

Community Awareness Committee Agenda

July 7, 2025 | 12:00pm- 1:30pm

Welcome and Introductions.....	Blanca Martinez
BIZS Update.....	Marcellina Lopez
Phoenix Fire Department Updates.....	Kandy Evans
National Immunization Awareness Month.....	Karin Szymanski
Flyer content feedback.....	Karin Szymanski
ACIP Update.....	Jennifer Tinney
• Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine	

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Community Awareness Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 4, 2025

12:00pm-1:30pm

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Welcome and Introductions

Blanca Martinez
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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
- Influenza Expired
- VFC News
 - Phoenix Providers
- 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 [ASHS home page](#).
- A reminder email will be sent on 07/10/2025 via RedCap.



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2025 VFC Annual Re-Enrollment

As of 07/02/2025

- Total Number of records assigned to staff for review : **377**
 - Number of records approved (completed): **324**
 - Number of records assigned for review but not yet approved: **54**

We are working diligently to process re-enrollments as efficiently as possible. However, please allow up to 10 business days for a response. We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding.



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2024-2025 Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

- All Flu Doses Have **Expired 06/30/2025**
 - A notice to the providers was sent on 07/01/2025 along with instructions on how to return any expired vaccines.
 - [The 2024-2025 Influenza Season has ENDED!](#)



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VFC News: Phoenix is Now Recognized as Its Own Jurisdiction

- As of July 01, 2025, Phoenix has been officially designated as a jurisdiction for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program under the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH).
 - Communication will be shared with all providers via RedCap Email.
- The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Bureau of Immunization Services (BIZS) will continue to provide support to VFC providers across Arizona, working closely with Maricopa County for providers in Phoenix.
- Please continue to follow the guidelines in the [Arizona Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) Operations Guide](#) while we navigate this transition.
- A joint webinar with ADHS and MCDPH will be scheduled soon to help everyone prepare for the changes ahead, before any modifications are implemented.



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Shipping Updates

VFC/VFA No Vaccine Deliveries on:

- Labor Day - Monday, 09/01/2025



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Thank you!

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Bureau of Immunization Services/Preparedness


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Partner Presentation

Kandy Evans
Phoenix Fire Department



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Phoenix Fire Department providing over 700,000 vaccinations since 1998

Our Family Helping Yours

2025 Public Health and Vaccination Clinics

Vaccine	Day	Time	Location	Address
Cholera	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.
Typhoid	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.
Shingles	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.
Polio	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.
MMR	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.
DTAP	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.
MCV4	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.
Rotavirus	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.
Varicella	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.
Tdap	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.
Seasonal Influenza	7/1/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Phoenix Fire	101 N. 1st Ave.

Call 602-344-6467 (2229) or visit www.phoenixfire.com/vaccinations

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FREE IMMUNIZATIONS
Birth to 18 years of age
(Please see eligibility requirements below)



Mesa Fire/Medical Department
Superstition Springs Center
6333 E. Southern Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85206

For general information please call: 480-643-1310
(for clinic locations within the valley, text: 480-695-7500)

MONTHLY IMMUNIZATION CLINICS
Second Wednesday of the Month
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
(Surgeons NO ring in December)

All childhood immunizations provided

Please Bring All Immunization Records
To be eligible for these free immunizations the child must be covered by
AKCCCS, be uninsured, have insurance that does not cover
immunizations, be Native American or an Alaska Native.

Children with private insurance that covers 100 percent of immunizations
must visit their private health care provider.


Vaccines available are:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib)
- DTAP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
- Polio
- MCV4-Meningitis
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)
- Pneumococcal
- Rotavirus
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis)
- Seasonal Influenza

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NIAM 2025

Karin Szymanski
TAPI




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NIAM 2025

National Immunization Awareness Month 2025
August 1 - August 31


- Voice for Vaccines is having a kick-off meeting on July 9th
- TAPI will brand content and create messaging to be shared with partners



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Flyer Content Feedback



Karin Szymanski
TAPI





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Flyer Content Feedback

TITLE HERE

1. Some diseases, like measles, BCG, and the flu, can be stopped with vaccines.
2. Babies get their first protection from vaccines through their moms—if their moms are vaccinated.
3. Kids usually need vaccines to go to daycares/schools, to keep other kids and teachers protected.
4. Vaccines are one of the best ways to protect ourselves and the people we care about.
5. Scientists have studied vaccines for many years and still study them today to make sure they are the safest and most effective.
6. Vaccine antibodies help your body find and fight off harmful germs before they make you sick.
7. When 95% of people get vaccinated, it helps stop disease outbreaks from spreading.
8. Doctors, nurses, and scientists all agree that vaccines are important.
9. Kids grow into teens and young adults, and they still need vaccines to help stay healthy.
10. Insurance covers vaccines and are free for kids that do not have insurance.

