

Steering Committee Agenda

September 11, 2024 | 12:00pm-1:30pm



Welcome.....Jim McPherson

Executive Update.....James Washington

ADHS Healthy Horizons Campaign.....Wendy O'Donnell

ADHS Update.....Marcellina Lopez

Seasonal Illness Update.....Joel Terriquez, MD

ADHS Vaccine Equity Update..... Jessie Barbosa, MS

County Update

- Pima County.....Crystal Rambaud, RN
- Maricopa County.....Machrina Leach, RN

Material Review.....Karin Szymanski

10 Things School Nurses Training.....Blanca Martinez

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Steering Committee Meeting
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Welcome & Introductions

Jim McPherson

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Staffing update

Karin Szymanski, TAPI Contractor

- TAPI Website
- Educational Material development
- Social Media
- Communication (internal and external)
- Community Awareness Committee

Please feel free to reach out as needed:

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HRSA Uninsured Program (UIP) Assessment

UIP Assessment


- Claims reimbursements submitted March '20-April '22
- 50,000 letters sent out to providers
- Williams Adley contracted; conducting 31 audits
- Ensuring accuracy of claims billed, medically necessary, no po balance billing, no duplicated reimbursement
- Misused funds, if identified, need to be returned to HRSA

Three Phases:

- 1-Planning; document submission
- 2-Testing/Fieldwork
 - Entrance conference 5/16
 - Virtual walkthroughs, 6/20
- 3-Reporting; Pre-exit conference, rebuttal if needed
 - Pre-Exit conference, 8/29
 - TAPI response due 9/13



December 12, 2023
Karin Szymanski, Program Manager
James Washington, Program Director
TAPI

