

# Community Awareness Committee Agenda

## June 2nd, 2025 | 12:00pm-1:30pm

Welcome and Introductions.....	Karin Szymanski
Executive Update.....	James Washington
ADHS/AIPO Update.....	Marcelina Lopez
2025 IDR Data.....	Lauren Krebs
• Mapping Projects, Jennifer Tinney	
National Policy Update.....	Jennifer Tinney
Communications Conversation and breakout.....	Karin Szymanski
Arizona Families for Vaccines.....	Brandi Giles
National Social Media Strategy.....	Karin Szymanski
TIPS.....	Karin Szymanski

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

#### **Community Awareness Committee Meeting**

Monday, July 7, 2025

12:00am - 1:30pm

## Community Awareness Committee

June 2, 2025  
12:00pm- 1:30pm



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## Welcome and Introductions

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## Executive update

James Washington  
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## TAPI Updates

### Federal Administration changes

- Assessing impact of proposed budget: Medicaid
- Collaborating with national/local partners
- Coordinating resources: NFID, AAP, ACOG, NNIC

### Our continued focus:

- Engagement; partnerships
- Effective Communication; resources
- Advocacy; monitor and respond

### How you can help

- Collect stories to share with policy makers
- Communicate challenges and needs



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## BIZS Update

Marcellina Lopez  
BISZ/ADHS



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Marcellina Lopez

Immunization Programs Office Chief



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**Agenda**



- Re - enrollment Update
- Fall Respiratory Virus Season Vaccine Ordering
  - Influenza
  - COVID-19
- Shipping Updates



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**2025 VFC Annual Re-Enrollment**


- Re-enrollment is currently open and will end August 31, 2025.
- Re-enrollment instructions can be found in the [Arizona VFC Re-enrollment instructions](#) or on the [ASIS home page](#).
- A reminder email was sent on 05/27/2025 via RedCap

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**2024-2025 Seasonal Influenza Vaccines**

- All Flu Doses will expire 06/30/2025
  - The last day to order vaccines is 06/16/2025.
  - A notice to the providers will be sent on 06/03/2025 along with instructions on how to return any expired vaccines.




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**2024-2025 COVID-19 Vaccines**

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recently updated its recommendations regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.
  - BIZS sent a notice this morning with the updated changes via RedCap.

**Resources:**

- [Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule by Age | Vaccines & Immunizations | CDC](#)
- [Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule by Medical Indication | Vaccines & Immunizations | CDC](#)
- [Child Immunization Schedule Notes | Vaccines & Immunizations | CDC](#)
- [Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger; 2025 U.S.](#)
- [Adult Immunization Schedule by Medical Condition and Other Indication | Vaccines & Immunizations | CDC](#)
- [Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older; 2025 U.S.](#)




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**Shipping Updates**

VFC/VFA No Vaccine Deliveries on:

- Independence Day - Friday, 07/04/2025




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**Thank you!**

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## 2024/2025 IDR Data

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## 2024-2025 School and Child Care Immunization Coverage

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Lauren Krebs, MPH | School Health Epidemiologist

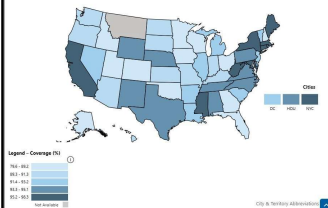


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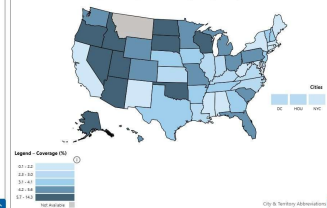
## What is the Current Status of Vaccine Uptake in the U.S?

2023-2024 Kinder  
MMR Coverage

MMR Vaccination Coverage among Kindergartners by School Year

2023-2024 Kinder  
Exemptions

Percentage of Kindergartners with Any Exemption, by School Year

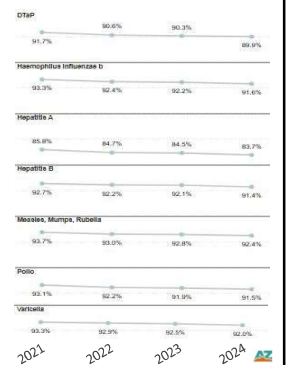


Source - CDC SchoolVaxView

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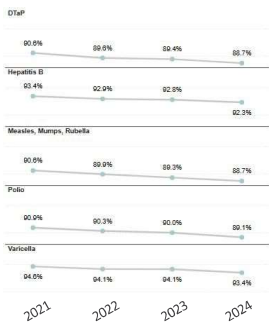
Coverage Rates -  
Child Care, 2021-2024

