

Community Awareness Committee Agenda

October 6, 2025 | 12:00pm-1:30pm

Welcome and Introductions.....	Karin Szymanski
TAPI Executive Update.....	James Washington
ACIP Update.....	Dr. Nick Staab
BIZS Update.....	Marcellina Lopez
Vaccine Confidence.....	Dr. Chad MacGregor, Vaccine Medical Director, Pfizer
Vaccine Policy Update.....	Jennifer Tinney
Respiratory Illness Season Resources – break out work.....	Karin Szymanski
Coalition Member Updates.....	Open

Highlight your work at our next meeting – let us know if you would like time to present.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Community Awareness Committee Meeting

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Welcome and Introductions

Blanca Martinez
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Executive update

James Washington
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TAPI Updates

Join us in welcoming our new Program Manager:

Wendy O'Donnell, MPH, MCHES
- Formerly ADHS Vaccine Communicator



TAPI work:

- Provider outreach and engagement
- Manage projects and training
 - TIPS
 - 10-Things trainings
 - School Health forum

Contact: wendyo@tapi.org, (480) 782-6933



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TAPI Updates: Strategic Planning

Building a 3-Year Strategic Plan

- 3-5 Strategic Priorities
- Goals (per priority)
- Strategies or Strategic Approaches
- Initiatives & Activities



Implementation Roadmap (accompanies strategic plan)

- Roles, Responsibilities, & Accountability Structures Outlined
- Timeline: short-, mid-, and long-term



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TAPI Updates: Strategic Planning

October-November

- Review existing documentation
- Identify critical quantitative data elements
- Data Collection:
 - Listening Sessions (Board and Committees)
 - Key Informant Interviews with Interest-Holders
 - Key TAPI Program Data



December

- Synthesize key themes & opportunities
- Review and refine key themes and opportunities



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ACIP Update

Dr. Nick Staab
Maricopa County



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BIZS Update

Marcellina Lopez
BISZ/ADHS



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Marcellina Lopez
Immunization Programs Office Chief



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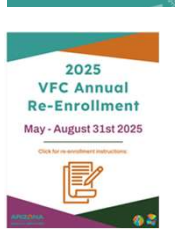
- Re - enrollment Update
- Immunization Data Report (IDR)
- 2025-2026 Influenza
- VFC Pediatric Maternal RSV Vaccine
- COVID-19
- New Pediatric Presentations
- Shipping Updates
- VFC notification and Upcoming Webinars



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2025 VFC Annual Re-Enrollment

- Closed August 31, 2025
- Total Number of records assigned to staff for review : 612
- Number of records approved (completed): 607
- Number of records assigned for review but not yet approved: 6
- 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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2025-2026 Immunization Data Report (IDR)

Opened September 3, 2025

Closes November 15, 2025

- [Register Now! Step-by-Step IDR Webinar: LearnBizs Library: How to Complete Your School's Report](#) - 09/29/2025

The Arizona Department of Health (ADHS) Bureau of Immunization Services (BIZS) is offering a step-by-step IDR webinar to learn how to accurately complete the IDR on **October 8, 2025, from 10-11 a.m.**

Register here: https://forms.gle/XN_LIRW4moVwVJoad5w7

Resources were updated over the summer and are available on our [website](#)



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2025-2026 Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

- VFC flu is now available for ordering in ASIIS VOMS 2025-2026 pediatric influenza vaccine [presentations](#)
 - If there are any special circumstances or events. Please contact your ArizonaVFC@azdhs.gov for further guidance.
- 2025-2026 flu vaccines are trivalent
- To align with ACIP recommendations, No Multidose Vials will be available for order through the VFC program.
- One-directional borrowing for the seasonal influenza vaccine has been approved for the upcoming season.