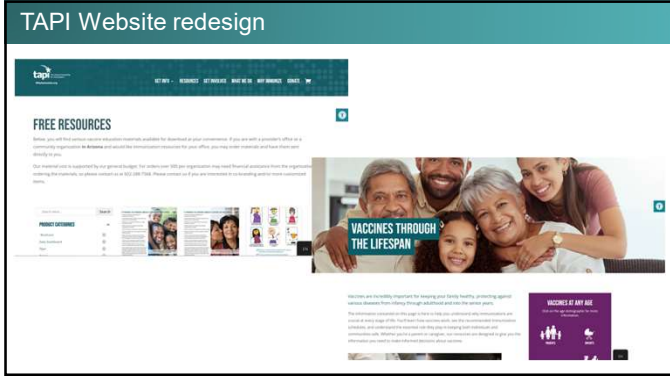


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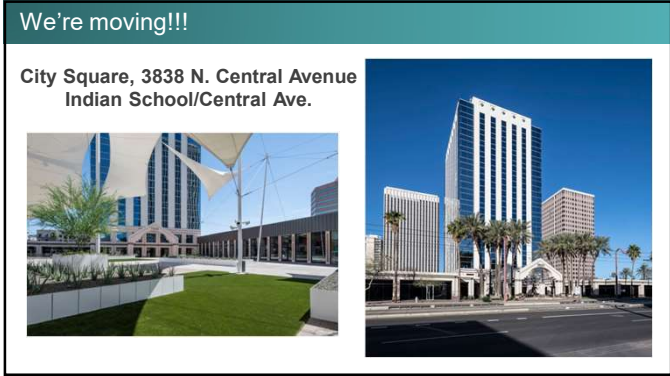
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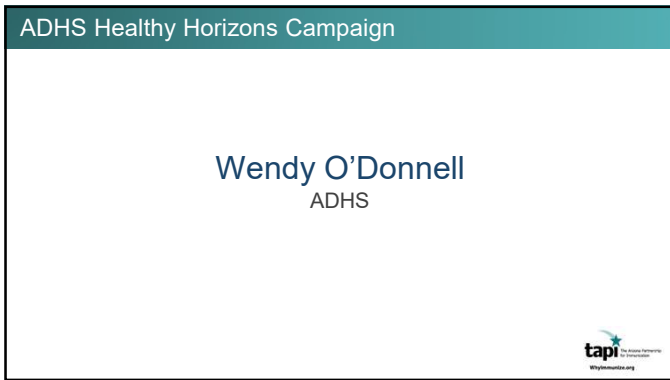
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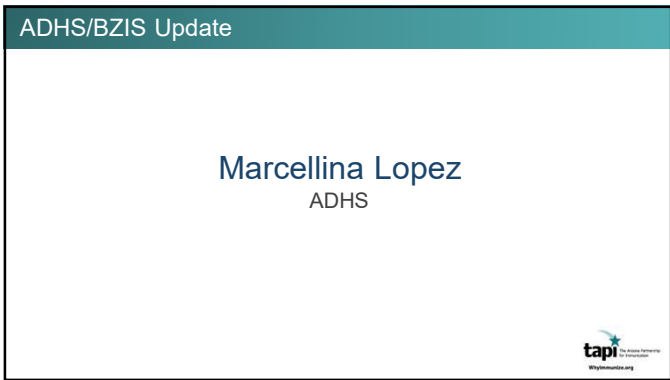
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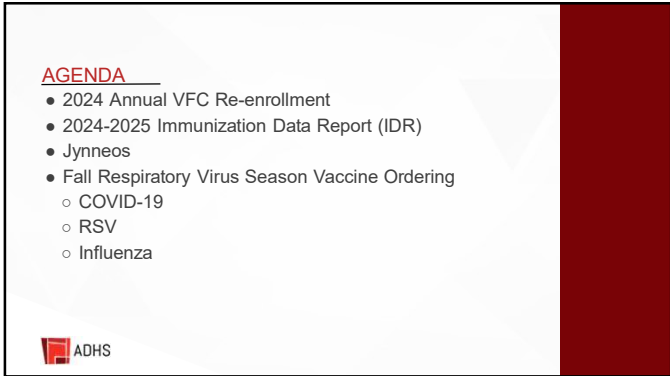
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2024 Annual VFC Re-enrollment


- Closed August 31, 2024
- Total Number of records assigned to staff for review : 610
- Number of records approved (completed): 593
- Number of records assigned for review but not yet approved: 18
 - BIZS will continue to support providers on a case-by-case basis for those who would like to remain in the program but are missing approval documents.



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2024-2025
Immunization Data Report (IDR)


- Opened September 4, 2024
- Closes November 15, 2024
- Refer to [Welcome Letter](#) for more information



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Jynneos Vaccine Updates


- VFC ordering opened in August
 - Approved for adults 18+ at high risk for mpox infection
- Will be added to the FY 2025 VFA order set for uninsured and underinsured adults



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COVID-19 Vaccines

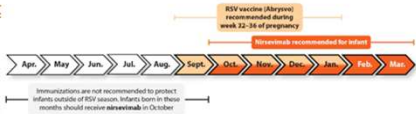

- Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the FDA
- Pfizer and Moderna [available to order](#) in ASiIS for VFC
- Awaiting CDC approval to open Novavax ordering
- Bridge Access Program (BAP) ended August 2024
 - Additional CDC funding will be allocated to CHDs for purchasing COVID-19 vaccines for uninsured/underinsured adults



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RSV Vaccines


- Pfizer Abrysvo and Nirsevimab/Beyfortus open for VFC ordering in ASiIS
- CDC Recommendations:
 - [Maternal RSV vaccine](#) for pregnant people between 32-36 weeks (**Abrysvo ONLY**)
 - RSV immunization for **infants** under 8 months and high-risk older infants (**Nirsevimab ONLY**)
 - RSV vaccine for adults 60-74 at increased risk, and [every](#)

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2024-2025
Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

- VFC ordering open in ASiIS
- [Pediatric influenza vaccine presentation guide](#)
 - All presentations are trivalent



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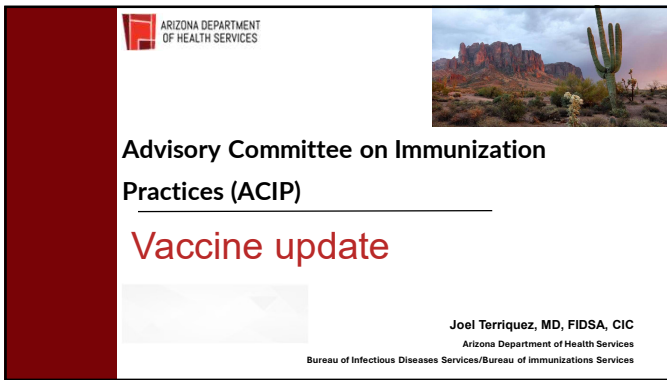
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ADHS/ACIP Update