Childcare			
	2023	2024	% Change 23-24
Students Enrolled	71,919	67,392	-6.29%
4+ DTaP	90.3%	89.9%	-0.4%
3+ Polio	91.9%	91.5%	-0.4%
1+ MMR	92.8%	92.4%	-0.4%
3+ Hib	92.2%	91.6%	-0.6%
2+ Hep A**	84.5%	83.7%	-0.8%
3+ Hep B	92.1%	91.4%	-0.7%
1+ Varicella	92.5%	92.0%	-0.5%



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## Coverage Rates - Kindergarten, 2021-2024

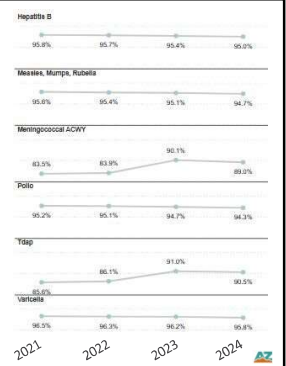


Kindergarten			
	2023	2024	% Change 23-24
Students Enrolled	74,535	73,056	-1.98%
4+ DTaP	89.4%	88.7%	-0.7%
3+ Polio	90.0%	89.1%	-0.9%
2+ MMR	89.3%	88.7%	-0.6%
3+ Hep B	92.8%	92.3%	-0.5%
1+ Varicella	94.1%	93.4%	-0.7%

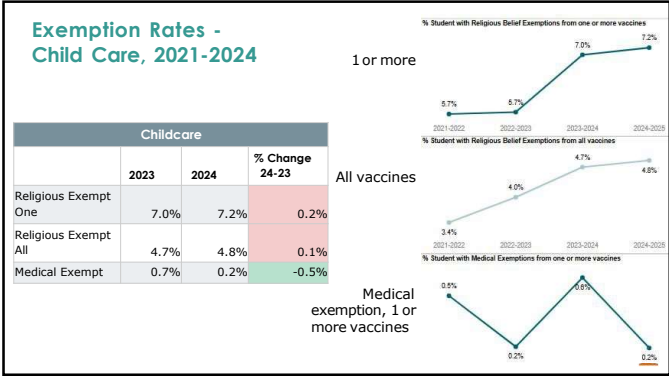
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Coverage Rates -  
Sixth Grade, 2021-2024

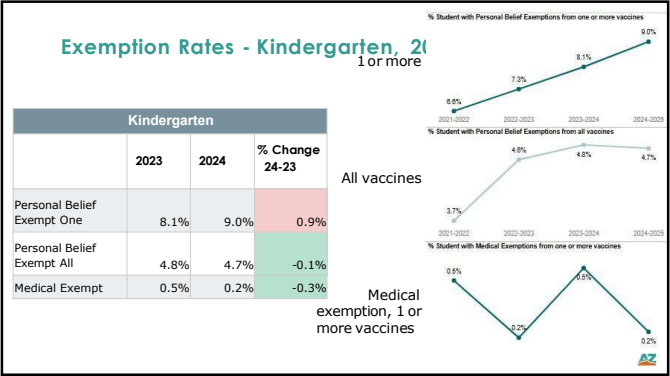
Sixth Grade			
	2023	2024	% Change 23-24
Students Enrolled	82,095	82,115	+0.02%
Tdap	91.0%	90.5%	-0.5%
MenACWY	90.1%	89.0%	-0.9%
3+ Polio	94.7%	94.3%	-0.4%
2+ MMR	95.1%	94.7%	-0.4%
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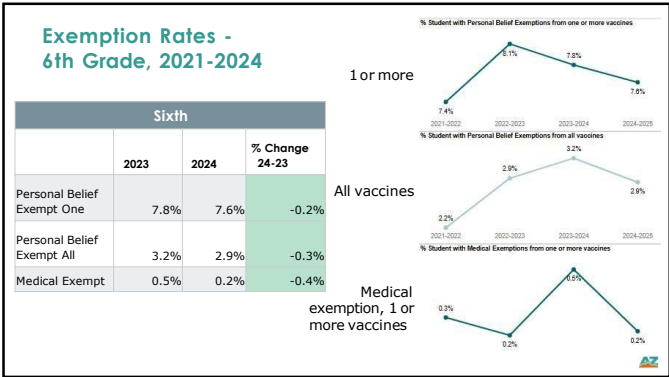
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## Thank You!

