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UofSC Participates in Nationwide Challenge to Increase Flu Vaccinations

This year the University of South Carolina is participating in the 2019-2020 Alana Yakish National College/ University Flu Challenge. Student Health Services has partnered with Alana's Foundation to encourage the Carolina community to receive a flu shot.

Alana's Foundation started this challenge in 2014 to increase flu vaccinations among college students in Michigan. Since then the program was expanded to include universities and colleges across the country. The University of South Carolina participated in the challenge last year but lost to Clemson.

When the Carolina community receives their flu shot, whether at Student Health Center or elsewhere in the community, they will be encouraged to complete the Challenge's survey. Each participant who completes the self-report survey will act as a tally toward the University of South Carolina's number of administered vaccines. The survey will be open September 1, 2019- December 6, 2019. The university or college with the most surveys will be presented the Alana Yaksich Memorial traveling trophy which they will keep until the next winner is announced.

To learn more Alana's Foundation go to www.alanasfoundation.org and to complete to survey go to <https://s.surveypplanet.com/tqypBMNej>

About Alana's Foundation

Alana's Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit and was created in memory of Alana Yaksich by her loving family and friends. Their mission is to guide grieving families who have experienced the tragic loss of a child. Their focus is on providing families with resources for counseling, short term financial support and assistance in fulfilling basic day-to-day needs while educating the public about the importance of yearly influenza vaccinations. For more information visit www.alanasfoundation.org.

About Student Health Services

Student Health Services is an accredited patient-centered medical home serving the UofSC-Columbia campus community. Services include Primary Care; Women's Health; Counseling and Psychiatry; Healthy Campus Initiatives; Sports Medicine; Nutrition; Sexual Health; Allergy, Immunization and Travel; Radiology; Laboratory; and Pharmacy.

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