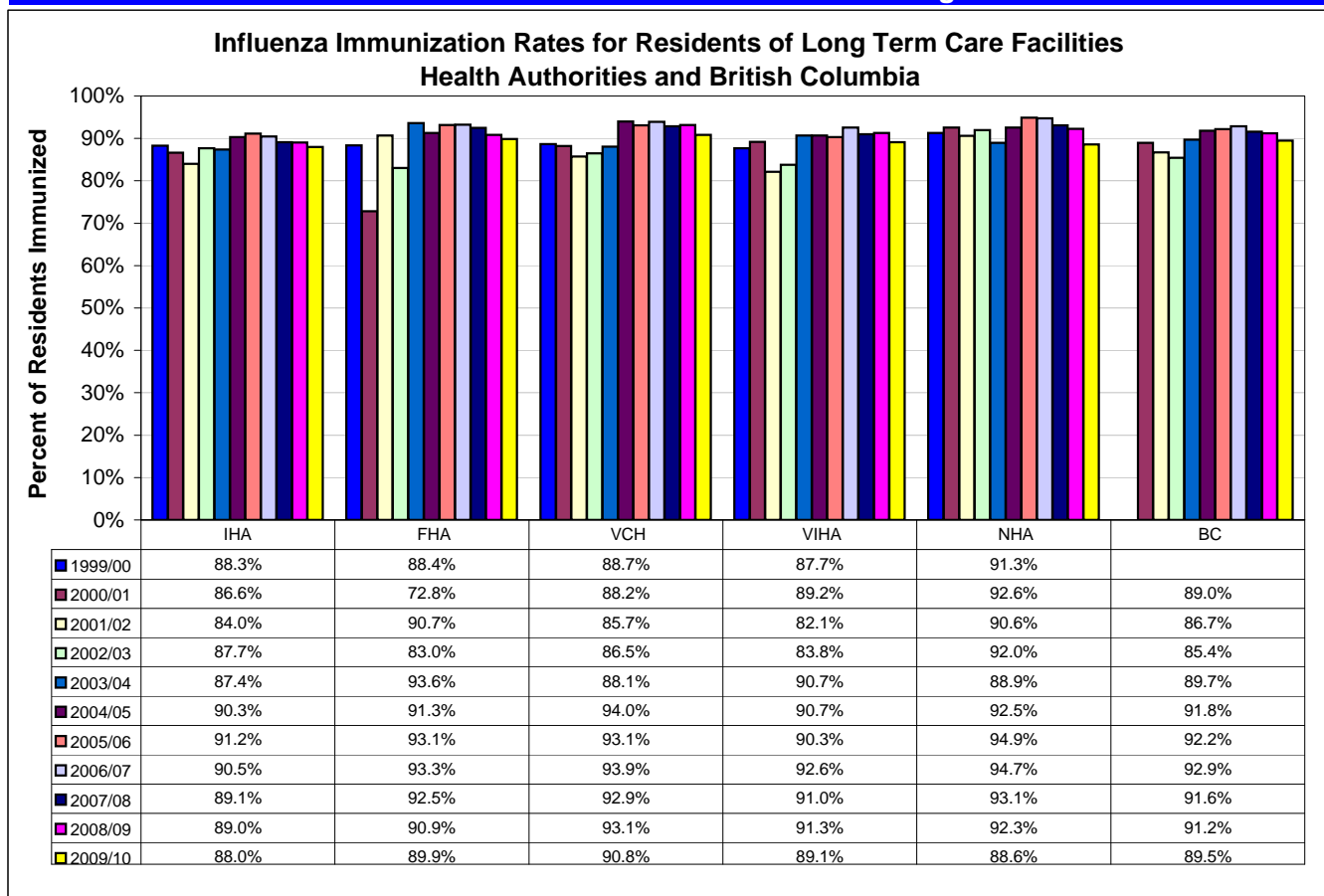


Influenza Immunization of Residents in British Columbia Long Term Care Facilities



Data are submitted by Health Authorities (Annual Influenza Immunization Program Survey). Data for 1999/2000 to 2002/03 were compiled by Population Health and Wellness Division, BC Ministry of Health Services. Data for 2003/04 onward were compiled by Epidemiology Services, BC Centre for Disease Control.

For the purposes of this analysis, "Long Term Care Facilities" are defined as residential facilities that have 50% or more residents aged 65 years and older AND are either (a) licensed under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act and provide some health care services, or (b) licensed under the Hospital Act.

Percent of long term care facilities in each Health Authority providing influenza immunization data:

Year	% of Facilities Reporting Immunization Data
2009/10	86%-100%
2008/09	92%-100%
2007/08	93%-100%
2006/07	89%-100%
2005/06	96% - 100%
Prior to 2005/06	unrecorded

Data may not be comparable by facility and Health Authority from year to year due to ongoing changes in data collection methods, changes in geographic health area boundaries and changes in facility denominators as licensed bed capacity changes. However, assuming consistency in reporting practices, overall trends in immunization coverage can be assessed by examining these data.

Data from 2002/03 represent 27,402 residents; data from 2004/05 represent 25,332 residents; data from 2005/06 represent 26,278 residents; data from 2006/07 represent 27,027 residents; data from 2007/08 represent 27,305 residents; and data from 2008/09 represent 27,648 residents. The numbers of residents represented by data for other years were not available.

Abbreviations:

IHA = Interior Health

FHA = Fraser Health

VCH = Vancouver Coastal Health

VIHA = Vancouver Island Health

NHA = Northern Health

BC = Province of British Columbia

For an explanation of BC Health Authorities, please visit:

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