

# Provider Education Committee Agenda

December 9, 2024 | 12:00pm-1:30pm



Welcome and Introductions..... Laura Smith

TAPI Update.....James Washington

ADHS/AIPO Update..... Marcellina Lopez

Respiratory Illness Update..... Dr Joel Terriquez

Provider Community of Practice.....Rebecca Nevedale

Partner Presentation.....AZ School Immunization Coalition

Resources Update.....Karin Szymanski

Policy Update .....Jennifer Tinney


TAPI Trainings.....Laura Smith

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Provider Education Committee TBD Meeting**  
Monday, February 10, 2025  
12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Provider Education Committee**


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Welcome and Introductions


**Laura Smith**  
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TAPI Update

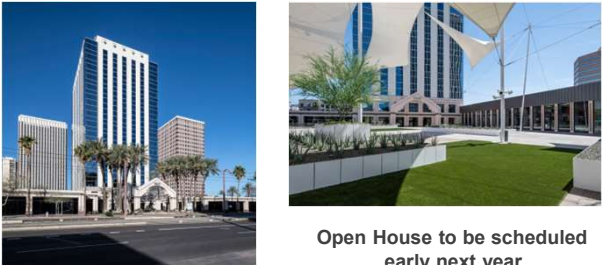
**James Washington**  
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Our offices have moved!

City Square, 3838 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1650




Open House to be scheduled early next year.


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TAPI Updates

**2025 Committee Calendar Available**



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



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TAPI Updates

Vitalyst Foundation-Systems Change Grant

- Vaccine Financing-establishment of Council
- Thank you for your letters of support
- Continue to document and share vaccine reimbursement issues

Preparing for upcoming Federal transition


- Working with national partners for unified messaging
- Communicate challenges and needs
- Collect stories to share with policy makers



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ADHS Update

**Marcellina Lopez**  
ADHS



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**TAPI Hybrid Provider Education Meeting**  
Vaccine Center Updates

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AGENDA


- Fall Respiratory Virus Season Vaccine Ordering
  - Influenza
  - RSV
  - COVID-19
- Special Considerations
- Advertising Transfers
- New Onboarding VFC Process
- Immunization Advisory Committee (ADHS IAC)
- Annual Training
- Adult Vaccine Updates
- Upcoming Enhancements
- Shipping Updates



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2024-2025  
Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

- As of 12/06/2024
  - 122,000 VFC flu doses ordered
  - 117,900 doses available
  - 9,120 does VFA flu doses ordered
  - 980 doses available




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RSV Vaccines/Nirsevimab Befortus


- Pfizer Abrysvo and Nirsevimab/Beyfortus open for VFC ordering in ASIIS
- The ordering cap for the 50mg and 100mg presentation has increased to 100 doses per order. If additional doses are needed please send an email to [Arizona.VFC@azdhs.gov](mailto:Arizona.VFC@azdhs.gov).

The table below indicates when ABRYSVO® 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.


Doseage	Oct 28 - Nov 25 Threshold Top-Offs	Dec 9 - Feb 17 Threshold Top-Offs
50 mgs	1,890	2,840
100 mgs	1,330	330



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2024-2025  
COVID-19 Vaccines

- Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax COVID-19 vaccines are authorized by the FDA
- Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax are available to order in ASIIS for VFC/VFA
  - If a presentation is not currently available, it will show as "unavailable" on the ASIIS order screen, and you will need to wait until it becomes available. There are no guarantees of when presentations will become available.




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### Special Considerations

**Borrowing Exceptions:**

- One-directional borrowing of private vaccines is allowable and unique to the **seasonal influenza vaccine**.
- VFC providers who **maintain private stock of COVID-19 vaccine and nirsevimab** for privately insured children, bidirectional borrowing will be allowed for the 2024-2025 respiratory virus season. (See [Module 10 - Addendum: Special Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccine and Nirsevimab](#))



Resources: [borrowing report](#)



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### Advertising Vaccines for Transfer: Available in VOMS

- This feature enables other VFC-enrolled providers in good standing (with no open incidents) to advertise soon-to-expire vaccines (at least 90 days before the expiration date), view other available transfers, and submit transfer requests.
- Authorized users will have access to a comprehensive list of all available vaccines across the state—please be mindful to select providers within reasonable proximity (Transport should not take longer than 30 minutes), avoiding selections from organizations/facilities located too far away.

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### Coming Soon New VFC Enrollment Process


- When a provider is newly onboard with the VFC Program, the BIZS will issue a Notice of Action (NOA) indicating that the provider has met all VFC qualifications to receive a patient panel.
- AHCCCS will send the notification to the Health Plans.