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## National Policy Update

Jennifer Tinney  
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<b>Bills to watch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. EIA exemptions <a href="#">HB2012</a></li><li>2. Religious exemptions <a href="#">HB2055</a></li><li>3. Parents rights vaccine <a href="#">HB2126</a></li><li>4. College exemptions <a href="#">HB2058</a></li><li>5. Notification/exemptions <a href="#">HB2063</a></li><li>6. DCS Vaccine placement <a href="#">HB2257</a></li><li>7. Advertising requirements <a href="#">HB2199</a></li><li>8. Refusal of care <a href="#">HB2707</a></li></ul>	<b>Updates - 05/30/2025</b>
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### Bills we can expect next session (from other states)

Nationally there have been 263 vaccine bills in state legislatures including those like we saw in AZ and the following:

- Medical freedom - Elimination of all childcare and school requirements
- Blood donation exclusion for vaccinated patients
- Criminal intentional exposure to pathogens - aimed at live virus vaccines
- Criminal intentions for administering mRNA vaccines
- Informed consent at administration – package insert, exemption education
- Medicaid fast tracked claims for vaccine adverse events
- Off label prescribing restrictions
- Food labels for vaccine products

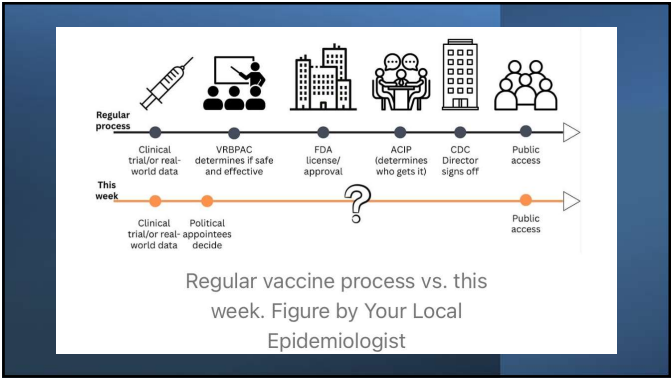
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### National Vaccine News Review Jan-May

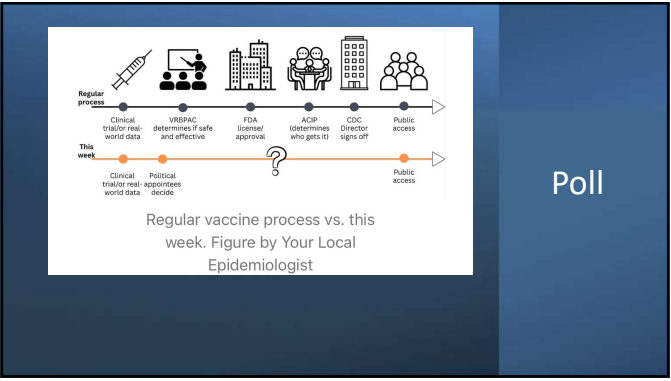


- Measles outbreak 1046 cases, 31 jurisdictions
- \$11 billion in covid funds rescinded from states
- CDC 30% staffing cut
- NIH canceled funding for vaccine and mRNA research
  - \$600 million rescinded from Moderna pandemic flu this week
- GAVI funding canceled
- Delays and cancellation of VRBPAC and ACIP
- Reorg of HHS. Elimination of some depts, merging others (28 divisions to 15).
  - Creation of Administration for Healthy America (AHA)
  - Moving ASPR and SNS to CDC
  - Additional person reductions 82,000 to 62,000 across all agencies
  - David Geier added to HHS to study vaccines and autism (concern for VACP inclusion)
  - Vinay Prasad leading vaccine division (critical of manufacturer relationships with FDA/CDC)
- Change to COVID-19 vaccine recommendations outside of usual process
- MAHA report "over medication of children" includes vaccines - growth of childhood schedule, placebo trials, surveillance systems and compensation fund. Calls out medical freedom and childhood mandates.

