

Announcement of 2020-2021 Challenge Winner

For the 2020-2021 flu season, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Vaccine Preventable Disease Program (VPDP) continued the fourth annual New Jersey College & University Flu Challenge.

The Challenge aims to increase awareness surrounding the importance of flu vaccination for students attending facilities of higher education. Young adults have been shown to have lower flu immunization coverage rates as compared to other age groups. Although many students attended classes virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of flu vaccination remained.

In New Jersey's fourth Challenge, eight schools participated in the campaign (listed below), divided into three categories (small, medium, and large schools). The winners of the Challenge were determined based on the highest percentage of students self-reporting that they received the flu vaccine for the current flu season. We are happy to announce the winners of this year's Challenge: **The College of New Jersey** (large schools), **Seton Hall University** (medium schools), and **Centenary University** (small schools).

New Jersey College & University Flu Challenge Participants

Large Schools

- **The College of New Jersey**
- William Paterson University

Medium Schools

- New Jersey City University
- Rider University
- **Seton Hall University**

Small Schools

- Berkeley College
- **Centenary University**
- Mercer County Community College



Congratulations to all the participants! Please stay tuned for more information on the 2021-2022 Flu Challenge. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program by calling 609-826-4861, or via email at erika.lope@doh.nj.gov.