Benchmarking Study
Seasonal Influenza Vaccine
Fall 2013

The CDC and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommend that all healthcare workers receive an annual influenza vaccination. Surveys have found that fewer than 50% of healthcare workers in hospitals and nursing homes elect to receive the vaccine. Our benchmark surveys of up to 32 health services have found that more than 85% of our healthcare workers receive the vaccine. Policies which require either receipt of the vaccine or completion of a declination form encourage vaccination.

All New York State college/university health centers are invited to participate in this quality improvement study to benchmark flu vaccine coverage among student health center employees. Participating schools are asked to provide information on vaccine receipt and declination form completion on all staff members who have contact with students at their health service.

**Study dates:** Seasonal influenza vaccinations given to staff from the start of Fall Semester 2013 classes until January 31, 2014.

**Personnel reviewed:** Full and part-time clerical, clinical, and student work/study staff members of New York State college/university health centers.

**Exclusions:** All staff members who do not receive the seasonal influenza vaccine are expected to sign a “Declination of Influenza Vaccination” (form available at [www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4068.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4068.pdf)).

**Required study data:**

1. How many total staff members ____
2. How many staff members received the 2013-14 seasonal influenza vaccine ____
3. How many staff members signed a declination of influenza vaccination ____

   * responses to #2 and #3 should add up to the response in #1 unless a staff member refused both the vaccination and the declination

**How to participate:** Send your responses to items 1 – 3 above to study lead: Mike Leonard, M.D. ([leonard@binghamton.edu](mailto:leonard@binghamton.edu)). Each participating school will receive the final data report with campuses identified by an assigned letter code, known only to that school, to protect anonymity. Data will be accepted through January 31st.

If you have questions or comments about this study, please email Mike Leonard ([leonard@binghamton.edu](mailto:leonard@binghamton.edu)).