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Flyer Content Feedback

"Let's Talk Vaccines: Facts, **Safety**, and Your Family"

Protection

Let's Talk Vaccines: Facts, Protection, and Your Family (Focuses on how vaccines protect health)

Health

Let's Talk Vaccines: Facts, Health, and Your Family (Broad and positive; centers wellness)

Trust

Let's Talk Vaccines: Facts, Trust, and Your Family (Helpful for addressing hesitancy)

Truth

Let's Talk Vaccines: Facts, Truth, and Your Family (Strong, confident, clear)

Science

Let's Talk Vaccines: Facts, Science, and Your Family (Grounds the message in research)

Support

Let's Talk Vaccines: Facts, Support, and Your Family (Warm and community-focused)

Care

Let's Talk Vaccines: Facts, Care, and Your Family (Compassionate and gentle tone)



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Flyer Content Feedback

Family Friendly Flyer

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Family Friendly Flyer

Front – Did you know

Is this the title we want

The bullets we want to address

Back - Schedule

We are looking to simplify to a family friendly version to not be overwhelming and to encourage people to talk to their health care provider for more details



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Flyer Content Feedback

Break Out Rooms

Room 1 – Lifetime
Room 2 – Ten Things Flyer



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Policy Update

Jennifer Tinney
TAPI



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Machrina is Retiring! 😞

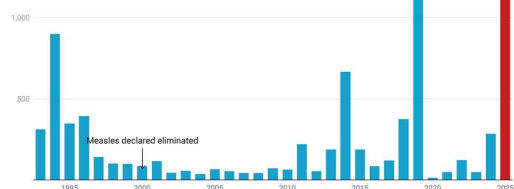


Today is her last day!

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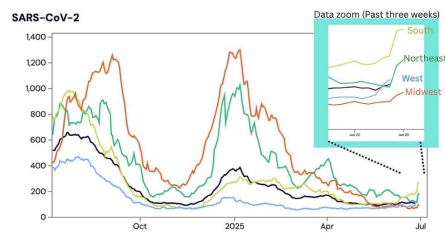
Measles reaches highest number since declared eliminated in the U.S.

As of July 6, 2025.



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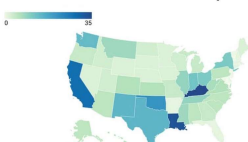
SARS-CoV-2



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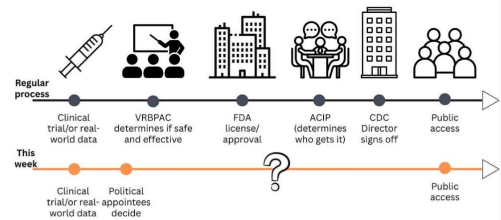
Federal Bill Impact & What you can do

Number of at-risk rural hospitals



- **Help neighbors:** Many will face new forms, deadlines, and confusing rules.
- **Inform families:** Kids aren't auto-enrolled in free school lunch anymore.
- **Check CHIP:** Children may still qualify for Medicaid even if their parents lose coverage.
- **Support:** Donate to rural hospitals, food pantries, and care networks.
- **Vote:** This is a policy choice. Make your voice heard.
- **Spread the word:** Only 8% of Americans are even aware that Medicaid cuts were included in this bill.

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New ACIP

- Changed the up to 2-year vetting process previously used
- Removed Dr Wharton and CDC team that staffed ACIP
- Appointed 8 new members, many with known anti-vaccine viewpoints
- Suspended working groups
- June 25/26 meeting:
 - Reviewed recommendations for COVID-19, RSV, MMRV, Flu, Chikungunya
 - Voted on RSV monoclonal for infants & vaccine for pregnancy, flu - no thimerosal containing flu vaccine
- New Workgroups:
 - Examine CDC's Recommended Child and Adolescent Schedule to re-evaluate the number of recommended vaccines, potential vaccine interactions, the cumulative impact of vaccine ingredients, and the relative timing of different vaccines
 - review vaccines whose recommendations have not been reconsidered in more than 7 years (e.g., hepatitis B and MMR vaccines).



Watch a great Arizona Horizon interview on measles case, new COVID-19 variants, and changes to ACIP with Will Humble, AZ Public Health Association.

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Numerous Federal Laws Relate Back to ACIP Recommendations, Placing Them at Automatic Risk Should Schedule Changes Occur

- **Immigration and Nationality Act:** establishing immunization requirements for foreign persons entering the United States (8 U.S.C. § 1182)
- **Vaccine Injury Compensation Program:** requiring the addition of ACIP recommended vaccines to the program (42 U.S.C. § 300aa-14)
- **Education and Outreach Campaign Regarding Preventive Benefits:** requiring the Secretary to establish an educational campaign including for ACIP recommendations (42 U.S.C. § 300u-12)
- **Coverage of Preventive Health Services:** requiring coverage of ACIP-recommended immunizations by private payers (42 U.S.C. § 300gg-13)
- **Prescription Drug Benefits (Medicare Part D):** 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395w-102, 1395w-114, 1395w-115, prohibiting beneficiary cost sharing
- **Program for Distribution of Pediatric Vaccines (Vaccines for Children):** requiring states to operate a VFC program, providing a vaccine entitlement to eligible children (42 U.S.C. §§ 1396d, 1396s)
- **Community Preventive Services Task Force; USPSTF:** requiring coordination with ACIP (42 U.S.C. §§ 280q-10, 299b-4)
- **Medicare Part B:** including assessment of vaccination status as part of Annual Wellness Visit (42 U.S.C. § 1395x) (*does not* tie coverage to recommendations)
- **Veterans' Health Administration (VHA) / VA Health Care System:** defining veteran's benefits to include ACIP-recommended immunizations (38 U.S.C. § 1701)

