

## Health Care Personnel Influenza Vaccination

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Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all health care personnel (HCP) and people in training for health care professions. Influenza vaccination of HCPs reduces potential health care associated transmission and risk to patients.

All hospitals, including:

- acute care hospitals
- critical access hospitals
- long-term acute care hospitals
- inpatient rehabilitation hospitals
- inpatient psychiatric hospitals

that are certified by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are required to report the influenza vaccination status to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) of hospital employees at least 18 years old, including:

- licensed independent practitioners
  - non-employed physicians
  - advanced practice nurses
  - physician assistants
- adult students
- trainees
- volunteers

Reports should include vaccinations received inside and outside of the facility between October 1 and March 31 of each year. Medical contraindications and declinations should also be reported to NHSN. Contraindication is defined as a condition or circumstance that indicates a technique or drug should not be used. For vaccinations, this includes a severe allergic reaction to eggs, severe reaction to other components of the influenza vaccine, or a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome within six weeks after a previous influenza vaccination.

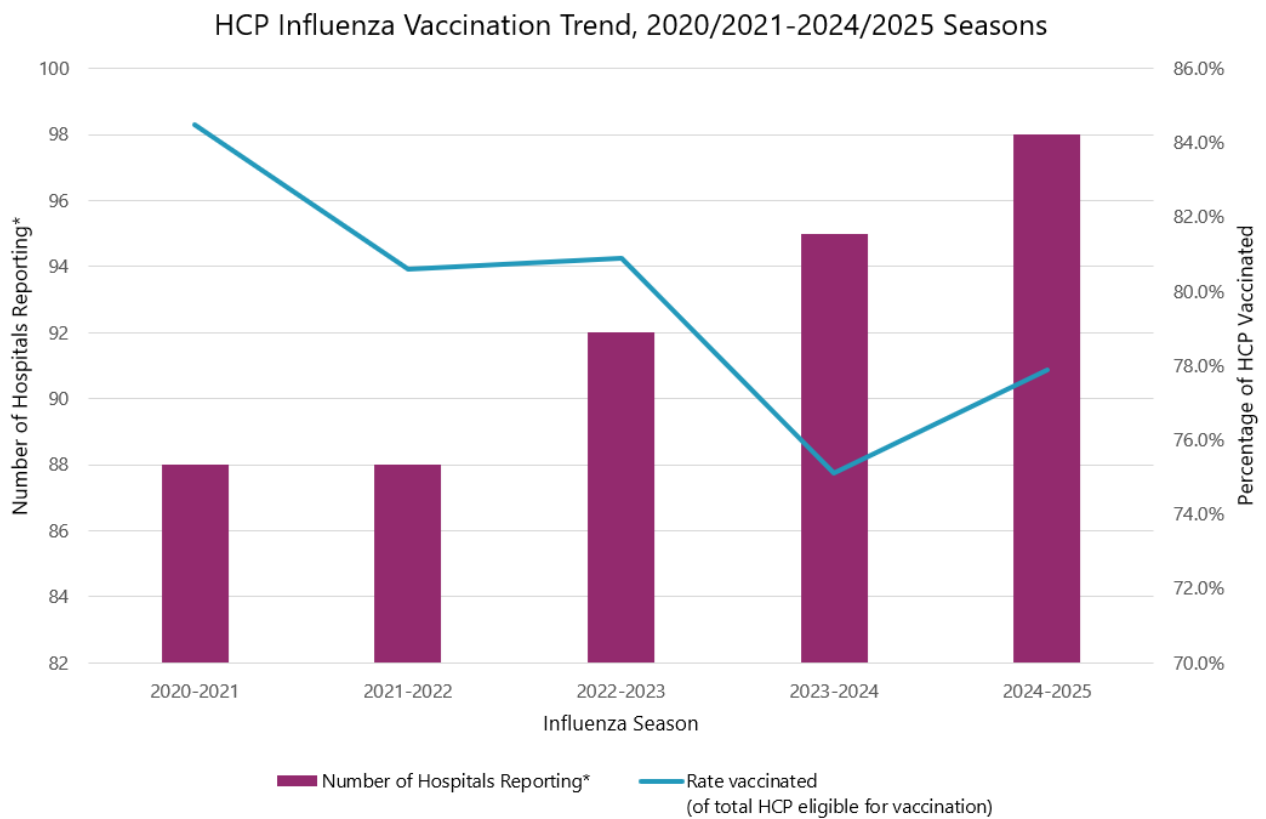
For more information, please visit the CDC's webpage on [HCP influenza vaccine reporting](#).

The table below lists the number of hospitals that reported influenza vaccinations across five influenza seasons and the rate of vaccinated HCP. The rate vaccinated is defined as the percentage of total eligible HCP who received an influenza vaccine during the influenza season. HCP who declined are not considered vaccinated, and individuals with contraindications are not included in total HCP eligible for influenza vaccination.

Influenza Season (October 1-March 31)	Number of Hospitals Reporting*	Rate vaccinated (of total HCP eligible for vaccination)
2020-2021	88	84.5%
2021-2022	88	80.6%
2022-2023	92	80.9%
2023-2024	95	75.1%
2024-2025	98	77.9%

\*Number of reporting hospitals differs from previous reports due to data cleaning of hospital type in NHSN. Now includes all hospital types listed above.

The graph below shows the trends in HCP influenza vaccination and the number of reporting hospitals. While more hospitals are reporting vaccinations each year, the rate among eligible HCP has not followed the same upward trend, with some improvement in the latest influenza season.



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