Joel Terriquez, MD
ADHS



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Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

Vaccine update

Joel Terriquez, 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”
- Age-appropriate vaccine recommended for all groups EXCEPT:
 - Solid organ transplant recipients on immunosuppressive medications (recommendation is to provide High-dose IIV or adjuvanted IIV)

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COVID-19 vaccine

- COVID-19 hospitalizations increased in children <4- higher with < 6 months of age
 - 50% no undelying condition
- 2023-2024 provided increased protection against symptomatic infection
- Effectiveness similar among all age groups
- Local and systemic reactions after vaccine are similar
 - Increased risk of GBS/ischemic stroke
 - Increased risk of GBS after Pfizer vaccination might not be a real risk (4.1/million doses)



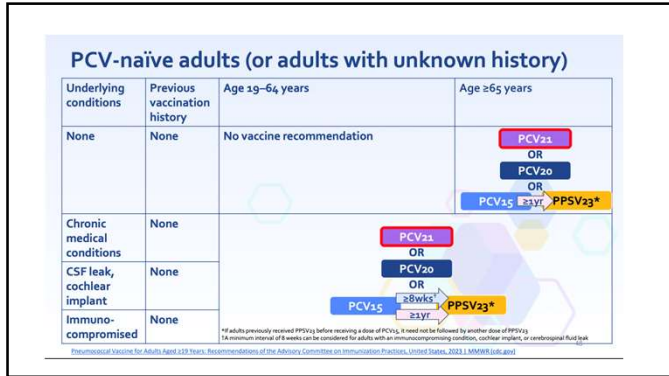
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Pneumococcal vaccine

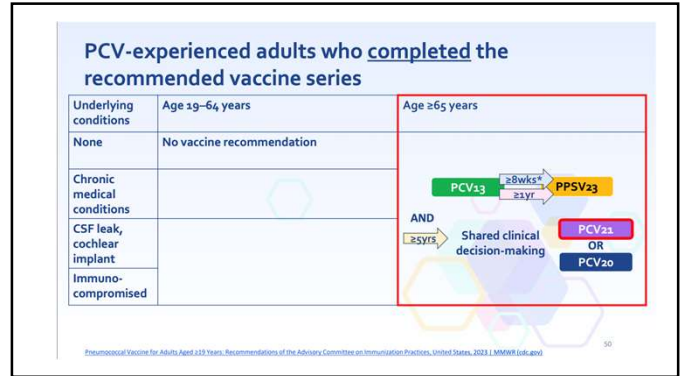


- Discussion about PCV21 (Capvaxive)- lowering the recommended age to 50 years of age
- PCV21 serotypes cause >80% of invasive pneumococcal vaccine
- There was no consensus about lowering the age from 65 to 50 y.o.
- Recommendation for “Single-dose PCV21 as an option for persons older than 65 y.o. and for those ages 19-64 y.o with high-risk conditions as an OPTION to PCV20 OR PCV15+PPSV23.”

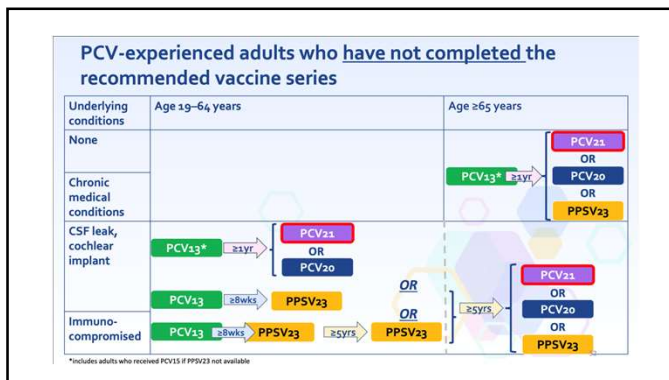
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Combination Haemophilus influenzae vaccine