Upload the ASIS list of prescribing providers to AHCCCS - this will be attached to the email to AHCCCS. [Upload file](#)

Upload the new provider Activation NOA - this will be attached to the email to AHCCCS. [Upload file](#)

Email the signed Activation NOA and ASIS list of prescribing providers to AHCCCS  Click here to send a REDCap auto-email to AHCCCS [reset](#)


Clicking "send auto-email" will automatically send an email to Rachael Salley at [rachael.salley@azahcccs.gov](mailto:rachael.salley@azahcccs.gov) and Nicole Sanchez at [nicole.sanchez@azahcccs.gov](mailto:nicole.sanchez@azahcccs.gov)



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### Immunization Advisory Committee (ADHS IAC)


- On October 31, 2024, a transitional meeting was conducted with the VFC Workgroup. To continue to enhance communication, collaboration, ongoing engagement, and feedback with key stakeholders, the ADHS Bureau of Immunization Services (BIZS) is establishing an Immunization Advisory Committee (ADHS IAC) of 15-20 members. Meetings will be held quarterly and will encompass:
  - Government and Public Health representatives (rural and urban)
  - Healthcare Providers and Systems
  - Professional Associations
  - Community and Non-Profit Organizations
  - Educational Institutions
  - Tribal and Indigenous Community Leaders
  - Health Plans
  - Parents, Caregivers, and Family Advocates
  - Youth Service Organizations and Advocacy Groups
  - Experts in Data, Technology, and Reporting (STC)



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### VFC Annual Coordinator Training


- The BIZS is updating the AIPOTrain Learning Management System. During this time, the Annual VFC Coordinator training course will not be available.
  - If your annual training has expired or you need to renew your training in the meantime, please complete the CDC's "You Call the Shots" training. You can choose either the Vaccines for Children module or the Vaccine Storage and Handling module.
- The 2025 *You Call the Shots* training modules for Vaccine Storage and Handling and Vaccines for Children (VFC) will be published on **January 6, 2025**. For the remainder of the year, the 2024 modules can be accessed at [Vaccines For Children \(VFC\)](#) and [Vaccine Storage and Handling](#).



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### Adult Vaccine Updates

- A new CDC price list was released on December 1, 2024, which includes changes to VFA vaccines:
  - Pfizer
    - Penbraya 1 pack of 1 dose vial decreased in price from \$171.96 to \$164.02
    - Penbraya 5 pack of 1 dose vial decreased in price from \$171.99 to \$168.34



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### VFC ENHANCEMENTS

## VACCINE FOR CHILDREN (VFC) SURVEY

The screenshot shows the 'Vaccine for Children (VFC) Survey' form. It includes sections for 'Please provide your Provider ID', 'Date of Reporting for Survey', 'Did your VFCOP experience a loss of stock for your jurisdiction?', and 'Did your VFCOP experience an increase in stock for your jurisdiction?'. There are 'Yes' and 'No' buttons for each question.

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### VFC ENHANCEMENTS

## IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM FEEDBACK

The screenshot shows the 'Immunization Program Feedback' form. It includes a 'Please complete the survey below' section with a 'Submit' button. Below that, there are several questions with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons, such as 'Please indicate the reason you did not submit the survey' and 'How often do you use the immunization program?'. There is also a 'Thank you for your feedback!' message at the bottom.

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### VFC ENHANCEMENTS

## IMMUNIZATION PROJECT ENHANCEMENTS

The screenshot shows the 'Immunization Project Enhancements' dashboard. It features a table of 'Ongoing projects' with columns for 'Project', 'Start Date', and 'Status'. Below the table, there are several buttons for 'Update', 'Cancel', and 'Add'. To the right, there is a 'Projects in Production' section with a table listing various projects and their details.

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### Shipping Updates

- The [2024-2025 Holiday Vaccine Shipping Schedule](#) was shared weekly since November 2024.
- To receive your vaccines before the no-shipping period, submit your vaccine orders in ASIIS by the end of the day on Thursday, December 12th, 2024.
- VFC/VFA No vaccine deliveries on:
  - Tuesday, 12/24/2024 through Thursday, 12/26/2024 (Christmas)
  - Wednesday, 01/01/2025 through Thursday, 01/02/2025 (New Year's)

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### ACIP Update

## Dr. Joel Terriquez

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# Influenza, COVID-19, RSV:

