU VACCINATION CHALLENGE - Divine Child High School!**

This year, despite the challenges of the pandemic, there were **568 doses administered** between all competitors. That's compared to 604 last year. GREAT EFFORTS! Most important, we protected people from a vaccine preventable disease.

We **applaud the efforts of ALL the Catholic schools that participated** in this years competition:

*Detroit Catholic Central
Detroit Cristo Rey
Divine Child High School
Mercy High School
Orchard Lake St. Mary
St. Hugo of the Hills
University of Detroit Jesuit*

The **Alana Yaksich Memorial Trophy** will reside at **Divine Child High School** until the conclusion of next years competition. Trophy presentation will take place the next few weeks.

We hope the challenge added a little spark of interest to encourage yearly flu vaccinations for your students, staff and families. It is our hope that next year, with your help and encouragement, even more Catholic schools in Metro Detroit will choose to offer in-school flu vaccinations in fall of 2022. **Please share with your counterparts at neighboring Catholic schools (all grades) and encourage them to get involved in this friendly competition.**

If we have not already done so, we will reach out to all 2020 participants after the first of the year to **secure your preferred date/time for the 2022-2023 flu season.** If you'd like to make those arrangements now, we'll be happy to take care of that.

Congratulations again to **Divine Child High School** and we hope you all have a happy, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday.

Sincerely,

Zachary Yaksich

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Alana's Dad
Alana's Foundation President/Executive Director

**Alana's Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in memory of Alana Yaksich who died of influenza in February 2003. Recognition includes the 2012 Michigan Honoree for the Center for Disease Control Childhood Immunization Champion Award, the 2012 Alliance for Immunization in Michigan Outstanding Achievement Award, the 2015 National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit - Immunization Excellence Honorable Mention for Influenza Season Campaign and the 2016 AIM Bulls-Eye Award. Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent provided by the law. No goods or services were provided for this donation. Federal Tax ID #: 26-4353167*

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