- Vaxelis (DTaP/IPV/Hib/Hep B)- 2,4,6 months
- Included as an alternative to PedVaxHib for Native American or Alaskan native infants
- Infants have detectable concentrations of anti-Hib and long term protection:
 - Day 30- after 1 dose (75.7% for Vaxelis vs 71.2% for PedVaxHib)
 - Day 150- after 1 dose (83.6% for Vaxelis vs 71.7% for PedVaxHib)

VAXELIS helps protect against diseases caused by 6 infectious agents¹⁻⁶

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b, Hepatitis B
- as in Pentacep® (includes diphtheria, pertussis components)
- as in PedvaxHib®
- as in Recombivox HB®

(Component antigens from established vaccines)

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RSV vaccine

- Abrysvo**
 - Studies showed immunity after 2 years
 - Age 18-59 indication under FDA review
- Arexvy**
 - 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?

	Beyfortus (Nirsevimab)	Arexvy (GSK)	Abrysvo (Pfizer)
Indicated Age	All infants < 8mo High risk < 19mo	60yo+ (or pregnancy)	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 infants
Mechanism	Monoclonal Ab	pre-fusion F protein w/ adjuvant	pre-fusion F protein

4.1% preterm labor

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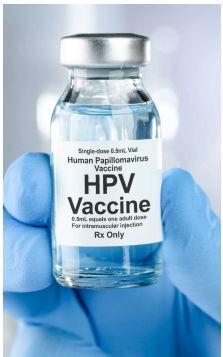
Meningococcal vaccine

- Pentavalent vaccine (MenABCWY)- 2 doses (6 months apart) at ages 10-25
- Proven safe in adolescents and young adults
- Immune response decreasing after 24 months for B and A
- MenB vaccine indication will have some “inclusive language”- previous indications PLUS:
 - “Any adolescent who desires protection may receive MenB vaccine, even if they are unsure of their future plans which may inform congregate living risk”

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HPV vaccine


- Discussion regarding moving towards fewer doses
 - WHO Expert advisory group has recommended a single dose for ages 9-20
- Recommendations for people ages 27-45 requires shared clinical decision making.



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Dengue vaccine

- Dengvaxia will be discontinued due to low demand.
- This decision is not due to any concerns regarding quality, safety or efficacy.
- Dengvaxia will continue to be distributed through public and private markets globally
- The last doses of Dengvaxia will expire at the end of August 2026.
- Given the 3-dose, 1-year series needed for full immunization, individuals should start the Dengvaxia® immunization series no later than August 31, 2025.



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Chikungunya vaccine



- Epidemiology - mosquito-borne disease - outbreaks have occurred in U.S. territories (primarily in Puerto Rico and USVI) and states (FL, TX)
- Looked at cost-effectiveness of live attenuated vaccines for lab workers and affected populations (adults in U.S. territories)
 - Virus like vaccine (Bavarian Nordic)- >12 y.o
 - Live attenuated (IXCHIQ)- >18 y.o

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THANK YOU


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ADHS Vaccine Equity Update

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Vaccine Equity Updates


September 11, 2024

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Health Equity Program Manager- Vaccine Equity



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Meet our Vaccine Equity Health Educator - Patrice Nipape




We are excited to introduce our new Vaccine Equity Health Educator who will focus on our older adult and rural vaccine outreach prioritization

We have reopened the [LTCF/SNF Vaccine Education and Technical Assistance Request Portal](#)

Patrice can assist with


- Technical assistance regarding provider enrollment.
- In person and virtual vaccine education webinars for residents, staff and family.
- Connection to community-based vaccination resources, including pharmacy partners, and local health departments for vaccines beyond COVID-19.
- Mobile Clinics and in-home vaccinations

Don't hesitate to email him at patrice.nipape@azdhs.gov




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Mobile Clinics have the 2024-2025 Vaccine in Stock!



Complete our form!



