

Steering Committee Agenda

November 13, 2024 | 12:00pm-1:30pm



Welcome Jim McPherson

TAPI Announcements.....Jennifer Tinney

Pima County UpdateCrystal La Tour Rambaud MPH, RN

Legislative Update..... Susie Cannata

- Vaccine Policy Update..... Jennifer Tinney

ADHS Update..... Nicole Clapeck

- Vaccine Update Dr. Joel Terriquez

Arizona School Immunization Coalition..... Laura Smith

Respiratory Illness Season Updates..... Karin Szymanski

TAPI Training Overview Laura Smith

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Steering Committee Meeting
Flinn Foundation/Virtual
January 8, 2025
12:00pm - 1:30pm

Steering Committee

November 13, 2024
12pm-1:30pm



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Welcome & Introductions


Jim McPherson
TAPI Board President



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TAPI Update

Jennifer Tinney
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2025 Committee Calendar Ready

Discussion: Community Meeting Moving to 1st Monday of the month at 12:00


Committee sign up, calendar and handouts:
<https://whyimmunize.org/committee-page/>



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Our offices are moving!

City Square, 3838 N. Central Avenue




November and December Committee Meetings will be virtual.


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County Update

Crystal Rambaud, RN
Pima County




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Pima County Immunization Program Highlights

Crystal La Tour Rambaud MPH, RN
VPD Program Manager



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Vaccine Equity Update



- 7 months remaining. Reviewing options to wind down program.
- COVID-19 Vaccines: 230
- FLU Vaccines: 270
- Border Operations: 57 COVID-19 tests administered
- COVID test kit distribution: 930
- Education Only Outreaches - Eleven events, 513 community members engaged

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Long COVID Campaign Update

When Long COVID is more trick than treat.

When Long COVID goes clubbing.

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County Immunization Community of Practice

- Originally convened to discuss the Vaccine Equity grant and later expanded to discuss all things County IZ program.
- Meetings are an opportunity to exchange ideas, share challenges and successes and identify collaborations.
- Meets quarterly, 3rd Thursday of the month.




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Other Program Updates

-  Respiratory season vaccinations going smoothly. All clinics are busy.
-  Equipment upgrades almost complete.
-  Several smaller grants are about to close.
-  Celebrating two years of Tuesday Training series

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Questions?

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Legislative Update

Susie Cannata
Peters, Cannata & Moody



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Vaccine Policy

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Did Trump Really Vow to Defund Schools With Vaccine Mandates?

By Margaret Hartmann, senior editor for *Intelligence* who has worked at *New York* since 2012

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R.F.K. Jr., Who Opposes Vaccines, Is Poised to Shape Public Health Under Trump

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Possible HHS Director?

U.S. Representative calls for Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo's resignation amidst measles outbreak

Opinion Florida's measles outbreak is a devastating — and preventable — tragedy

Column: As measles spreads, 'herd stupidity' grips Florida's government

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Assessment of Facilitators and Challenges to Providing Childhood Vaccines

Jennifer Tronev | The Arizona Partnership for Immunization | www.immunize.org

Overview

Less Workload or Higher Payments Fewer Providers Kids at Risk

VFC Challenges

Low Reimbursement

Vaccine Sustainability

Recommendations

VFC Policy

Outcomes

Been sharing study with national partners emphasizing reimbursement challenges:

- HHS including vaccine payment issues in top priorities for next 5-year plan.
- Changing VFC admin from cap to floor based on CMS rate.
- CMS toolkits for A, B, D and working toward mirroring coverage across plans.
- Advocacy agencies including payment in all plans and discussions.
 - Centralized form for payment issues 12/2024.
- Development of national VFA program with \$30 admin fee.
- Increase for Community Health Center payments.

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AZ Vaccine Financing Council

Vaccine Congress & Strategic Plan Feedback

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To address vaccine payment shortfalls

Low VFC ceiling set in (1996 & 2012)

No additional antigen reimbursement on combo vaccines (Medicaid)

Low margins on private vaccine purchased

New vaccine payment lag (ACA 1 year + 6 months codes loaded)

Limited networks

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Next Steps?

- TAPI applying for Vitalyst System Change Grant 11/15 to develop the workgroup:
 - Requesting letters of Commitment from active partners. Complete the Wilder Collaboration Factors Inventory.
 - Facilitate workgroup, Vaccine Congress on payment, and policy review.
- Collect data to tell the story:
 - Reporting form for vaccine reimbursement problems.
 - Will be used for health plan advocacy, establishment of trends, telling the story of underpayment, research.
 - Documenting reimbursement process.