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Presidential Budget Proposal

CDC

- Decreases CDC's budget by 48% going from \$7.6B to just \$4B.
- Eliminates the:
  - National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion
  - National Center for Environmental Health
  - National Center for Injury Prevention and Control
  - Global Health Center
  - Public Health Preparedness and Response
  - Preventive Health and Human Services Block Grant

HRSA

- The budget decreases HRSA from \$7.6B to just \$6B.
- The budget includes:
  - \$74M decrease in funding for Ryan White HIV/AIDS program activities that do not focus on core health care and support services directly to patients, such as education and training.
  - \$274M decrease in funding for MCH.
  - \$11B decrease in funding for health workforce programs that provide scholarships and support for individuals to enter "high-paying medical careers."
  - \$286M decrease in funding for Title X Family Planning programs.

ASPR

- Decreases funding by \$240 million for ASPR.
- Eliminates funding for ASPR's Hospital Preparedness Program.

Other HHS Programs

- Eliminates the Sexual Risk Avoidance Program.
- Eliminates the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program.
- Reduces funding levels for the HHS Office of Minority Health and Office on Women's Health.

For more information view the [FY26 budget proposal](#)

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Arizona CDC Immunization Funding

CDC

FY2023

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Fiscal Year 2023 Grants Summary Profile Report for  
Arizona

This profile includes selected CDC grants and cooperative agreements provided to health departments, universities, and other public and private agencies in Arizona. Refer to the "About the Data" section below for important qualifying statements about the data.

ADHS Immunization Program 5 Year Cooperative Agreement ends June 2025.

- Previous 5-year non-vaccine total \$205,685,577
- VFC/VFA~\$112 million per year
- Cuts for next 5 years unknown

Beginning July 2025 Maricopa to get direct funding for the first time.

- No details yet city of phx or county
- Will split state funds between ADHS and Maricopa County

CATEGORY	OBLIGATED AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)	\$300,000	0.1%
Born Defects, Developmental Disabilities, Disability and Health	\$1,689,898	0.8%
Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	\$21,133,858	10.3%
Cross-Cutting Activities and Program Support	\$18,400,328	9.0%
Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases	\$1,945,827	0.9%
Environmental Health	\$2,147,185	1.0%
HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STI and TB Prevention	\$12,966,082	6.3%
Immunization and Respiratory Diseases	<b>\$6,866,007</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Injury Prevention and Control	\$10,547,891	5.1%
Occupational Safety and Health	\$628,358	0.3%
Public Health Preparedness and Response	\$10,007,079	4.9%
Public Health Scientific Services (PHSS)	\$1,410,148	0.7%
Public Health Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF)	\$10,488,488	5.1%
Vaccines for Children	<b>\$112,923,887</b>	<b>54.9%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$112,923,887</b>	<b>54.9%</b>

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Increased Funding but with Concerns

1. Program Cuts and Eliminations

- Global Immunization Programs Eliminated: The FY 2026 budget proposes to eliminate the CDC's global immunization program entirely.
- Domestic Program Consolidations: Some immunization-related functions are being shifted or reorganized under the new Administration for a Healthy America, potentially disrupting program continuity.

2. Funding Reallocation and Structural Uncertainty

- The Section 317 Immunization Program's funding level is not explicitly stated. The total for "Immunization and Respiratory Diseases" is \$963 million, but allocations to specific subprograms are unclear.

3. CDC Budget Reductions Overall

- The CDC's overall discretionary program level is reduced by \$1.2 billion from FY 2025. While immunization funding is higher than FY 2025's \$237 million, it is still below historical levels like FY 2019 (\$808 million) and expert recommendations (e.g., \$1.1 billion for Section 317 alone).

4. Elimination of the Prevention and Public Health Fund

- The FY 2026 budget eliminates the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), which previously supported state and local public health infrastructure and vaccination efforts.

5. Reorganization Risks

- The restructuring of HHS into fewer entities introduces operational uncertainty. While intended to increase efficiency, such reorganizations can disrupt service delivery and undermine federal guidance and workforce morale.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget in Brief

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Next Step?

LOUD SCIENCE

Building community around immunizations, science, art, and public health advocacy

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Communications Conversation

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Communications Conversation

What in the world is happening?????!!!!!!