- ADHS Mobile vendors have the 2024-2025 vaccines in stock and are scheduling mobile clinics and homebound vaccines now!
- No minimum needed, statewide coverage and no insurance needed (although insurance info is captured if patients have it).
- Free on-site or virtual health education available upon request.



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Vaccine Desert Pop-Up Project


The purpose of this project is to serve as a collaboration between ADHS and LHD's to identify vaccine deserts, or rural areas that are in need of immunization resources. Interested health departments will collaboratively with ADHS to plan temporary pop-up mobile clinics offering **FREE 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccinations** in those areas, no insurance needed. ADHS will supply vaccine doses as well as mobile vaccinators and registration staff who will take care of registration and ASIS data entry and will mobilize in areas as directed by the local health departments.

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THANK YOU!


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County Update


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Pima County Update
 9/11/24

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A Healthy Pima County
 Everyone. Every where. Every day.

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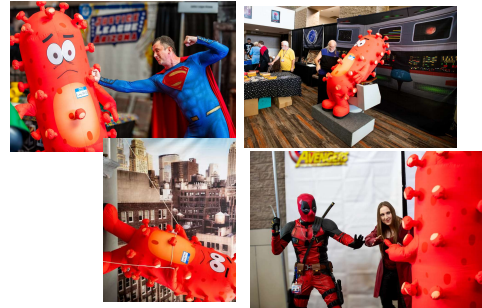
Vaccine Equity Program Update

- Five recipients selected for comorbidity community project.
- Working on setting up Long COVID support groups.
- Current focus on education and outreach until new inventory arrives.



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Tucson Comic Con 2024



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Other Updates

- Fall media campaign
- Pursuing new mobile vaccinator contracts
- Working on equipment improvements
- Final preparations for respiratory season



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County Update

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Maricopa County



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Steering Committee
September 11, 2024

Name : Title : Date



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Outreach Immunization Events Strike Team

Childhood Events July 1 through August 30

- 12 schools
 - 721 Children
 - 1,826 Vaccines Administered
- Challenges
 - Hesitancy
 - Communication





MARICOPA COUNTY
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Childhood Immunization Clinic

July 1 through August 23

- Children
• 8,519
- Vaccines
• 25,485

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Adults

July 1 through August 23

- Adults
• 1,479
- Vaccines
• 3,076




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Expo Coming Soon



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Up Next....

WIC & RSV



CARES Team Follow-up Dose Project






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RSV & Pregnancy (Draft)

Abrysvo: The Only RSV Vaccine for Pregnancy



RSV is the leading cause of hospitalization in infants under the age of one.


Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a highly contagious virus that can cause infection in the lungs of babies. RSV season starts in the fall and peaks in the winter in most of the U.S.

There are two ways you can protect babies from RSV:

- RSV vaccine given during pregnancy. Must be by 35th weeks pregnant. Available given from September-January. Immunity passes to baby during pregnancy, so baby will not need vaccination.
- RSV Antibody vaccine given directly to baby. Indicated if vaccine wasn't given during pregnancy. Available from birth to 6 months. Recommended for babies 6 months and typically given from October-March.

When a pregnant person gets the RSV vaccine, their protective antibodies pass along to their baby.

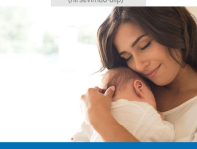
Babies born at least 2 weeks after vaccination are protected from birth to 6 months old, which is when babies are at highest risk for severe RSV infection.



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Infant Nirsevimab (Draft)

Is Your Baby Ready for RSV Season?



Protect Your Baby from RSV

RSV is the leading cause of hospitalization in infants under the age of one.


RSV is unpredictable, some babies could have a mild infection, while others can develop severe infection requiring hospitalization. Protection from RSV is key to lowering the chances of severe infection.

How Can You Protect Your Baby?