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| Steering Committee – Vaccine System, Policy & Data | | Strategic Priorities 2024-2027 | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Priorities that Support the Vaccine System | Who | When | Staff Support |
| Maintain/develop partnerships that benefit the immunization system (who is missing from the discussion?) | | Committee Members | Quarterly | James/Patty |
| Convene workgroup of experts to identify disaggregated/decolonized data (Claims, ASIS, School, NS) | | Committee Members | 2025 | Jennifer |
| Monitor Immunization Rates and Assessments | | Committee Members | Semi-annual | Jennifer |
| Make Data accessible to change agents (dashboard?) | | Committee Members | Q4 2025 | Jamini |
| Convene workgroup of experts to identify vaccine payment policies that support a wide range of immunizers (health plan medical directors, physicians) | | Committee Members | Q2 2024 | Jennifer |
| Monitor payment policies. Build in review to Steering agenda (new vaccines, counseling codes) | | Committee Members | 2026 | Jennifer |
| Advocate for pro-immunization policy and educate about impact of anti-vaccine policy (National & state legislature, regulatory agencies, state leadership, clinic leaders, health plans) | | Committee Members | On-going | James/Jennifer |
| Ensure vaccine locations are accessible through policy (non-traditional providers, increased locations) | | Committee Members | 2026-2027 | Laura |
| Explore funding for vaccine equipment (data loggers, HL7 interface, EHR templates, fridges) | | Committee Members | 2025 | Jennifer |
| Anticipate and identify emerging stressors to the system (pandemic, measles, healthcare transformation) | | Committee Members | Q1 annual | James |
| When possible members will include vaccine educators in professional development programs | | Committee Members | On-going | Laura/Blanca |
| Support policies for public health billing to protect safety-net | | Committee Members | On-going | Bernie |
| TAPI Program Support/Staff Projects | | | | |
| Manage committee meetings & contact lists for professional associations, health plans, public health, clinics | | TAPI Staff | Monthly | Patty/Blanca |
| Conference coverage – work with partners to provide immunization education at events | | TAPI Staff | Monthly | Blanca |
| Data & Reimbursement support | | TAPI Staff | On-going | Jennifer |
| Partnership development | | TAPI Staff | On-going | James |
| Financial Management | | TAPI Staff | On-going | James |

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ADHS Update

Nicole Clapeck
ADHS



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TAPI Steering Committee Meeting
BIZS Updates



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AGENDA



- VFC Workgroup Achievements
- Upcoming Enhancements
- Immunization Advisory Committee (ADHS IAC)
- RSV/Nirsevimab Ordering Update
- Holiday Vaccine Shipping Schedule



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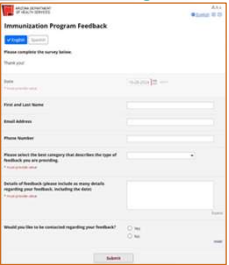


VFC Workgroup Achievements

- Updated [VFC Operations Guide](#) with policy changes
- 1-page quick reference [Summary of Policy Changes](#)
- [New VFC Provider Enrollment Guide](#)
- Arizona Immunization Provider Report Suite
- VFC Vaccine Advertisement
- New electronic [Immunization Order Request Form](#)

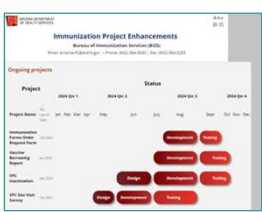


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Upcoming
Immunization Program Enhancements

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Upcoming
Immunization Program Enhancements Continued






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Immunization Advisory Committee

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Bureau of Immunization Services (BIS) will establish an Immunization Advisory Committee (ADHS IAC) to provide a platform for ongoing collaboration, feedback, and communication among stakeholders and ADHS BIS. Meetings will be held quarterly and will encompass:

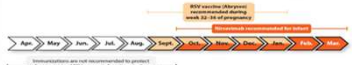
- o Government and Public Health representatives (rural and urban)
- o Healthcare Providers and Systems
- o Professional Associations
- o Community and Non-Profit Organizations
- o Educational Institutions
- o Tribal and Indigenous Community Leaders
- o Health Plans
- o Parents, Caregivers, and Family Advocates
- o Youth Service Organizations and Advocacy Groups
- o Experts in Data, Technology, and Reporting



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2024-2025 RSV/Nirsevimab Ordering Update

