

Information about the application

Seasonal influenza is a common viral infection that can affect people of all ages across the lifespan. It can lead to severe complications or even death, especially for young children, older adults and other vulnerable populations. Influenza vaccination is the most effective method of preventing influenza infection, and it is recommended for all persons six months of age and older.¹

To increase vaccination coverage and to continue to protect the health of New Jersey citizens, it requires efforts from multiple stakeholders within our communities. These stakeholders share in the responsibility to help ensure that our communities are aware of the dangers of flu, the benefits of vaccination, as well as helping to improve access to vaccination services.

For the 2017–2018 flu season, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) initiated the “Influenza Honor Roll” to recognize institutions that are striving to promote influenza prevention at their facilities. The Influenza Honor Roll has identified three categories of honorees: *higher education institutions, businesses, and organizations/community partners*. Institutions from these three categories are encouraged to submit applications detailing all implemented influenza-related activities.

Institutions sending applications to be considered for the Influenza Honor Roll must be committed to taking an active role in improving the health of their students, employees, and/or communities. Activities for consideration may include (but are not limited to):

- Flu prevention campaigns;
- Flu vaccination clinics; and/or
- Partnerships with local stakeholders to promote flu awareness and prevention.

For those interested in applying, please complete the application and send to IHR@doh.nj.gov, or submit via fax at 609-826-4866. Applications must be submitted by **March 31, 2018**. All institutions named to the Influenza Honor Roll will be highlighted on the NJDOH website and will receive a certificate of recognition.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program by calling 609-826-4861, or via email at IHR@doh.nj.gov.

¹ CDC Influenza - www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/index.htm

Resources

General Flu Information

1. CDC Influenza Website
www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm
2. New Jersey Vaccine Preventable Disease Program, Seasonal Influenza Website
<http://nj.gov/health/cd/topics/flu.shtml>
 - (Brochure) Flu Basics, available in multiple languages
 - (Flyer) Flu for Adults 65 or Older
 - (Flyer) Flu and Your Teen
 - (Widget) Vaccine Finder
3. New Jersey Local Health Departments
<http://localhealth.nj.gov>

Flu Vaccination Promotion Events & Conducting Influenza Clinics

1. Information for Businesses and Employers
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/business/>
 - Flyers, fact sheets, e-cards, web tools & more
2. Organizing Flu Vaccination Promotion Events
www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/partners/nivdp-tip-sheet.pdf
3. CDC Guidelines for Planning
www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vax_clinic.htm
4. Tools to Assist Satellite, Temporary, and Off-Site Vaccination Clinics
www.izsummitpartners.org/naiis-workgroups/influenza-workgroup/off-site-clinic-resources/

Ideas and Tools for Campaigns

1. CDC Partner Success Stories
www.cdc.gov/flu/partners/success_stories.htm
2. CDC graphics, web tools, videos, podcasts, print material, etc.
www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/index.htm
3. CDC Digital Media Toolkit
www.cdc.gov/flu/partners/digital-media-toolkit.htm



Influenza Honor Roll Application

Instructions: Please complete the application below, you may use as much space as needed. Email completed application to IHR@doh.nj.gov, or fax to 609-826-4866.

Applicant Information				
Institution	Type: <i>(circle one)</i>	Higher Education	Business	Community
	Name:			
	Address:			
Primary Contact	Name:			
	Title:			
	Email:			
	Phone Number:			

Influenza Honor Roll Activity Details	
Objective:	
Activity:	
Team Members:	
Number of people reached (estimate):	
Date(s) of activities:	
Lessons Learned:	
Other relevant information:	

Additional attachments (i.e. photos, videos, charts, reports, etc.) are optional.

Signature: _____

Date: _____