Joint Commission Resources Flu Vaccination Challenge Achieves 80% Average

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Joint Commission Resources has announced the results of its third annual Flu Vaccination Challenge, with participating organizations achieving an 80 percent flu vaccination average among staff during the 2010-2011 flu season, according to a JCR news release.

The 80 percent average for the national program, which is intended to increase flu vaccination rates among healthcare workers, is about 16 percent higher than the national average among healthcare workers.

"An 80 percent flu vaccination average among staff at organizations participating in the most recent Flu Vaccination Challenge represents excellent progress," said Tom Talbot, MD, MPH, chief hospital epidemiologist and associate professor of infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and JCR consultant, in the release. "It is crucial that healthcare workers receive their flu vaccination every year to avoid putting themselves, their colleagues and their patients at risk."

JCR has already launched the 2011-2012 Flu Vaccination Challenge, challenging organizations to achieve at least a 75 percent flu vaccination rate among staff this flu season.