- The ordering cap for the 50mg and 100mg presentation has increased to 100 doses per order.
 - o If additional doses are needed, email the ArizonaVFC@azdhs.gov inbox.
- The table below indicates when ABRYVO® or Nirsevimab should be administered:



- Allocations - The table below shows the specific threshold top-offs for the State of Arizona. Based on the doses ordered, the CDC will "top-off" our threshold of doses to the quantity shown in the table.


| | Oct 28 - Nov 25 Threshold Top-Offs | Dec 9 - Feb 17 Threshold Top-Offs |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Doseage | 10/28, 11/04, 11/11, 11/25 | 12/09, 12/23, 01/6, 01/20, 2/3, 2/17 |
| 50 mgs | 1,890 | 2,840 |
| 100 mgs | 1,330 | 330 |



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Shipping Updates

- The [2024-2025 Holiday Vaccine Shipping Schedule](#) was shared last week on 11/07/2024
- No vaccine deliveries on:
 - o Thursday, 11/28/2024 through Friday, 11/29/2024 (Thanksgiving)
 - o Tuesday, 12/24/2024 through Thursday, 12/26/2024 (Christmas)
 - o Wednesday, 01/01/2025 through Thursday, 01/02/2025 (New Year's)



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THANK YOU


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ADHS Staff Introduction

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Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)- 10/2024

Highlights

Joel Terrquez, MD, FIDSA, CIC
Arizona Department of Health Services
Bureau of Infectious Diseases Services/Bureau of Immunizations Services

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Influenza vaccine




- Recommendation continues: "Routine vaccination for all persons >6 months of age without contraindications"
- Flumist was approved for self-administration on 9/2024.
 - 2024-25 season Flumist will only be available for healthcare provider administration
 - Self-administration → Next season
- Vaccine effectiveness
 - Acute respiratory illness pursuing medical care
 - Vaccination odds among flu confirmed cases vs control cases
 - Vaccination state- records

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Influenza vaccine


- Vaccine effectiveness
 - **Pediatric (59-67%)**
 - Flu A 45-60%
 - Flu B 65-85%
 - **Adults (37-54%)**
 - Flu A 20-45%
 - Flu B 65-75%
 - **Adults 50-65 (40-80%)**
 - Flu A 15-40%
 - Flu B 35-50%
 - **Adults >65 (40-50%)**
 - Flu A 40-50%
 - Flu B 30-65%



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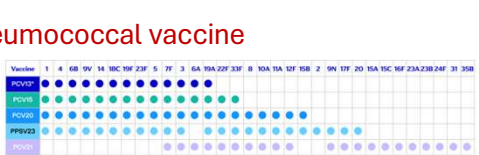
COVID-19 vaccine

- 2022-23 COVID vaccine provided increased protection against ED/UC visits = decreased after 4-6 months
- RECOMMENDATIONS:
 - **6 mo- 4 y** – Initial series (2 moderna/3 Pfizer) + 1 dose 2024-25 (homologous vaccine optimal)
 - **>5y- 64 y** – 1 dose of 2024-25 (2 months after the last dose); if previously unvaccinated (2 doses)
 - **>65 y** – 2 doses of 2024-25 (6 months apart)
 - **Immunocompromise > 6 mo**- Initial COVID vaccine plus 1 2024-25 vaccine (may add a 2nd dose 2024-25)- shared clinical decision making
 - **Vaccine when aging up**- Receive the vaccine dose for the older group
 - **Vaccine interchange**: Only if same vax unavailable, contraindications, previous dose unknown or otherwise would not receive the vaccine.



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Pneumococcal vaccine




- PCV21 (Capvaxie)- covers >80% of invasive pneumococcal serotypes
- Recommendation for "Single-dose PCV21 as an option for persons older than 65 y.o. and for those ages 19-64 y.o with high-risk conditions as an OPTION to PCV20 OR PCV15+PPSV23."
- Phase 3 trial- Patients 2-18 y w/ comorbid conditions
- Next meeting- consider discontinuation of PPSV23

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Pneumococcal vaccine

Should single dose PCV vaccine be recommended for PCV naive adults 50-64?

