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Wisconsin Hospitals and Nursing Homes Achieve High Levels of Employee Influenza Immunization

Noting that September 21-27 is Adult Immunization Week, state health officials today praised the efforts of 107 health care facilities that immunized at least 80 percent of their employees against influenza last year and encouraged more to do so this year.

“Reaching an 80 percent immunization rate is a tremendous accomplishment, and we want to recognize such dedication to patient safety,” said Secretary Karen Timberlake. “We also want to encourage more health care staff to get immunized. Sick health care workers can pose a serious threat to patients, and immunization of hospital and nursing home workers against influenza reduces the risk of illness, even death, for their patients.”

In 2005, the Division of Public Health began its effort to help hospitals and nursing homes in the state immunize more of their employees against influenza. That year, only 32 state facilities reached the 80 percent mark. In 2006, that number increased to 64. In 2007, a total of 107 hospitals and nursing homes reported that at least 80 percent of their employees were immunized against influenza.

Nationally, only about 40 percent of health care workers get the flu shot each year, despite strong evidence that residents in long term care facilities are less likely to become ill or die when their care providers are immunized against influenza.

Despite steady improvement, the challenge remains to persuade the 105 Wisconsin hospitals and 326 nursing homes that have not yet reached the 80 percent mark that immunization of their staff against influenza is an important step in maintaining a safe environment for their patients.

“Health care staff immunization is one of the most effective tools we have to reduce illness and mortality in Wisconsin,” Timberlake said. “It’s a message that we have to convey to all Wisconsin health care facilities.”

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Please note: a list of the 80 Percent Club members from 2007 is attached.

2007 Hospitals

Hospitals	County
Cumberland Hospital	Barron
Lakeview Medical Center	Barron
Luther Midelfort Northland	Barron
Luther Midelfort Chippewa Valley Mayo Health System	Chippewa
St Joseph Hospital	Chippewa
Prairie du Chien Memorial	Crawford
Select Specialty Hospital	Dane
Stoughton Hospital	Dane
Red Cedar Medical Center	Dunn
Luther Midelfort Mayo Health System	Eau Claire
Sacred Heart	Eau Claire
Ripon Medical Center	Fond du Lac
Southwest Health Center	Grant
Upland Hills Health	Iowa
Black River Memorial Hospital	Jackson
Aurora Medical Center Manitowoc Co	Manitowoc
Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare St Joseph EL	Milwaukee
Tomah Memorial	Monroe
Appleton Medical Center	Outagamie
Osceola Medical Center	Polk
St Croix Regional MC	Polk
Flambeau	Price
Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington	Racine
The Richland Hospital	Richland
Reedsburg Area Medical Center	Sauk
St Clare Hospital and Health Services	Sauk
Hayward Area Memorial Hospital	Sawyer
Shawano Medical Center	Shawano
Aurora Medical Center Sheboygan	Sheboygan
River Falls Area Hospital	St. Croix
Luther Midelfort Oakridge	Trempealeau
Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital	Waukesha
Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh	Winnebago
Childrens Hospital of Wisconsin - Fox Valley	Winnebago
Riverview Hospital Association	Wood

2007 Nursing Homes

Nursing Homes	County
Ashland Health & Rehab Center	Ashland
Mellen Manor	Ashland
Heritage Manor	Barron
Luther Midelfort Northland	Barron
Santa Maria	Brown
St Michaels	Buffalo
Chippewa Manor	Chippewa
Cornell Area Care Center	Chippewa
Luther Midelfort Chippewa Valley	Chippewa
Belmont Nursing & Rehab	Dane
Karmenta Center	Dane
Nazareth Health and Rehab	Dane
Oak Park Place	Dane
Rest Haven HCC	Dane
St Marys Care Center	Dane
Waunakee Manor Health Care Center	Dane
Golden Living	Dodge
Marquardt Memorial Manor	Dodge
Door County Nursing Home	Door
Good Samaritan Scandia Village	Door
Villa Marina	Douglas
Grancare Inc	Fond du Lac
Southwest Health Center	Grant
Markesan Resident Home	Green Lake
Bloomfield Manor	Iowa
Upland Hills Nursing & Rehab	Iowa
Countryside Home	Jefferson
Willowbrook	Jefferson
Fairview Home	Juneau
Heritage Manor	Juneau
Grande Prairie Health & Rehab	Kenosha
Onalaska Care Center	Lacrosse
Pine Crest Nursing Home	Lincoln
Shady Lane Inc	Manitowoc
Kennedy Park Medical & Rehab Center	Marathon
Montello Care Center	Marquette
Alexian Village of Milwaukee	Milwaukee
Mary Jude	Milwaukee
Mercy Residential & Rehab Center	Milwaukee
Wisconsin Lutheran	Milwaukee
Morrow Memorial Home	Monroe
Woodland Village Nursing Home	Oconto
Brewster Village	Outagamie
Rennes Health & Rehab	Outagamie
Heritage of Elmwood	Pierce

Nursing Homes	County
Prescott Nursing and Rehab Community	Pierce
Spring Valley	Pierce
LO Simenstad NCU	Polk
Portage County Health Care Center	Portage
Becker Shoop Center	Racine
Mt Carmel Medical & Rehab Center	Racine
Oak Ridge Care Center	Racine
Pine Valley Healthcare & Rehab Center	Richland
Schmitt Woodland Hills	Richland
Mercy Manor Transition Center	Rock
Greenway Manor	Sauk
Ridgeview Terrace	Sauk
St Clare Meadows Care Center	Sauk
Hayward Area Nursing Home	Sawyer
Birch Hill Care Center	Shawano
Baldwin Care Center	St. Croix
Luther Midelfort Oakridge	Trempealeau
Norseland	Vernon
Aspirus Lillian Kerr Healthcare	Vilas
Geneva Lake Manor	Walworth
Holton Manor	Walworth
Cedar Lake Health & Rehab Center	Washington
Linden Grove Menomonee Falls	Waukesha
Muskego Health Care Center	Waukesha
Wild Rose Manor	Waushara
Oakridge Gardens	Winnebago
Vallhaven Care	Winnebago