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## Communications Conversation

AXIOS

May 21, 2022, Melissa K. Rhee

### RFK Jr. pushes back target date for autism report



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Health Secretary **Robert F. Kennedy Jr.**, on Thursday walked back promises to release a report on the causes of autism by September.

**Why it matters:** Kennedy, who has promoted debunked theories about the disorder, launched a mission to find a [cure](#) under the [Trump](#) administration.

- **"The most solid information** it will probably take us another six months," Kennedy [told](#) CNN's Katie Couric.
- Kennedy laid out the new timeline the same day his Make America Healthy Again Commission released a 18-page [report](#) on childhood chronic illness.
- Kennedy tapped [David Gorski](#), a [vaccine skeptic](#) who [practiced medicine without a license](#) in Maryland, to conduct a study into the link between vaccines and autism.



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## Communications Conversation

### American Lung Association Urges HHS To Keep COVID-19 Vaccinations Available for All

WASHINGTON, DC | May 21, 2022

Tony, LL, [Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#), announced that the Administration is no longer recommending the COVID-19 vaccination for healthy children or healthy pregnant women. In response to the announcement, American Lung Association President and CEO Heidi Wornat released the following statement:

**"Secretary Kennedy has promised transparency and that he would not take vaccine away from anyone, but with today's announcement, he is doing the opposite. The decision to take away the choice for pregnant women and for parents who choose to get their children vaccinated against COVID-19 is alarming. By removing the recommendation for healthy children and pregnant women, insurers are no longer required to cover vaccination without cost – although some may choose to continue doing so. As a result, many who want to be vaccinated may face out-of-pocket costs or find it harder to access, making it less available and less affordable."**

**"The evidence does not support the decision. COVID-19 is still a significant public health threat, and vaccination is the best way to help keep parents at work, kids at school and families healthy. From October 1, 2020 through mid-May of this year, there were 260,000-430,000 COVID-19 hospitalizations. So far this year, there have been over 100,000 deaths from COVID-19."**

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## Communications Conversation

AAP News

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### AAP Removal of COVID vaccines from immunization schedules for healthy children, pregnant people disregards process, increases risk

May 27, 2022

Michelle Adams, Senior News Editor

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Topic: COVID-19, Infectious Disease, Immunization

**After a vote** for the decision on COVID-19 and [https://www.aap.org/COVID19](#)

The federal government's removal of COVID-19 vaccines from the routine immunization schedule for healthy children and people who are pregnant ignores independent medical experts and leaves children at risk, according to AAP leaders.

**"By removing the recommendation, the decision could have far-reaching effects,"** said Sean T. O'Leary, M.D., M.P.H., AAP chair of the AAP Committee on Infectious Diseases. "Those who want to vaccinate may no longer be able to, as the requirement for insurance coverage and access is removed... While it is clear to the pregnant women, infants and young children are at higher risk of hospitalization from COVID, and the safety of the COVID vaccine has been widely demonstrated."

**"We're now one step closer to making President Trump's promise to make America healthy again,"** Kennedy said.

**"We already learned that the recommendation healthy children need the vaccine, removing it from children ages 6 months to 17 years hospitalized with COVID from October 2020 to April 2021 did not have a known underlying condition, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data."**



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Academy News | May 21, 2022

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### ACOG Statement on HHS Recommendations Regarding the COVID Vaccine During Pregnancy

The following is a statement from Steven J. Frawley, MD, ACOG, president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

**"We are extremely disappointed and concerned** by the announcement that HHS will no longer recommend COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy. As doctors who treat patients every day, we have seen firsthand how dangerous COVID-19 infection can be during pregnancy and for newborns who depend on maternal antibodies from the vaccine for protection. We also understand that despite the change in recommendations from HHS, the science has not changed. It is very clear that COVID-19 infection during pregnancy can be catastrophic and lead to major disability, and it can cause devastating consequences for families. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe during pregnancy and vaccination can protect our patients and their infants after birth."

**"In fact, growing evidence shows** just how much vaccination during pregnancy protects the infant after birth, with the vast majority of hospitalized infants now less than six months of age—those who are not yet eligible for vaccination—born to unvaccinated mothers."