- Recommendation- Lower the age-based recommendation for all PCV to 50 years of age
- Health equity
- Risk prevalence- 33-54% of adults have at least one indication
- Vaccine coverage- likely to improve uptake
- Simplicity- Easier to implement
- Economic- Potentially lower cost




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RSV vaccine

Adults >75 y.o.- single dose (or 60-74 y.o. with risk factors)

| | Beyfortus (Nirsevimab) | Arexyv (GSK) | Abrysvo (Pfizer) |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Indicated Age | All infants < 8mo High risk < 19mo | 60yo+ | 60yo+ (or pregnancy) |
| Effectiveness | 75% decrease in medically-attended LTRI | 75% reduction in 2+ symptoms | 75% reduction in 2+ symptoms |
| Safe in Pregnancy? | N/A | Untested | Yes; reduces newborn infxns |
| Mechanism | Monoclonal Ab | pre-fusion F protein w/ adjuvant | pre-fusion F protein |

- **Abrysvo**
 - Studies showed immunity after 2 years
 - Age 18-59 indication under FDA review
- **Arexyv**
 - Potential for revaccination- strong responses if additional dose after 24 months
 - FDA expanded indication 50-59
- **Beyfortus**
 - Effective against ED visits for infants on their 1st RSV season
 - SE: Breakthrough infection?, hypersensitivity?



4.1% preterm labor


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RSV vaccine

- **Clesrovimab**- phase 3 vaccine for neonates
 - Provides protection for mild, moderate, severe disease
 - 90.9% efficacy for prevention of hospitalization
 - Additional information requested by the workgroup
- **GSK RSV prenatal vaccine**
 - Initial concerns about preterm births- late preterm (34-37 weeks) AND after 30 days of vaccination- Trial stopped
 - Proven no association with preterm births; still questions about stillbirth, anaphylaxis, GBS, thrombotic events including PE, concerns about gestational HTN
 - Workgroup recommends- messaging about gestational HTN and preterm counseling.

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Chikungunya vaccine



- **Virus like vaccine (Bavarian Nordic)**- >12 y.o
 - Adolescents and adults – single dose
 - Phase 3- good immunologic response
 - No adverse events
 - No vaccine efficacy data yet
 - Clinical trial for approval on children ages 1-11
- **Live attenuated (IXCHIQ)**- >18 y.o
 - Single dose for people traveling to countries with known outbreaks
 - Consider if traveling to countries with no outbreak but cases reported on >65 with medical conditions or staying for > 6 months
 - Laboratory workers

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Other updates

- **Meningococcal**
 - Men B-4c (Bexsero)- New schedule recommended
 - 2 doses- 0, 6 months
 - 3 doses- 0, 1-2, 6 months (>10 years of age and at increased risk)
- **CMV vaccine**
 - mRNA-1647 CMV vaccine- clinical trial (females 16-40 y)
- **Mpox vaccine (Jynneos)**
 - Clade I; still low risk overall
 - Recommendation is to provide vaccine to travelers, especially to countries with cases if participating in high risk activities

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THANK YOU

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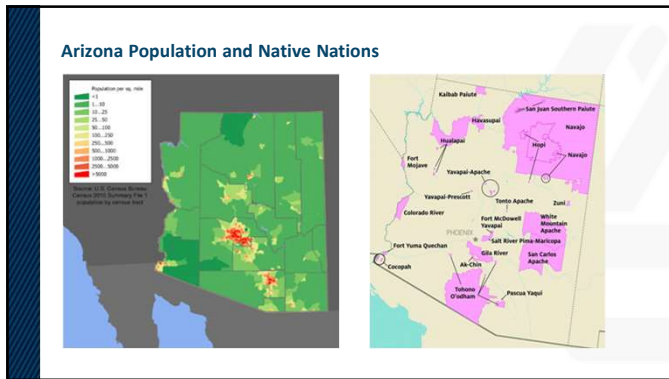
Arizona School Immunization Coalition



- Lynn Moriarty - Wesley Community Health Center and former school nurse with Alhambra School District
- Laura Smith - The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI)
- Pat VanMaanen - School Nurse Organization of Arizona (SNOA) consultant
- Kate Whitman - Arizona Department of Health (ADHS)
- Dr. Caswell Evans - Coalition Coach



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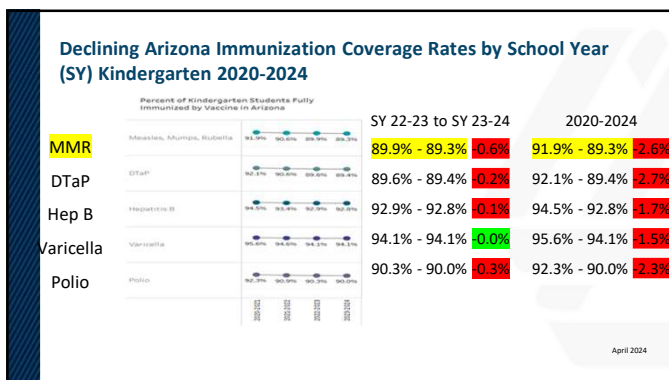


