

Announcement of 2023-2024 Challenge Winners

For the 2023-2024 flu season, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Vaccine Preventable Disease Program (VPDP) continued the seventh 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.

In New Jersey's seventh Challenge, 11 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: **Kean University** (large schools), **The College of New Jersey** (medium schools), and **Best Care College** (small schools).

New Jersey College & University Flu Challenge Participants

Large Schools

- **Kean University**
- Montclair State University

Medium Schools

- **The College of New Jersey**
- New Jersey City University
- Seton Hall University
- Stevens Institute of Technology

Small Schools

- **Best Care College**
- Centenary University
- Drew University
- Salem Community College

Congratulations to all the participants! Please stay tuned for more information on the 2024-2025 Flu Challenge. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program by calling 609-826-4861 or via email at higheredvax@doh.nj.gov.