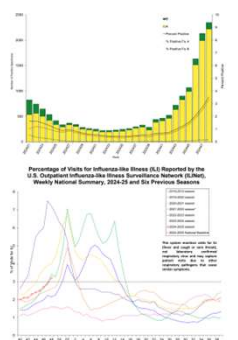
## Respiratory season update- week 48

Joel Terriquez, MD, FIDSA, CIC  
Medical Director  
Bureau of Infectious Diseases Services/Bureau of Immunizations Services

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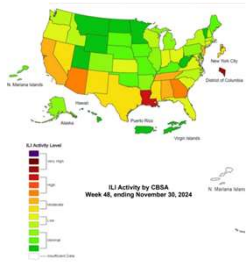
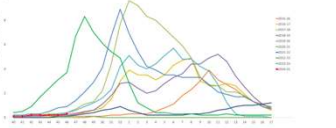
## National trends

- 3.5% test positivity
- 36.3% were influenza A H1N1; 61.7% H3N2 and 2% were influenza A H5.
- 3.2% influenza-like illness-provider visits



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## National trends

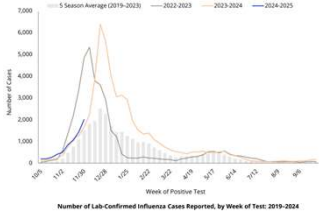



- Overall seasonal influenza activity remains low nationally
- Rate of hospitalization for influenza is lower than previous season, 2.1 per 100,000
- 2 pediatric death so far for 2024-2025

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## Arizona- Influenza

- **6,915 cases this season**
- Current Influenza activity is slightly higher than the 5-season average
- 18 % increase compared to previous season
- 41% increase compared to previous week



In the past week, there were **2,006** laboratory confirmed influenza cases.

Number of Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases Reported, by Week of Test: 2019-2024

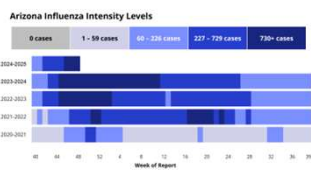
Table 1: Reported Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases Compared to Past Weeks and Seasons

	Cumulative Season Total	Current Week Total
2024-2025	6,915	2,006
2023-2024	5,841	1,657
5 season average (2019-2023)	4,739	1,527
% increase, compared to 2023-2024 season	18%	21%
% increase, compared to a typical influenza season	50%	33%
% increase, compared to last week	41%	41%

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## Arizona- Influenza

- More intense season that previous
- ILI visits up to 4.3%



Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance from Sentinel Outpatient Providers

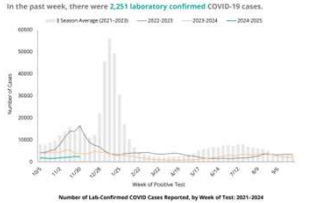
ILI percent was above the epidemic threshold at 4.3% in week 48.



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## Arizona- COVID-19

- **17,064 cases this season**
- 44% decrease compared to previous season (at week 48)
- 6% decrease compared to the previous week
- The Omicron FLiRT variants (KP.1 and KP.2) are the dominant variants in Arizona.
- 86% decrease compared to previous 5 seasons



In the past week, there were **2,251** laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Number of Lab-Confirmed COVID Cases Reported, by Week of Test: 2021-2024

Table 3: Reported Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Compared to Past Weeks and Seasons

	Cumulative Season Total	Current Week Total
2024-2025	17,064	2,251
2023-2024	30,734	3,752
5 season average (2021-2023)	125,842	15,547
% decrease, compared to 2023-2024 season	44%	40%
% decrease, compared to a typical influenza season	86%	86%
% increase, compared to last week	15%	6%

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## Arizona- RSV

- 333 cases this season
- 91% decrease compared to previous season
- 28% increase compared to previous week
- 87% decrease from previous seasons.

In the past week, there were 92 laboratory confirmed RSV cases.

Number of Cases

Week of Positive Test

Number of Lab-Confirmed RSV Cases Reported, by Week of Test: 2019-2024

Table 2: Reported Laboratory-Confirmed RSV Cases Compared to Past Weeks and Seasons

	Cumulative Season Total	Current Week Total
2024-2025	333	92
2023-2024	2,581	485
5 season average	2,202	325
% increase, compared to 2023-2024 season	-87%	-67%
% increase, compared to a typical season	-85%	-67%
% increase, compared to last week	38%	28%

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## Influenza H5

- 58 Confirmed Total Reported Human Cases in the United States
- Current public health risk is low, CDC is watching the situation carefully

Confirmed human case summary during the 2024 outbreak, by state and exposure source

Exposure Source

State	Cattle	Poultry	Unknown	State Total
California	31	0	1	32
Colorado	1	9	0	10
Michigan	2	0	0	2
Missouri	0	0	1	1
Oregon	0	1	0	1
Texas	1	0	0	1
Washington	0	11	0	11
Source Total	35	21	2	58

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## Pertussis

- 669 confirmed or probable cases of Pertussis (exceeded the five-year average of 266).
- The age group most impacted is 5-18, followed by 0-4.
- 18 cases in 5 counties were reported in week 48. This is a 33% decrease from the previous week.
- 67.4% of confirmed or probable cases had received one or more doses of a pertussis containing vaccine, 20.9% were not vaccinated, and the remaining had unknown vaccination status.
- 37 hospitalizations of Pertussis cases were reported in 2024.
- No pertussis deaths have been reported in 2024.

