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Long-Term Care (LTC) Award Enrollment and Reporting Now Open for 2023-2024!

Now is the time to apply for recognition with the new [LTC Respiratory Immunization Award](#). This is an annual LTC provider recognition award that combines health care worker COVID-19 and flu vaccine administration rates into one LTC award program. This award was formerly the COVID-19 Long-Term Care (LTC) Vaccine Champion Award and has now been replaced with this retooled annual award package for LTC staff.

The award is open to LTC providers from all levels of care. You can enroll and report any time through June 3, 2024. The data reporting period is from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

Complete these steps to participate:

1. [Fill out the initial registration survey](#) to participate (7 questions/2 minutes)
2. [Fill out the data reporting survey](#) to report staff vaccination data (14 questions/3 minutes)

Facilities that report staff vaccine data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) should complete the initial registration survey, then keep reporting data as usual to NHSN. Duplicate entry in the award reporting survey is not required.

The table below shows staff vaccination percents and their corresponding award levels. Minimum staff vaccination rates to qualify for an award are 55% for flu and 20% for COVID-19. For example, if you had 80% for flu and 39% for COVID-19, then you would qualify for the silver award.

Award	Flu	COVID-19*
Gold	≥80%	≥40%
Silver	70-79%	30-39%
Bronze	55-69%	20-29%

Award packets are delivered in August to help celebrate National Immunization Awareness Month. DOH will publish awardee lists in August on our [LTC Respiratory Immunization Award web page](#). Once you receive your award, decide how to frame and where to display your awardee certificate signed by the governor. Consider where you'll place your window or door cling, and how you'll use your award on your website, in correspondence or in print media.

If your site didn't qualify for an award this year, the next reporting season begins in the fall (2024-2025 season)!

Please help spread the word and share this notice with your peer organizations.

Thank You Long-term Care Leaders and Teams!



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We celebrate your 2023-2024 fall and winter success!

LTC Immunization News

According to [recently published data](#), Washington's LTC resident immunization average for COVID-19 is 46% with the national rate average at 40.5% (highest in the Northeast) 47.3% – 32.4% (lowest in the South). With vaccine uptake rates generally falling across the board, there remains a lot of work to do. Please share this achievement with your peer communities and celebrate your immunization program work!

New Listserv

The Office of Immunization at DOH has a new LTC & Adult Immunization listserv! Go to: public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new, enter your email, scroll down to Immunization, select Long Term Care and Adult Immunizations, then click submit.



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