

2010-2011 Flu Vaccine Survey Results

Provider Recommendations Essential

Washtenaw County Findings

In November 2010, Washtenaw County was among 20 local areas surveyed nationwide in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Rapid Flu Survey. The survey will be repeated in March 2011.

Local flu vaccination rates as of Nov 7, 2010:

- Adults = 37%
- Children 6 mo-17 yrs = 35%
- Children 5-12 yrs = 28%

Strengths

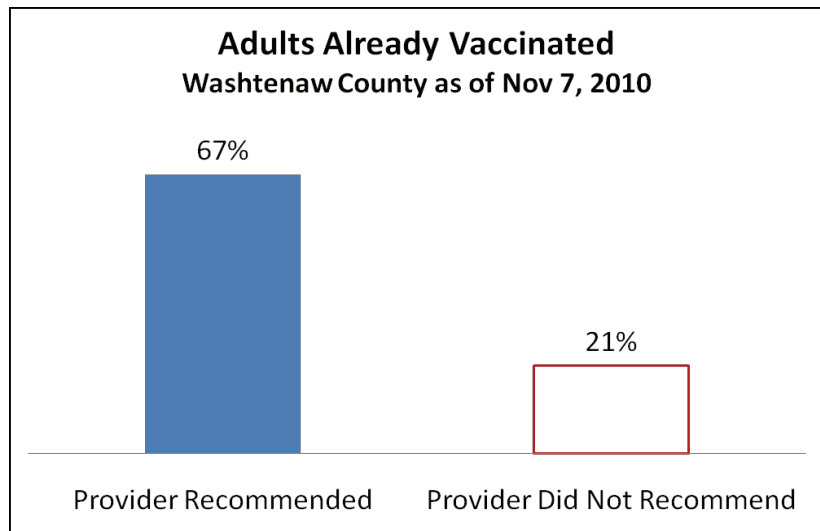
- ⇒ Kudos to our local health providers and systems; 58% of local health care workers or workers with direct patient contact were vaccinated as of Nov 7; local data suggest this is much better than the national average. Let's aim higher to protect patients.
- ⇒ The vast majority of children vaccinated locally received it at a doctor's office or a health center (91%), demonstrating both trust and access.

Challenges

- ⇒ Disparities exist. Local flu vaccination rates among non-Hispanic blacks (29%) lag behind the rates of non-Hispanic whites (40%).
- ⇒ Nationally, only 33% of adults with a medical condition (e.g. diabetes, asthma) that places them at risk of complications reported vaccination. Data suggest local rates are similar.



When health care providers recommend flu vaccination—their patients are *much more likely* to get vaccinated.



Flu season typically peaks in February in Michigan.

- **Promote seasonal flu vaccination now! It is not too late.**
- Vaccination is recommended for EVERYONE 6 months of age and older.
- Remind those in high risk groups to get the flu vaccine.