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Some good news

ISSUE BRIEF

ACIP, CDC, and Insurance Coverage of Vaccines in the United States

Two associations representing payers have stated that they are committed to providing access to vaccines.

- America's Health Insurance Plans - <https://www.ahip.org/news/articles/health-plans-continued-commitment-to-vaccine-access>
- Alliance of Community Health Plans - <https://achp.org/affordable-accessible-vaccines/>

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Arizona CDC Immunization Funding



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.

Immunization Program's 5 Year Cooperative Agreement began July 2025.

Maricopa received direct funding for the City of Phoenix.

- Funds split between ADHS and Maricopa County. ADHS has all providers outside of Phoenix.
- Program guidelines just released on the 25th, so will need time to review and plan

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	0.5%
Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	\$21,133,858	6.8%
Cross-Cutting Activities and Program Support	\$18,400,328	5.7%
Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases	\$1,945,827	0.6%
Environmental Health	\$2,147,185	0.7%
HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STI and TB Prevention	\$12,966,082	4.1%
Immunization and Respiratory Diseases	\$6,866,097	2.2%
Injury Prevention and Control	\$12,547,891	3.9%
Occupational Safety and Health	\$628,908	0.2%
Public Health Preparedness and Response	\$13,007,079	4.2%
Public Health Scientific Services (PHSS)	\$1,410,149	0.4%
Public Health Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSSEF)	\$171,488,488	52.4%
Vaccines for Children	\$12,923,987	39.0%
Grand Total	\$312,873,417	100.0%

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Call to Action



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TAPI Trainings

Blanca Martinez
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140 Banner employees

over 300 MA's & Nurses

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Thank You!

Next

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Phoenix Fire Department providing over 300,000 vaccinations since 1994



Our Family Helping Yours

El Departamento de Bomberos de Phoenix ha proveído más 300 mil vacunas desde 1994

2025 Public Health and Vaccination Clinics

Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Child/Niño

Meningitis
Tetanus
Pertussis
HPV Measles
Mumps
Rubella
Diphtheria
Hepatitis A/B
Polio
Pneumonia
Hib
Rotavirus
Varicella
Influenza
RSV
COVID-19

Adult/Adulto

Tetanus
Shingles
Pneumonia
M/M/R
Hepatitis A/B
Pertussis
Influenza
Varicella

Day / Día	Date / Fecha	Time / Tiempo	Location / Ubicación	Address / Dirección
Thursday/Jueves	6/12/2025	9:00am-12:00pm	Nourish PHX	501 S. 9 th Ave.
Thursday/Jueves	7/10/2025	9:00am-12:00pm	Nourish PHX	501 S. 9 th Ave.
Saturday/Sabado	7/12/2025	9:00am-12:00pm	Maggie's Place	4001 N. 30 th St.
Saturday/Sabado	7/19/2025	9:00am-1:00pm	Excelencia School	2181 E. McDowell Rd.
Saturday/Sabado	7/26/2025	9:00am-1:00pm	NFL YET College Prep.	222 E. Olympic Dr.



Call 602•534•BABY (2229) or Visit: www.phoenix.gov/fire/babysshots.html

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Mesa, AZ 85206

For general information please call 480-644-3459
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INMUNIZACIONES GRATIS

(Para los niños recién nacidos hasta los 18 años de edad)



Mesa Fire/Medical Department Superstition Springs Center

6555 E Southern Ave
Mesa, AZ 85206

Para información llame 480-644-3459

(Para obtener información sobre la ubicación de la clínica en el centro comercial,
envíe un mensaje de texto a 480-409-7900)

CLÍNICAS DE INMUNIZACIÓN MENSUAL EL SEGUNDO MIÉRCOLES DEL MES 5:00 – 7:00 PM

(Excepciones: NO HAY clínica en diciembre)

¡Ofrecemos todas las inmunizaciones GRATIS para los niños!

Para ser elegible para estas vacunas el niño debe estar cubierto por AHCCCS, no tiene seguro médico, tiene seguro médico que no cubre las vacunas, es Indio Nativo Americano o nativo de Alaska.

Por favor traiga todos los documentos de inmunizaciones de su niño a la clínica.
El personal de la clínica podrá contestar sus preguntas.

Los niños con seguro privado que cubre cien por ciento las inmunizaciones deben visitar a su proveedor médico. Si usted no está seguro si su seguro médico cubre las vacunas, por favor, llama a su seguro médico para verificar.