Pertussis Cases by Week

Week End Date

Pertussis Trends

	2024 Total	5 year average	% increase, compared to average year
Current Week Total	18	266	152%
% increase, compared to last week			33%

Pertussis Cases by Age Group

Age Group	2024	Current Week
0-4	127	7
5-18	362	8
19-49	86	1
50-64	44	1
65+	51	1

Pertussis Case Rate per 100k by County

County	2024	Current Week
Apache County	0	0
Cochise County	0.98	0.80
Cocconino County	5.51	0
Gila County	3.75	0
Graham County	0	0
Greenlee County	0	0
La Paz County	0	0
Maricopa County	11.02	0.29
Mohave County	2.81	0
Navajo County	5.62	0
Pinal County	4.61	0.19
Pima County	13.64	0.34
Santa Cruz County	23.23	2.50
Yavapai County	11.01	0
Yuma County	6.41	0

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### ADHS/AIPO Update

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Frameshift

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## TAPI Community of Practice (CoP)

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## What


A safe space where colleagues meet to share best practices, discuss sensitive issues and problem-solve common issues together.

## Who

People (non-providers) that help manage vaccination efforts in private practice, FQHCs and public health settings.

## How

Monthly calls focus on a specific topic, and time is reserved on each call for people to ask "random" questions of peers; Testing virtual platform to share resources more seamlessly and discuss things via email



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## CoP Facts


- Planning group identified purpose, goals, ground rules, potential topics and helped recruit participants
- 20-25 participants per call
- Statewide participation (Maricopa, Coconino, Graham, Pima, Cochise, Pinal, Yavapai, Navajo, Yuma, Greenlee, Mohave, LaPaz)
- Private practices, FQHCs, IHS/ 638, health dpts, nonprofit clinics




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## Topics Discussed

- Training Procedures
- Preparing for back-to-school rush
- Employee flu & COVID vaccine programs
- Vaccine program staffing models
- Inventory management
- Handling mistakes & med errors
- Preparing for respiratory season
- Combatting employee burnout
- Other systemic challenges



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**A team is not a group of people who work together. A team is a group of people who trust each other.**  
- Simon Sinek

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## Microsystem Help provided at the clinic level


- Job aides
- Slide decks for new hire training
- Policies and processes for onboarding and annual competency checks
- Contacts with Pharmaceutical companies to order
- Interventions to increase attendance at back-to-school events
- How to push MyIR with families
- Policies and processes for monitoring medical errors
- Planning guides for employee immunization efforts
- Tools to assess staffing ratios



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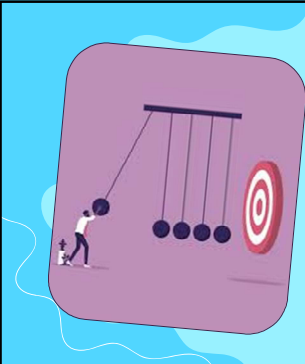
## Macrosystem Trends uncovered at the larger system

- Challenges with quality of training new MAs are receiving
- Confusion about schools accessing and being able to review ASIIS records Schools not explaining ACIP recommendations
- Challenges managing COVID-19 wastage
- Shipping delays
- Syringe shortages
- Parity in flu vaccine availability
- Challenges influencing leadership, especially in financing necessary staffing or creating a supportive work environment
- Challenges with providers not recommending vaccines (especially COVID-19)



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**Other impacts**

- Member able to "make the case" for increased staffing
- People contacting one another outside of the calls for support
- Space to "vent" and receive support so that they can return to their teams in a better space
- Individual case support-connecting with leaders in other orgs, counties, etc. to get services for patients

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**November Highlights**

**Microsystem**

**Resources/Ideas to combat burnout:**

- Need to "manage up" to inform leadership of the need to reduce workload and improve workflows
- Measure employee morale around a workflow change
- Tips to recruit, interview and onboard with retention in mind
- Recognize employees in a variety of ways. Celebrate them, surprise them with treats.