**"Following this announcement, we are worried about our patients in the future, who may be less likely to choose vaccination. We are concerned about vaccine hesitancy and what this recommendation will mean for insurance coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine for those who do choose to get vaccinated during pregnancy. And as doctors, we are very concerned about the potential deterioration of vaccine confidence in the future."**



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AAP News

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### FDA advisers recommend same strain for 2022-23 COVID vaccines but don't agree on formulation

May 23, 2022

Michelle Adams, Senior News Editor

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Topic: COVID-19, Infectious Disease, Immunization

**While COVID-19 is a serious respiratory illness**, the 2022-23 season should be less deadly than last year's, experts say.

**After a vote** for the decision on COVID-19 and [https://www.aap.org/COVID19](#)

**"The change also circumvents the usual process by which the FDA approves vaccines based on reviews of laboratory and clinical data to ensure their safety and efficacy. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) then decides who to recommend for vaccination. That group already was evaluating whether to make a risk-based recommendation but had indicated it planned to make vaccines available to anyone who wants one."**

Full article can be found [here](#).



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## Communications Conversation

TAPI would like to hear from our coalition members as we work to create a strategic plan and variety of messaging to work within our new vaccine world.

### Break Out Rooms

- What questions are you receiving in your work environment?
  - Those you can respond to and those you are looking for more resources to address
- What questions do you yourself have or have you received in social settings?
- What coming concerns do you have that the coalition might help prepare for?
- What are two way in which TAPI can best support you during this new transitional time?



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## Tucson Advocacy Event

**Brandi Giles, RN**  
Arizona Families for Vaccines



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## Social Media and Messaging

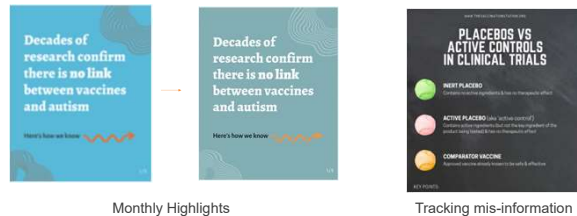
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## Social Media and Messaging

National to local – Vaccinate Your Family, Voices for Vaccines and more...



Monthly Highlights

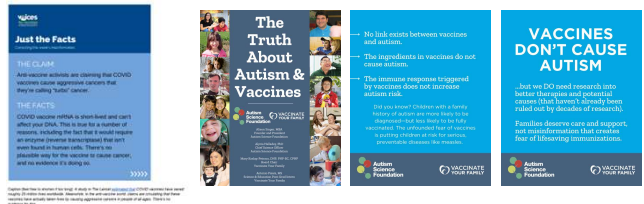
Tracking mis-information



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## Social Media and Messaging

National orgs are tracking media about news highlights, misinformation and other trends and providing resources to the coalitions for a consolidated voice.



Keep an eye on our social and help us boost these important messages.



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## Resources and Outbreak Information

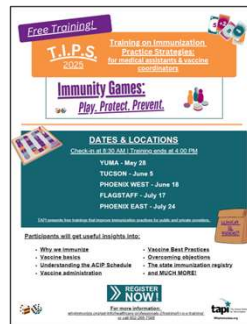


Several of our resources will be moving to download only. Please contact TapiAdmin@tapi.org with questions/needs.



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## Summer TIPS




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Summer TIPS


Please Help Support TIPS This Year!




SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR OWN ORGANIZATION



THINK ABOUT PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE STAFF THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM THIS TRAINING



SHARE THE FLYER



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Thank You!

Next

Community Awareness Committee Meeting

Monday, July 7, 2025

12:00pm - 1:30pm



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Free Training!

**T.I.P.S.**  
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Training on Immunization  
Practice Strategies:  
for medical assistants & vaccine  
coordinators



**Immunity Games:**  
**Play. Protect. Prevent.**



## DATES & LOCATIONS

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

**YUMA - May 28**

**TUCSON - June 5**

**PHOENIX WEST - June 18**

**FLAGSTAFF - July 17**

**PHOENIX EAST - July 24**

TAPI presents free trainings that improve immunization practices for public and private providers.



Participants will get useful insights into:

- Why we immunize
- Vaccine basics
- Understanding the ACIP Schedule
- Vaccine administration
- Vaccine Best Practices
- Overcoming objections
- The state immunization registry
- and MUCH MORE!

**REGISTER  
NOW!**

For more information:

[whyimmunize.org/get-info/healthcare-professionals-2/training/t-i-p-s-training/](https://whyimmunize.org/get-info/healthcare-professionals-2/training/t-i-p-s-training/)  
or call 602-288-7568

