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## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FLU VACCINATION CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER

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### FLU CHALLENGE - GETTING READY FOR FINAL PUSH

As we get closer to the holidays, we begin to look forward to school breaks and the end of the Flu vaccination challenge, set to conclude December 9, which coincides with **National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW)**. What a good opportunity to remind everyone 6 months and older that it's not too late to get a flu vaccine. We encourage you to check out the CDC **NIVW material** to help promote the last few weeks of the challenge.

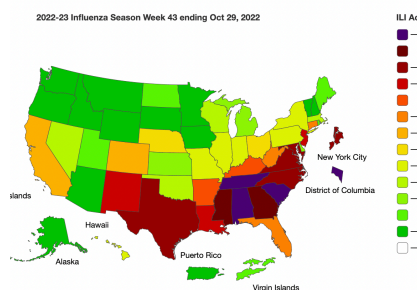


To date, there have been over **44,000 doses administered by participating schools**. That's a 14% increase over the same time period last year! That's encouraging given the early, active start to the flu season. Let's keep the momentum going for a strong finish in your quest to bring home the coveted Alana Yaksich Memorial Traveling Trophy for your school!

### FLU IN THE NEWS

The 2022-2023 flu season is US flu season off to a fast start as other viruses spread creating what some experts fear may be a "tripledeemic" (Flu, Covid, and RSV).

CDC estimates that, **so far this season**, there have been at least 2.8 million illnesses, 23,000 hospitalizations, and 1,300 deaths from flu, and at least 5 pediatric influenza deaths. With the holidays looming and families gathering, we could be in for a very rough year. It is clear now more than ever the importance of getting an annual flu shot is apparent.



### FLU ACTIVITY IN THE U.S.

Be sure to stay up-to-date with the latest 2022-23 flu season activity & surveillance. The **CDC posts** weekly influenza surveillance (FluView), an interactive FluView and current US flu activity map. This may be helpful in your communication to your students and community via email, social media, or face-to-face interactions with in-office visits.



## 2021-2022 ADULT & CHILDREN FLU VACCINATION COVERAGE DATA

The CDC 2021-22 estimates of Influenza Vaccination Coverage among for **ADULTS** and **CHILDREN** in the United States were reported 10/18/22 (for details, click preceding links for complete data by category).

**GENERAL SUMMARY:** Flu activity was still relatively low throughout the 2021-2022 flu season both in the United States but had 40 US pediatric flu deaths recorded. Flu vaccination coverage among all people  $\geq 6$  months during the 2021-22 season was 51.4%, 0.7 percentage points lower than coverage in the 2020-21 season.

**ADULTS (18+):** Flu vaccination coverage was 49.4%, a decrease of .8 percentage points over 2020-2021.

- Coverage for 2021-22 was 1.8 percentage points lower for adults 50-64 years and 1.3 percentage points Lower for adults  $\geq 65$  years, but coverage did not change among adults 18-49 years compared with the 2020-21 season
- As in previous seasons, flu vaccination coverage was higher for older adults compared with younger adults.

**CHILDREN (6 mo. through 17 years):** vaccination coverage was 57.8%, a decrease of .8 percentage points from 2020-2021.

- Flu vaccination coverage among children aged 6 months-4 years (66.7%), 5-12 years (58.4%), and 13-17 years (49.8%) did not significantly differ from coverage in the previous season.
- As in previous flu seasons, flu vaccination coverage was lower for older compared with younger children.

## 2022-2023: EARLY FLU VACCINATION COVERAGE

ESTIMATES FOR FLU VACCINE UPTAKE were reported on 11/4/22

**CHILDREN (6 mo. through 17 years):** coverage as of week ending 10/22/22 is similar to estimate at same time October 2021 (24.8% compared to 25.2%) and 7.3 percentage points lower compared with October 2020 (24.8% compared with 32.1%).

**ADULTS (18+):** Based on an Ipsos Omnibus survey conducted October 7-9, 2022, 21.2% of adults have already received a vaccine this year, similar to the estimate from a comparable survey conducted this same time last year.