**Macrosystem**

**System-level issues uncovered**

- Sites with sufficient staff continue to struggle "making the case" to keep the staff
- Most no longer require COVID vaccine for employees
- Not participating in new Direct Relief program b/c of workflow considerations; Confusing for staff to manage this and VFA
- Syringe shortage

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**Powerful Statements During the November call**

- We'll help you. Don't worry, we got you, girl.
- Don't hate me, but whenever there's a new vaccine I dread it. I know we have to change the workflow and the girls are going to be overwhelmed.
- How do we prove our worth? It's a question we're always having to answer to leadership.
- When you see someone is not at their best, treat them like a person. They need to know we care. But they do need to know that they need to show up to work better.
- It's important to support team members when they're going through a tough time. When they're on the other side they will remember that.
- I can't focus on one thing when I'm trying to focus on everything
- People need to love, really love, kids to stay in pediatrics. And they need to like the very fast pace.

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Partner Presentation


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Kate Whitman/Laura Smith

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**LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSION**

**Arizona School Immunization Coalition**

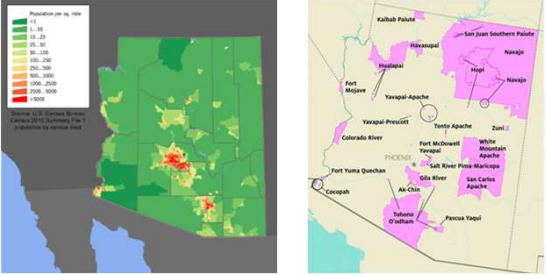


- Lynn Moriarty - Wesley Community Health Center and former school nurse with Alhambra School District
- Laura Smith - The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI)
- Pat VanMaanen - School Nurse Organization of Arizona (SNOA) consultant
- Kate Whitman - Arizona Department of Health (ADHS)
- Dr. Caswell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

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**Arizona Population and Native Nations**



Population per sq. mile

- 0 - 10
- 11 - 20
- 21 - 30
- 31 - 40
- 41 - 50
- 51 - 60
- 61 - 70
- 71 - 80
- 81 - 90
- 91 - 100
- 101 - 150
- 151 - 200
- 201 - 250
- 251 - 300
- 301 - 350
- 351 - 400
- 401 - 450
- 451 - 500
- 501 - 550
- 551 - 600
- 601 - 650
- 651 - 700
- 701 - 750
- 751 - 800
- 801 - 850
- 851 - 900
- 901 - 950
- 951 - 1000
- 1000+

Native Nations shown include: Kalab'Palah, Fort Mojave, Yavapai-Apache, Yavapai-Prescott, Fort McDowell Yavapai, Salt River Pima Maricopa, White Mountain Apache, Navajo, Hopi, San Carlos Apache, Tohono O'odham, Pinal, Maricopa, Pima, Mohave, Navajo, Salt River Pima Maricopa, San Carlos Apache, Tohono O'odham, Pinal, Maricopa, Pima, Mohave, Navajo.

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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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### Declining Arizona Immunization Coverage Rates by School Year (SY) Kindergarten 2020-2024

Percent of Kindergarten Students Fully Immunized by Vaccine in Arizona

	SY 22-23 to SY 23-24	2020-2024
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	89.9% - 89.3% <b>-0.6%</b>	91.9% - 89.3% <b>-2.6%</b>
DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis)	89.6% - 89.4% <b>-0.2%</b>	92.1% - 89.4% <b>-2.7%</b>
Hep B (Hepatitis B)	92.9% - 92.8% <b>-0.1%</b>	94.5% - 92.8% <b>-1.7%</b>
Varicella	94.1% - 94.1% <b>0.0%</b>	95.6% - 94.1% <b>-1.5%</b>
Polio	90.3% - 90.0% <b>-0.3%</b>	92.3% - 90.0% <b>-2.3%</b>

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### Increasing Arizona Immunization Personal Exemption Rates Kindergarten 2020-2024 (Highlighted in Yellow)

Percent of Kindergarten Students with an Exemption in Arizona

	SY 22-23 to SY 23-24	2020-2024
1 or more (Students with Personal/Religious Exemptions From one or more vaccines)	7.3-8.1% <b>+0.8</b>	5.4-8.1% <b>+2.7</b>
All vaccines (Students with Personal/Religious Exemptions From ALL vaccines)	4.6-4.8% <b>+0.2</b>	3.3-4.8% <b>+1.5</b>
Medical exemption (Students with a Medical Exemption From one or more vaccines)	0.15-0.54% <b>+0.39</b>	0.14-0.54% <b>+0.4</b>