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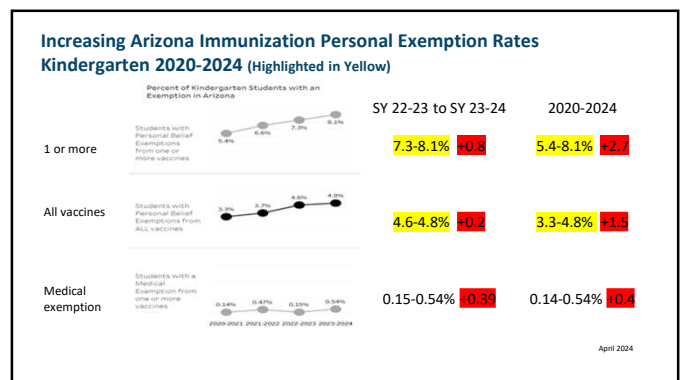
Problems

- Declining vaccine rates among school children in Arizona leave our most vulnerable students and community members at risk of contracting vaccine preventable infections
- Increasing use of Personal Exemption Forms and concurrent declining vaccination rates of very contagious vaccine preventable diseases such as measles

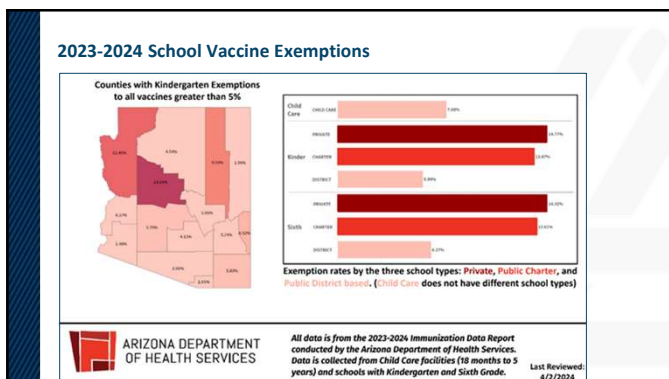
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Coalition Vision and Initial Goal

- Ensure that all Arizona school age children, including the most vulnerable, have access to life-saving vaccines and reduce the risk of vaccine preventable diseases
- By the end of 2027, Arizona will have a 2% increase in school vaccine rates and a 1% decrease in personal exemption rates

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Data-driven Strategies


- Low vaccination rates and high usage of personal exemptions are school specific regardless of rural or urban settings.
- Target schools with > 20% personal exemption rates which often are charter or private schools.
- Partner with school administration as well as school health staff.

Health Equity

- AZ charter schools have over 2 x average personal exemption use statewide than district public schools
- About half of all charters serve predominantly low-income students

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Partnerships




- school nurses and health office staff
- national and local advocacy groups
- school associations
- state and local health departments
- immunization associations and coalitions
- local media entities
- school administrators, PTO/PTA groups
- other national immunization partners

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Arizona School Immunization Coalition Strategies



CREATE RESOURCE HUB



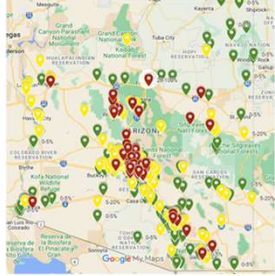
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



IMMUNIZATION ADVOCATES/AMBASSADORS

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2023 Arizona Map of Vaccine Personal Exemption Rates by School (map created by the Coalition based on public data)

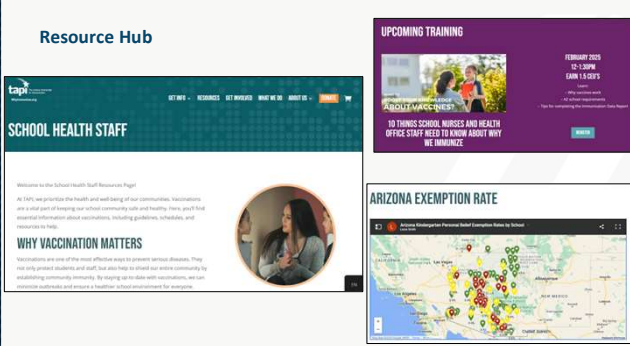


Green = 0-5% personal exemption rate
Yellow = 5-20% personal exemption rate
Red = 20-100% personal exemption rate