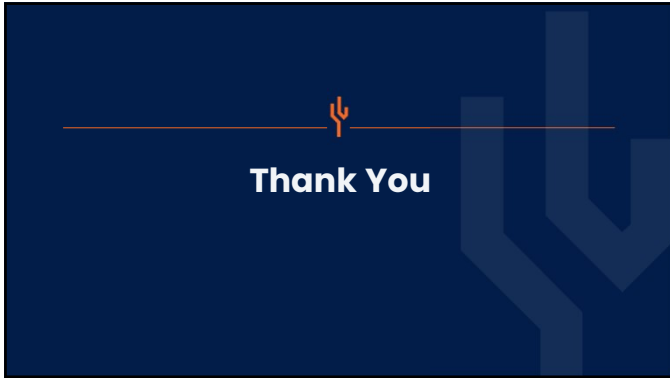
Beyfortus: an antibody injection that prevents severe RSV disease in babies.

- Recommended for newborns and babies under 8 months old entering their first RSV Season (typically from October to March)
- A single dose provides your baby with 5 months of protection against severe RSV infection

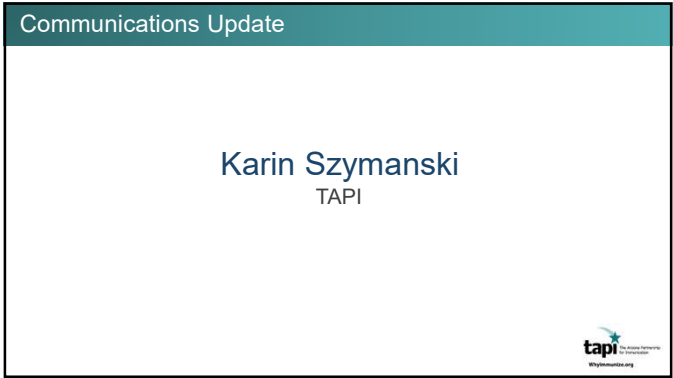
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a highly contagious virus that can lead to respiratory infections (such as pneumonia or bronchitis) in infants and children.



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RSV Messaging

Messaging Assistance | What do you say?

RSV immunization is recommended during pregnancy, for new infants, and vulnerable adults over the age of 60.


What is the best messaging that TAPI should incorporate this respiratory illness season for the three different groups:

- Pregnancy
- New infants
- Vulnerable adults



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TAPI Materials Review



Messaging

- Medically correct
- Messaging align with yours
- Missing anything

*Long COVID



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TAPI Materials Review

Protect Yourself and Your Family

Vaccinate Against RSV, COVID-19 and Flu

- Immunizations are available for three fall and winter respiratory illnesses.
- Yearly COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for everyone age 6 months and older.
- RSV immunization is recommended during pregnancy, for new infants, and vulnerable adults over the age of 60.
- Get vaccinated before you get exposed to a respiratory illness for the best protection!

Talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider about which vaccines are right for you.


RISK LESS. DO MORE!
Get vaccinated, wash hands, open windows for fresh air, wear a mask, and stay home when you are sick to stop the spread of illnesses!

Vaccines are your best defense to help protect you and your loved ones against RSV, COVID-19, and Flu.

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TAPI Materials Review




Planning for Pregnancy
The Healthy Way to Start

Whether you are currently pregnant or planning a pregnancy, we understand that there are so many things to think about!

- ✓ Take a multivitamin with folic acid
- ✓ Eat a balanced diet & stay active and fit
- ✓ Visit your health care provider for regular checkups
- ✓ See your dentist for regular exams and cleanings
- ✓ Remain up to date on your immunizations

Previews (Current)	When to Get
COVID-19	Anytime
Flu	Anytime
RSV (respiratory syncytial virus)	15 to 36 weeks pregnant, anytime for infant
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)	27 to 36 weeks pregnant


Your Immunity is passed along to your baby during pregnancy. This protects them for the first few months of life, until they are old enough to receive immunizations. Visit your health care provider for regular checkups and ask them about which immunizations are important for you and your baby.

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10 Things School Nurses Training

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WANT TO BOOST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT VACCINES?

10 THINGS SCHOOL NURSES AND HEALTH OFFICE STAFF NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WHY WE IMMUNIZE

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
12:00 - 1:30 PM

1.5 CEU'S

This training focuses on info to help make school nurses' jobs easier.

LEARN:

- ✓ Why vaccines work
- ✓ AZ School requirements
- ✓ Tips for completing the Immunization Data Report

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