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### 2023-2024 School Vaccine Exemptions

Counties with Kindergarten Exemptions to all vaccines greater than 5%

School Type	2023-2024 Exemption Rate
Child Care	1.0%
Private	10.7%
Public Charter	10.4%
Public District	5.8%
South	10.0%
North	4.1%

Exemption rates by the three school types: Private, Public Charter, and Public District based, (Child Care does not have different school types)

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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

Miro Map

- 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

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### Resource Hub

**SCHOOL HEALTH STAFF**

**WHY VACCINATION MATTERS**

**ARIZONA EXEMPTION RATE**

**UPCOMING TRAINING**

**FEBRUARY 2025 12-1:30PM LAM 15 CDEP**

**TO TRING SCHOOL, NURSES AND HEALTH OFFICE STAFF NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WHY WE IMMUNIZE**

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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

Contact Laura Smith, [LSmith@tapi.org](mailto:LSmith@tapi.org) for more information

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Resources Update



Karin Szymanski  
TAPI



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Resources Update

- Updated and available on the website.

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Resources Update

**Protect Yourself and Your Family**


Vaccinate Against Flu, COVID-19 & RSV

- Yearly Influenza (Flu) & COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for people 6 months and older.
- RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) vaccine is recommended during pregnancy and for vulnerable adults who are over the age of 60.
- RSV immunization is given to babies whose moms did not receive the RSV vaccine and that are born during the months of October to March.

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


Help Stop the Spread!

- Get vaccinated before you get exposed.
- Wash your hands.
- Open windows for fresh air.
- Wear a mask when needed.
- Stay home when you are sick.



Vaccines are your best defense to help protect you and your loved ones.

Please review RSV immunization and vaccination content.




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Resources Update


**IS YOUR CHILD PROTECTED?**

Vaccinate on time to protect your child from 18 serious diseases.



- The teal chart will be lightened throughout.
- QR code goes to parent page - URL.

Vaccine Facts:




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Resources Update

Vaccines Keep Diseases in the Past. Where They Belong.


While flip phones, record players and 90's music are back, many of us do not even recognize certain diseases. That is because of vaccines!

Appointment Follow-up date: For the parent/guardian only



Learn more about the diseases and the vaccines that prevent them at [tapi.org](http://tapi.org) or scan the QR Code above. Spanish users may visit [tapi.org](http://tapi.org) for the diseases and the vaccines that prevent them at [tapi.org](http://tapi.org) or scan the QR Code above.

- Left photo and right photo swapped; left photo to be a teen.
- This will replace both child and teen reminder/recall.



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### Resources Update

**Vaccines Keep These Diseases in the Past. Where They Belong.**

**Vaccines Keep These Diseases in the Past. Where They Belong.**

- Frame color does not work but does the frame concept?
- Left version can have the photos softened on edges like right version.
- Could do 4 and one 5 row for more content space.

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### Resources Update

**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.
- ☑ Visit your health care provider for regular checkups.
- ☑ See your dentist for regular exams and cleanings.
- ☑ Remain up-to-date on your immunizations.

Your immunity is passed along to your baby during pregnancy. This helps protect them for the first four months of life, or until they receive their own immunizations.

Visit your health care provider for regular check-ups and ask them about what immunizations are important for you and your baby.

Recommended Immunizations	When to Get the Vaccine
COVID-19	As recommended
Pfizer (mRNA) or Novartis (live)	27 to 36 weeks pregnant during 3rd visit
Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis)	27 to 36 weeks pregnant

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### Policy Update

**Jennifer Tinney**  
TAPI

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**Robert F. Kennedy Jr. As Health Secretary**

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**NEWS**  
Dave Weldon's CDC Role and Its Impact on Vaccine Policies  
NBC News - 25 Nov 2024

- DR. DAVE WELDON: CDC DIRECTOR
- DR. MARY MAKARY: FDA COMMISSIONER
- DR. JANETTE NESHEWAT: SURGEON GENERAL

RFK Jr.: "Thank you [to the NIH] for public service. We're going to give infectious disease a break for about eight years."

Kennedy wants to take a "break" from studying infectious diseases like COVID-19 and measles.

[www.nbcnews.com/politics/pol...](http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/pol...)