All data is from the 2023-2024 Immunization Data Report conducted by the Arizona Department of Health Services. Data is collected from Child Care Facilities (20 months to 5 years) and schools with Kindergarten and Sixth Grade. Last Revision: 02/2024

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Resource Hub



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School Health Community of Practice

- 3-month pilot program for this school year
- Planning group meeting now
- Looking for a mix of urban and rural school health staff, nurses and non-nurses, charter, public and private schools represented
- Will address ways to improve vaccine rates and reduce personal belief exemptions

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How can the Steering Committee help?

- Assistance addressing health equity and leveraging partner connections
- Collaboration on educational materials for all 3 strategic components of the project
- Project funding ideas
- Forums to present project to the broader community- what partners should we connect with?

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Partner with the Arizona School Immunization Coalition

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Respiratory Illness Season Update

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Respiratory Illness Season Update

Digital Resources



[Respiratory Illness Toolkit - Arizona Partnership for Immunization](http://www.whymmunize-ritoolkit)
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Respiratory Illness Season Update

2024 Respiratory Illness Season Messaging

RSV | FLU | COVID messaging:

PDF downloadable at [whymmunize-ritoolkit](http://www.whymmunize-ritoolkit).

Overview:

Messages have been developed to address our upcoming respiratory illness season, including influenza, RSV and COVID-19. The season typically runs from October through March. The key messages apply to people in Arizona.


RSV & COVID-19 Messaging:

- Get your child to get COVID-19 vaccine to protect those around you.
 - Infants and young children
 - Older adults
 - Immunocompromised individuals
- Get pregnant women
- Read and understand vaccine messages by RSV and COVID-19 on these vaccines.
- If you have any questions, talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist about which vaccine are right for you and your family.
- For the most protection, get immunized before you get pregnant or before you get your COVID-19 vaccine.
- Vaccines are your best defense.
- What you can do to stay healthy:
 - Wash your hands with soap and water
 - Avoid your face with eyes, nose and mouth
 - Wear your mask if you feel sick
 - Stay home from work and school when you are sick
 - Keep vaccines up to date

Second Message from CDC: Community Vaccines Reduce COVID-19 Risk

What to know:


- Flu shot provides essential information about seasonal influenza (flu) vaccines, including their purpose and effectiveness.
- Flu shot is usually free and other shots get a flu vaccine every season will have less flu.
- Flu shot is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of serious complications from flu.
- Flu shot with egg allergy may receive any vaccine (egg based or non egg based) that is otherwise appropriate for their age and health status.
- Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related doctor's visits each year.



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TAPI Training Overview

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TAPI Trainings




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Thank You!

Next
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TAPI Calendar

COMMITTEES & IMPORTANT DATES

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OCTOBER Health Literacy Month

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Community Awareness Committee

Hybrid Meeting
3838 N Central
1st **Monday** every month except Sept
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Provider Education Committee

Hybrid Meeting
3838 N Central
2nd Monday: Feb, April, June, Aug, Dec
3rd Mon: Oct
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Steering Committee

RSVP Required
2nd Wed: Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Training Dates

TIPS Dates: TBD
10 Things Parents Need to Know about
Why We Immunize:

Important Events

Big Shots Award Program 4/15
ADHS Immunization Conference 4/15-4/16

Immunization Awareness Dates

NIIW April 20th-April 26th
Hepatitis Awareness Month- May
National Immz Awareness Month-Aug
Health Literacy Month - Oct
Influenza Immunization Week-Dec 1st- 7th

Advocacy Committee

Every other Friday Jan-April 1:30-2:30pm

Meeting packets & forms to join committees:

<https://whyimmunize.org/committee-packets/>



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15th Annual

Wellness Expo 2024

Free health services and resources for all!



Mammograms

Immunizations

Prostate cancer screenings

Narcan training

Diabetes screenings

Stop the Bleed training



November 16, 2024 | 10AM-2PM

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Call 844-674-1295 for mammogram appointments

Call 480-964-3013 for prostate cancer screening appointments

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Expo Anual de Bienestar 2024

Servicios de Salud y Recursos GRATUITOS

Mamografías

**Pruebas de cáncer
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**Pruebas de
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Vacunas

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**Como detener el
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Llame para hacer citas para mamografías 844-674-1295

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