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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A healthcare-associated infection (HAI) is an infection that a patient acquires during the course of receiving treatment for another condition within a healthcare setting. Long-Term Care facilities are required to report healthcare personnel influenza vaccination data in accordance with (RSA) 151:32-35. This report represents the eighth summary of HAI-related data reported by Long-Term Care (LTC) in New Hampshire (NH). Healthcare personnel (HCP) can become infected with the influenza virus through contact with infected patients and can transmit influenza to patients and other HCP. Because HCP provide care to patients at high risk for complications of influenza, they should be offered influenza vaccine each year. In accordance with RSA 151: 9-b, HCP vaccination has been monitored in Long-Term Care settings since 2006. Compared with acute care facilities, these types of facilities have the lowest vaccination percentage. The overall influenza vaccination rate for Long-Term Care Facilities during the 2024-2025 season was 47.2%. It has been recognized that influenza-related clusters and outbreaks than other healthcare settings.

Healthcare-Associated Infections in New Hampshire Long-Term Care Facilities

All LTC Facilities are required to report in accordance with RSA 151:32-35. New Hampshire licenses Long-Term Care in four categories: Community Residence, Assisted Living/Residential Care Facility, Supported Residential Care Facility, and Nursing Home. The New Hampshire Veterans Home is also identified within RSA 151:32-35 and is included in this report as a Nursing Home.

Influenza Vaccination Coverage in Long-Term Care Healthcare Personnel

LTC licensed at any point during the 2024-25 influenza season were required to report healthcare personnel (HCP) influenza vaccination percentages.

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) LTC Module

NHSN implemented a module for Healthcare Personnel (HCPs) called the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component (HCPSC). The HCPSC allows all healthcare facilities to report mandated, as well as optional measures by using one web-based secure reporting system. This system contains two distinct modules: Influenza Vaccination Reporting and Covid-19 Vaccination Reporting. Covid-19 information is reported as required but not included in this report. All data presented in this report is mandated by the State of New Hampshire RSA 151:32-35. Facilities have the option to report additional information into NHSN based on the facility's individual needs.

Conclusion

This is the eighth report of NH LTC data, and it is an important part of continuing progress toward the goal of eliminating HAI in NH. This report provides selected HAI data that may be used by healthcare facilities to identify areas for improvement as well as by healthcare consumers to make informed healthcare decisions.

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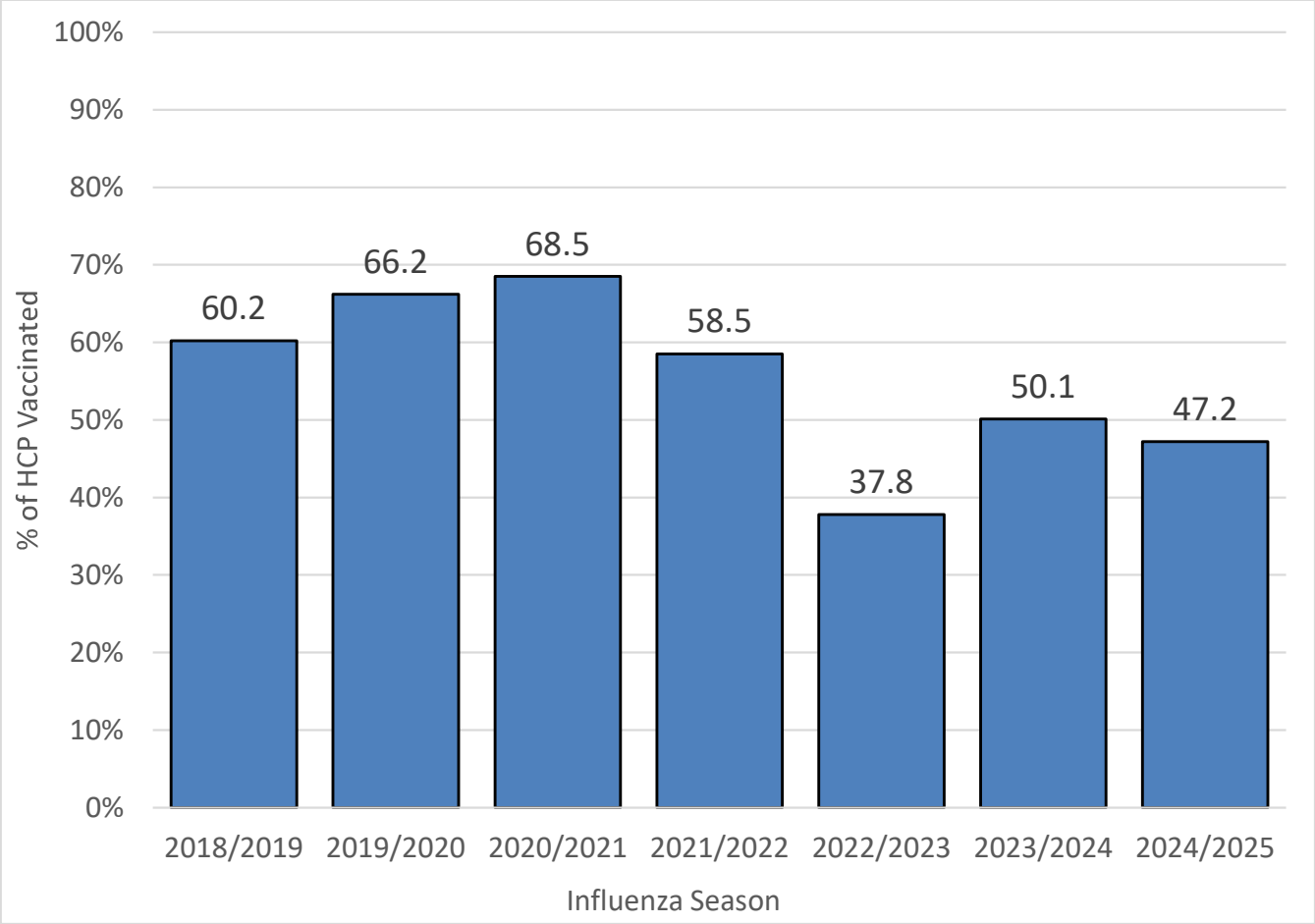
Figure 1. Statewide influenza vaccination percentages for LTC HCP by influenza season 2018-19 through 2024-25



Note: Influenza season represents data for HCP between October 1st and March 31st the following calendar year.

B. Influenza Vaccination Percentages: Comparison to 2023-24 Data

The overall statewide LTC HCP vaccination percentage was lower in the 2024-25 influenza season than in the 2023-24 influenza season (see Table 6). The analysis presented in Table 6 shows that, overall, twenty LTC had higher HCP influenza vaccination rates, twenty LTC had similar HCP influenza vaccination rates, and twenty-six LTC had lower HCP influenza vaccination rates in the 2024-25 influenza season compared to the 2023-24 influenza season. Seventy-nine LTC could not be compared to previous seasons due to having no data reported in one of the years of comparison or closure of the facility. Tables 7-10 compare facilities by types (Nursing Home, Assisted Living/Residential Care, Supported Residential Care, Community Residence) between the 2023-24 and 2024-25 influenza seasons.