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FLU CHALLENGE - 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 6. This date was chosen as it coincides with **National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW)** - 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**.



We have **over 24,000 survey responses to date!** A phenomenal number to be sure. No doubt we can still capture more responses from students, faculty, staff, alumni and fan communities.



Lets keep the momentum going straight through the end for a banner finish in your quest to bring home the coveted Alana Yaksich Memorial Traveling Trophy for your school!

FLU IN THE NEWS

The 2019-2020 flu season is well under way and has recorded deaths both pediatric and adult. Since there is no way to know how this flu season will play out, be informed with the latest "flu in the news" And/or like us on **Facebook** for our most current posts. The following articles are relevant to the cause:

- **Flu season is underway with deaths already reported; here's how to prepare yourself**
- **Everything Nurses need to know for the 2019 Influenza season**
- **Minnesota sees first flu death of season**
- **North Carolina sees first flu-related death of 2019-20 season**
- **First flu death of the 2019-2020 season reported in New Mexico**
- **First Flu Death of 2019-2020 flu season confirmed in LA County**

FLU ACTIVITY IN THE U.S.



Be sure to stay up-to-date with the latest 2019-20 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.



2018-2019 ADULT & CHILDREN FLU VACCINATION COVERAGE DATA

The CDC 2018-19 estimates of Influenza Vaccination Coverage among for **ADULTS** and **CHILDREN** in the United States were reported 9/26/19 (for details, click preceding links for complete data by category).

GENERAL SUMMARY: The 2018-19 flu season was of moderate severity and one of the longest in a decade lasting 21 weeks. Rates of hospitalization were lower for but similar for children compared to 2017-28 season. Vaccination coverage among adults and children remains lower than national objective but slightly increased compared to 2017-18 season.

ADULTS: Flu vaccination coverage was 45.3%, an increase of 8.2 percentage points from the previous flu season.

- Coverage increased for all racial/ethnic groups except for American Indian/Alaska Natives.
- As observed each flu season, flu vaccination coverage among adults increased with increasing age.
- There was large between-state variability in coverage among adults, ranging from 33.9% in Nevada to 56.3% in Rhode Island.

CHILDREN: 6 mo. through 17 years, vaccination coverage was 62.6%, a increase of 4.7 percentage points

- Among children 6 months to 4 years, coverage increased 5.6 percentage points, a 4.1 percentage point increase in coverage for children 5-17 years, and 4.8 percentage points among 13-17 years.
- As observed each flu season, coverage for children 6 months - 17 years decreased with increasing age.
- There was large between-state variability, ranging from 46.0% (Wyoming) to 81.1% (Massachusetts).

CONCLUSIONS:

- To improve flu vaccination coverage, healthcare providers are encouraged to offer flu vaccination during routine health care visits and hospitalization as long as influenza viruses are circulating.
- Improvements in vaccination coverage could provide greater benefit. In a recent published study, CDC estimated that increasing coverage by five percentage points could have prevented another 4,000 to 11,000 the depending on the severity of the season.

CHALLENGE RESOURCES

- [Challenge Toolkit](#)
- [Alana and Niko - Personal Story Posters*](#)
- [Why get a flu vaccine](#)
- [Vaccine Grant Application](#)
- [Challenge Poster*](#)
- [Alana's Story \(video\)](#)
- [Alana's Foundation brochure](#)

**Be sure to post these materials in your health center and around campus at health professions schools, residence halls, cafeterias, and other buildings where students congregate.*

CHALLENGE STANDINGS - WEEK OF November 11, 2019

This weeks complete standings are on the following page. Current category leaders:

- small school (<10k): University of Rochester, New York
- medium school (>10k): University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- large school (>25k): West Virginia University

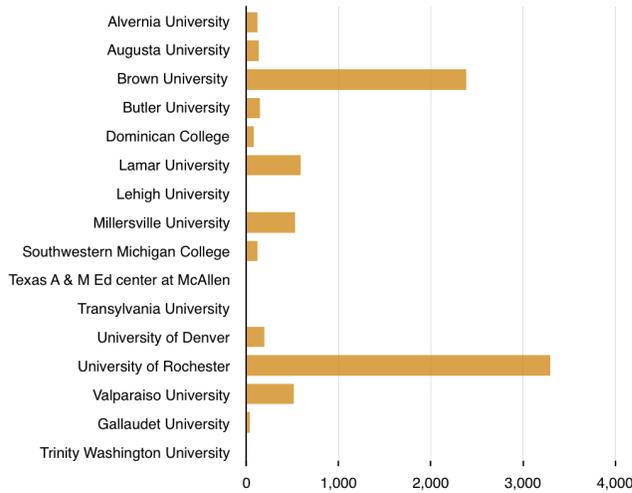
The race for #1 is close in the Small and Medium school categories. With the Large schools, there is a very close battle for first by the top 3 schools. Total number of surveys continues to increase daily with plenty of time for more movement! Keep up the GREAT effort promoting the challenge and getting the word out to take the survey to help YOUR school win. It continues to be quite a heated race!



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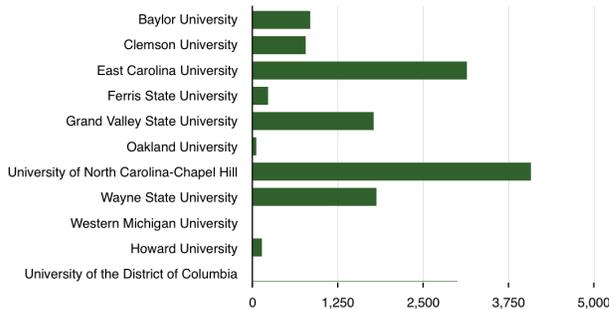
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Small School Standings



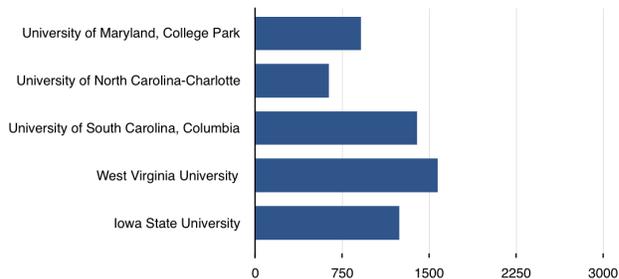
RANK	SMALL
1	University of Rochester
2	Brown University
3	Lamar University
4	Millersville University
5	Valparaiso University
6	University of Denver
7	Butler University
8	Augusta University
9	Southwestern Michigan College
10	Alvernia University
11	Dominican College
12	Gallaudet University
13	Lehigh University
14	Texas A & M Ed center at McAllen
15	Transylvania University
15	Trinity Washington University

Medium School Standings



RANK	MEDIUM
1	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
2	East Carolina University
3	Wayne State University
4	Grand Valley State University
5	Baylor University
6	Clemson University
7	Ferris State University
8	Howard University
9	Oakland University
10	Western Michigan University
11	University of the District of Columbia

Large School Standings



RANK	LARGE
1	West Virginia University
2	University of South Carolina, Columbia
3	Iowa State University
4	University of Maryland, College Park
5	University of North Carolina-Charlotte

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