**History of Vaccine and/or COVID Skepticism**

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### National Policy Moving in Advance

- HHS including vaccine payment issues in top priorities for next 5-year plan.
- **Changing-401-c-d-cms-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 Medicare payments.
- Hepatitis B vaccine approved for Medicare Part B payments by mass immunizers

**National Fee Schedule for Medicare Part B Vaccine Administration**

MCN Matters Number: 1807242 | Revised Change Request (CR) Number: 12044

Revised CR Number: 1807242 | Revised Date: January 2025

Revised CR Title: Vaccine Matters: 181110176 | Implementation Date: April 3, 2025

Project ID: 276 | Implementation of National Fee Schedule for Medicare Part B Vaccine Administration

**Proposed Types Affected**

The MCMatters CR is for proposed new addition of procedure (P) codes, with these implementation starting on January 1, 2025. Implementation of CR 1807242 for vaccine matters has been approved.

**Proposed Action Requested**

What are your filing and action dates?

- Action request approval for procedure code implementation
- CR 1807242 for the national fee schedule update

**Background**

Under Section 1815(c)(4) of the Social Security Act (SSA), Part B covers both the vaccine and the administration of the vaccine.


- Part B vaccine
- Part B vaccine administration
- Part B vaccine administration
- Part B vaccine administration

Effective 01/01/2025, CMS updates the Part B payment amount for procedure codes administered under and covered by the program under the Medicare benefit. These rates apply to the Medicare Part B benefit.

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**Trump statement**



Purpose to "dismantle government bureaucracy, slash excess regulations, cut wasteful expenditures, and restructure federal agencies."

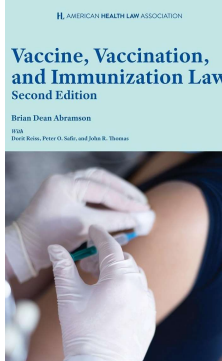
### Funding Impacts

- Likely to starve programs
- AZ relies on Federal grants for immunization system
- Impact could be as soon as Jan despite advanced moves

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### State Advocacy

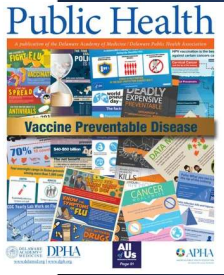
New members in Health Committees  
May see old bills come back into play



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### Previous Vaccine Bills

- Requirement to offer titers
- Addition of religious exemptions to school/PBE to childcare
- Naturopath authority on medical exemptions
- Requirement to provide full package insert/ingredient list counseling
- State vaccine adverse event tracking system
- Annual report of all adverse events
- Pets- No requirement for rabies vaccine
- No employer requirements
- Medicaid cuts – more uninsured patients



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### Advocacy Committee

- MEETS EVERY OTHER FRIDAY JAN-APRIL – REBECCA AND JENNIFER
- WEEKLY UPDATES AND TALKING POINTS SHARED WITH COMMITTEES
- [PATTYM@TAPI.ORG](mailto:pattym@tapi.org)

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### Grants in Process

University of Arizona (UA) HPV Story Telling \$20,000	• Awarded Sept
PCORI UA/University of New Mexico \$5 million over 5 years	• Grant due Jan
Vitalyst System Change	• Submitted Nov

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### T.I.P.S Trainings

Laura Smith  
TAPI



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### TAPI Trainings

Overnight training for medical assistants & vaccine coordinators

### Training on Immunization Practice Strategies (T.I.P.S.)

Winter 2024

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORT!**

December 12, 2024  
 Arizona Public Health Center  
 2050 E. Country Club Rd  
 Tucson, AZ 85714

Check-in at 8:30 AM  
 Training ends at 4:00 PM

**THIS TRAINING IS FOR THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND LAST YEAR.**  
 The content of this training will be the same as what was covered last year.

**REGISTER NOW**

TAPI presents free, overnight TAPI trainings for medical assistants and vaccine coordinators for public and private providers.

Participants will get useful insights into:

- Vaccine safety
- Understanding the ACIP Schedule
- Vaccine administration
- Vaccine Refill Protocol
- Counseling algorithms
- The state immunization registry
- Local (AZ) resources

**tapi** The Arizona Partnership for Immunization  
 WhyImmunize.org

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## Thank You!

Next

### Provider Education Committee Meeting

February 10, 2025

12pm-1:30pm



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(IF AVAILABLE)

**COVID -19  
FLU**

**ADULT VACCINES 19+**

**HEPATITIS A  
HEPATITIS B  
TDAP (TETANUS)  
MMR**

*(Limited supply)*

*Please bring all your vaccine records*



**VACCINES AT NO COST TO YOU**

**YMCA**  
**12450 W CINNABAR AVE.**  
**EI MIRAGE, AZ 85335**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**  
**COVID & FLU ONLY**