NOTE: influenza like illnesses (ILI) presently account for more than 4.3 percent of all doctor visits, over twice the average rate for this time in the flu season. 4.3 percent is typical peak during a moderate flu season in January and February. During severe flu seasons (2002-2004, 2009-2010, 2017-2018, and 2019-2020) the peak never exceeded 8 percent. This implies the scale of the current flu season will most likely be unprecedented in recent memory.

## RESOURCES

Please remember to **utilize the Challenge resources** created to assist you in your efforts. Click on our **Challenge website page** or click on the links below to go directly to the material:

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ~ Challenge Toolkit              | ~ Challenge Poster            |
| ~ Alana ~ Personal Story Posters | ~ Alana's Story (video)       |
| ~ Niko - Personal Story Poster   | ~ Alana's Foundation brochure |
| ~ Vaccine Grant Application      | ~ Flu Disease Information     |

## CHALLENGE STANDINGS - AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Current frontrunners **NATIONALLY**:

- small school: **Columbia University**
- medium school: **University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill**
- large school: **University of Wisconsin - Madison**

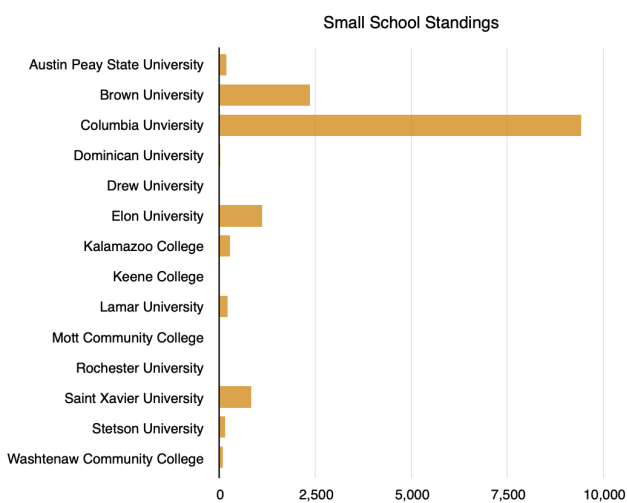
For the **MICHIGAN** schools:

- small school: **Kalamazoo College**
- medium school: **Wayne State University**
- large school: **Grand Valley State University**

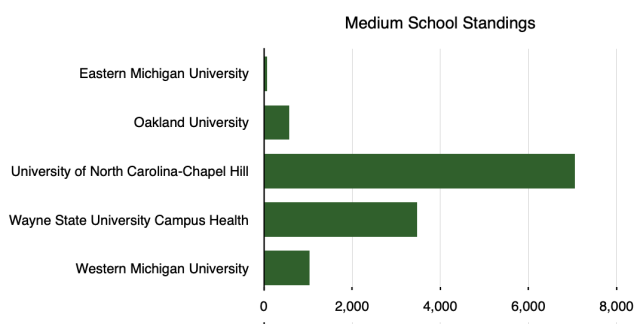


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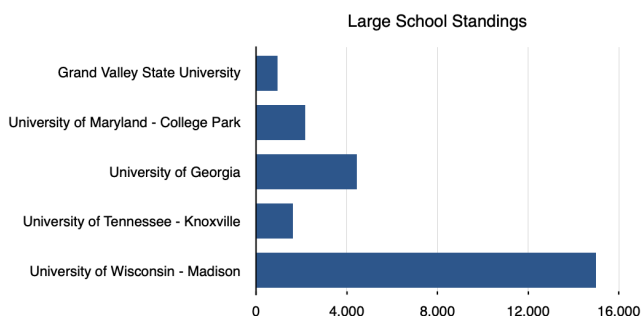
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STANDINGS 11.14.2022**



RANK	SMALL
1	Columbia University
2	Brown University
3	Elon University
4	Saint Xavier University
5	Kalamazoo College
6	Lamar University
7	Austin Peay State University
8	Stetson University
9	Washtenaw Community College
10	Dominican University
11	Rochester University
12	Mott Community College
13	Drew University
13	Keene College



RANK	MEDIUM
1	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
2	Wayne State University Campus Health
3	Western Michigan University
4	Oakland University
5	Eastern Michigan University



RANK	LARGE
1	University of Wisconsin - Madison
2	University of Georgia
3	University of Maryland - College Park Student Health Center
4	University of Tennessee - Knoxville
5	Grand Valley State University Family Health Center

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