

SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Health Care Worker Influenza Immunization Coverage Among Hospitals and Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario

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Introduction

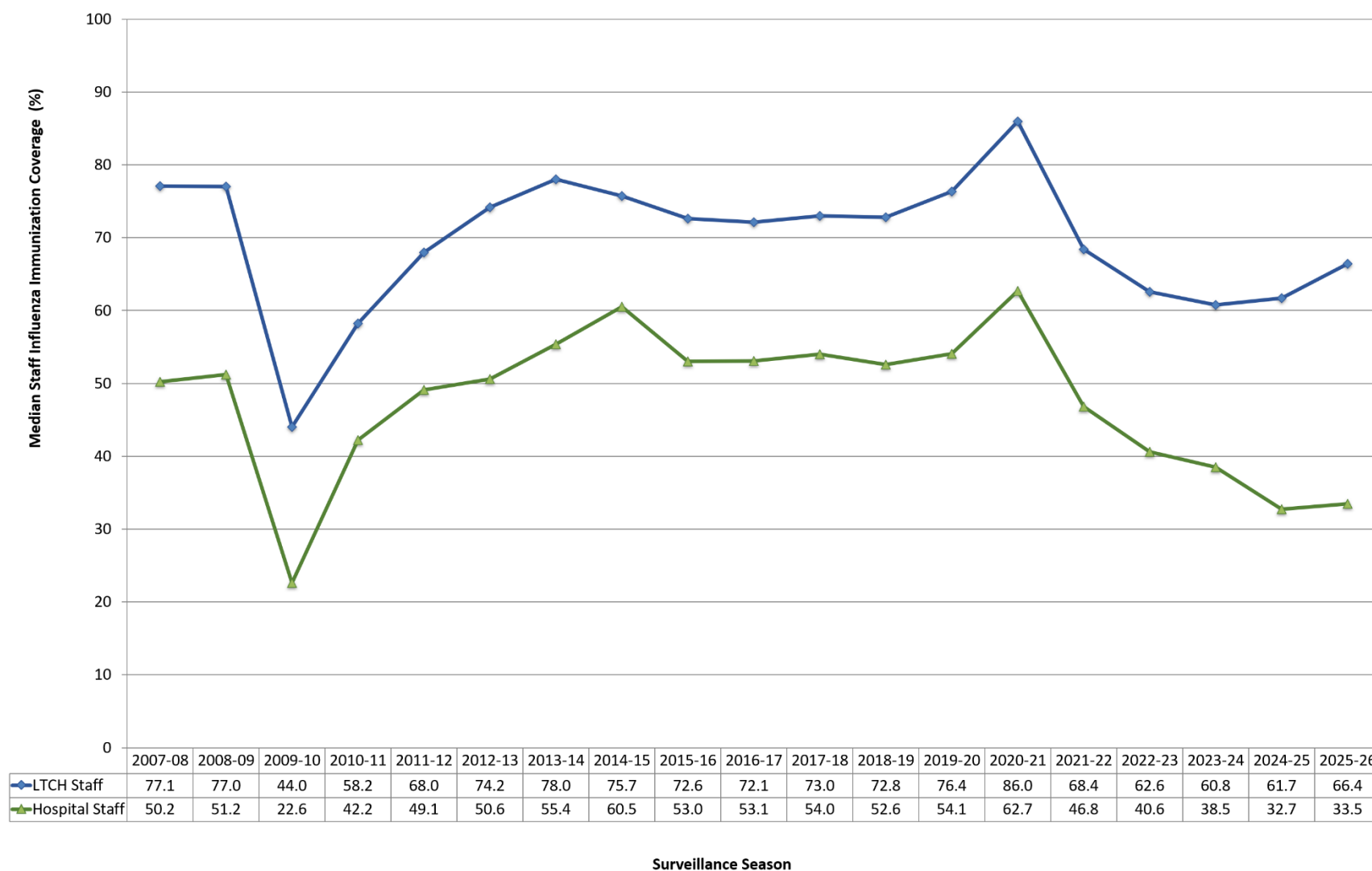
The Ministry of Health collects seasonal influenza immunization coverage data each year for health care workers (HCWs) working in hospitals and long-term care homes (LTCHs) through a survey. For the 2025-26 respiratory virus surveillance season, data collected represented immunization coverage reported as of January 1 to 31, 2026. The survey submission deadline was February 13, 2026.

Figure A below outlines trends in reported median HCW influenza immunization coverage for hospitals and LTCHs for the seasonal influenza vaccine from the 2007-08 surveillance season up to the 2025-26 surveillance season. The technical notes described below [Figure A](#) should be considered when interpreting these immunization coverage data.

Highlights

- For the 2025-26 respiratory virus surveillance season, median HCW influenza immunization coverage in LTCHs was 66.4% compared to 33.5% in hospital sites.
- Median HCW influenza immunization coverage has been higher for LTCHs compared to hospitals in every season since surveillance of this indicator began.
- Immunization coverage rates for HCWs in both hospital and LTCH have declined since peaking in 2020-21. In the most recent season, coverage increased among HCWs in LTCHs, while coverage among hospital HCWs remained stable.

Figure A: Median HCW Influenza Immunization Coverage Among Hospitals and LTCHs, by Respiratory Virus Surveillance Season: Ontario, 2007-08 to 2025-26 Seasons



Technical Notes

Data Source

- Ontario Ministry of Health, Influenza and RSV Immunization Coverage Reporting Survey for Hospital and Long-Term Care Home Staff and Residents [2026/02/13], analyzed by Public Health Ontario.

Data Caveats

- Data for the 2025-26 season were submitted by LTCHs and hospitals through an online survey developed and launched by PHO on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Health. Practices for collecting and compiling coverage data may vary by location and time.
- Compared to the 2024-25 respiratory surveillance season, the proportion of LTCHs that reported coverage during the 2025-26 season was notably lower (73.1% compared to 81.5% in 2024-25). The proportion of hospital sites that reported coverage was higher for the 2025-26 season (79.0%) compared to 2024-25 (69.6%).
- Data on HCW immunizations was previously collected directly by the Ministry of Health. Starting in 2020-21, reporting has transitioned to the online survey. Differences in the reporting process should be considered when interpreting trends in coverage..
- Variations in the immunization status 'as of' date and 'data submission date' may impact coverage over time.
- The 2025-26 coverage data reflect HCW immunization status as of the date of report from the hospital or LTCH. The survey was open between January 12 and February 13, 2026, with reporting dates typically falling between February 1 and February 13, 2026. Coverage was reported as of January 1 to 31, 2026.
- From the 2019-20 season onwards, hospital and LTCH sites that reported data were no longer cross-referenced against the provincial facility record of changes. As a result, the median HCW influenza immunization coverage as of the 2019-20 season represents all data reported by public health units or LTCHs and hospitals with no exclusions other than for duplicate reports.

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