**CENTRO COMUNITARIO**  
**SALUD EN BALANCE**  
**2801 N. 31 ST.**  
**PHOENIX, AZ 85008**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
**2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**ROUSSEAU FARMS**  
**11803 E MCDONALD DR.**  
**SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**  
**COVID & FLU ONLY**

**TOLLESON CIVIC CENTER**  
**9055 W. VAN BUREN ST.**  
**TOLLESON, AZ 85353**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
**1:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL**  
**3130 N. 51ST. AVE.**  
**PHOENIX, AZ 85031**  
**WEDNESDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 11 & 18**  
**2:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.**

**PAIUTE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**6535 E. OSBORN RD.**  
**SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**CREIGHTON**  
**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
**EXCELENCIA SCHOOL**  
**2181 E. MCDOWELL RD**  
**PHOENIX, AZ**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
**8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**  
**FLU ONLY**

**MURPHY EDUCATION &**  
**HEALTH CENTER**  
**3140 W. BUCKEYE RD.**  
**PHOENIX, AZ 85009**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
**2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**ST. MATTHEW**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**320 N. 20TH DR.**  
**PHOENIX, AZ 85009**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
**2:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.**

**CROSIER VILLAGE**  
**717 E. SOUTHERN AVE.**  
**PHOENIX, AZ 85040**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
**2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

Immunization Equity Program

For questions about vaccines call the

**CARES Center at 602 506-6767**

Children need consent from a parent or legal guardian to get vaccinated.

Bring your insurance information, those without insurance are still welcome. Maricopa County Public Health is committed to providing universal access to all of our events. Please contact us to request disability accommodations. Advance notice is necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.

*(if you have Medicare we can ONLY do COVID & Flu if available)*



DEPENDIENDO DEL INVENTARIO  
**COVID-19**  
**GRIPE**

## VACUNAS DE ADULTOS 19+

HEPATITIS A  
HEPATITIS B  
TDAP (TÉTANO)  
SARAMPIÓN

*\*(cantidades limitadas)*

Por favor traiga todas sus cartillas o records de  
vacunación aunque sean de otro país



## VACUNAS SIN COSTO PARA USTED

**YMCA**  
12450 W CINNABAR AVE.  
EI MIRAGE, AZ 85335  
LUNES, 2 DE DICIEMBRE  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
**SOLO COVID & GRIPE**

**CENTRO COMUNITARIO  
SALUD EN BALANCE**  
2801 N. 31 ST.  
PHOENIX, AZ 85008  
JUEVES, 5 DICIEMBRE  
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**CAMPO AGRICOLA  
ROUSSEAU FARMS**  
11803 E MCDONALD DR.  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256  
VIERNES, 6 DE DICIEMBRE  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
**SOLO COVID & GRIPE**

**TOLLESON CIVIC CENTER**  
9055 W. VAN BUREN ST.  
TOLLESON, AZ 85353  
MARTES, 10 DE DICIEMBRE  
1:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

**ESCUELA ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
3130 N. 51ST. AVE.  
PHOENIX, AZ 85031  
MIÉRCOLES,  
11 & 18 DE DICIEMBRE  
2:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

**CENTRO COMUNITARIO PAIUTE**  
6535 E. OSBORN RD.  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251  
JUEVES, 12 DICIEMBRE  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

**DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS  
CREIGHTON  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
ESCUELA EXCELENCIA**  
2181 E. MCDOWELL RD  
PHOENIX, AZ  
SÁBADO, 14 DE DICIEMBRE  
8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
**SOLO GRIPE**

**MURPHY EDUCATION &  
HEALTH CENTER**  
3140 W. BUCKEYE RD.  
PHOENIX, AZ 85009  
MARTES, 17 DE DICIEMBRE  
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**ESCUELA ST. MATTHEW**  
320 N. 20TH DR.  
PHOENIX, AZ 85009  
MARTES, 17 DE DICIEMBRE  
2:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

**IGLESIA CROSIER VILLAGE**  
717 E. SOUTHERN AVE.  
PHOENIX, AZ 85040  
JUEVES, 19 DE DICIEMBRE  
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Immunization Equity Program

Para preguntas sobre la vacuna llame al centro de llamadas  
**211 y presione 2-3 o al 602 506-6767**

No necesita hacer cita, se requiere el consentimiento del padre, madre o tutor para vacunar a los menores de edad. Con o sin seguro médico son bienvenidos. Salud Pública del Condado de Maricopa se compromete a brindar acceso universal a todos nuestros eventos. Comuníquese para solicitar adaptaciones para discapacitados. Es necesario avisar con antelación para hacer arreglos para algunas necesidades de accesibilidad.

*(Si usted tiene Medicare puede vacunarse contra COVID y Gripe)*