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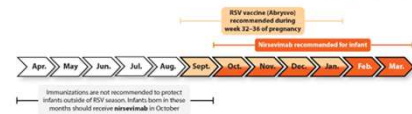
VFC Pediatric Maternal RSV Vaccine Is Now Available to Order in ASIIS

RSV ABRYSVO®

- is **OPEN** for ASIIS orders for VFC-eligible pediatric maternal patients. The Order Set can be found in ASIIS VOMS as "RSV/NIRSEVIMAB - VFC."
- Minimum order of 1 with a cap of 5 for each order.

Monoclonal Antibody Immunizations

- Beyfortus and Enflosia are now available to order in ASIIS.
 - If there are any special circumstances or events. Please contact ArizonaVFC@azdhs.gov for further guidance.



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COVID-19 Updates

- The ACIP's recommendation must be approved and officially adopted by the CDC Director before any changes are made to the Immunization Schedule recommended by ACIP.
- Once the recommendations are approved, it is anticipated that the 2025/2026 COVID-19 vaccine will be available for ordering through VFC. The Bureau of Immunization Services (BIZS) will communicate all changes as soon as possible.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing partnership in advancing the VFC program's mission and for your dedicated efforts in safeguarding the health and wellness of Arizona's children.

For any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office at ArizonaVFC@azdhs.gov.

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New Pediatric Presentations

Merck - Coming Soon: A new RSV monoclonal antibody presentation for infants will be available to order in ASIIS in October 2025 (Enflosia) - 09/30/2025

ENFLONSIA™ (Clesrovimab-cfor)

- NDC 00006-5073-01; RSV - SYR; 1-pack
- NDC 00006-5073-02; RSV - SYR; 10-pack

GSK - Coming Soon: A new Meningococcal presentation will be available to order in ASIIS in October (Penmenvay) - 09/29/2025

- Penmenvay
- NDC 58160-0757-15; 10 pack - 1 dose vial

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Shipping Updates

VFC/VFA No Vaccine Deliveries on:

- Columbus Day - Monday, 10/13/2025

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VFC Notification and Upcoming Webinars

Save the dates for our upcoming informative webinars hosted by BIZS and MCDPH!

Join us for an engaging session where we will provide more details about the upcoming transition of Phoenix VFC providers to MCDPH. We will also discuss updates to the ACIP schedule and changes to the VFC Operations Guide.

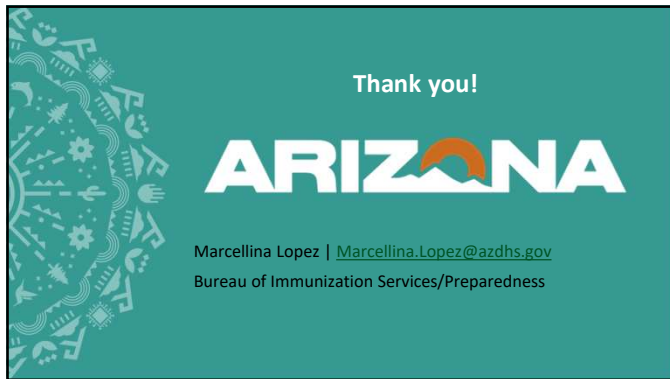
This is an excellent opportunity to learn, ask questions, and connect with experts in the field.

Dates:

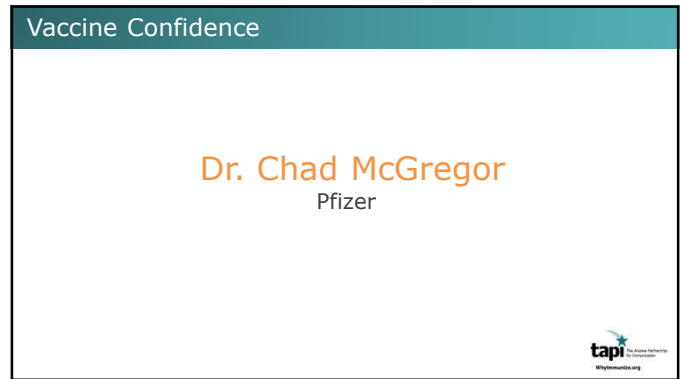
- Wednesday, 10/15/2025 Noon
- Thursday, 11/13/2025 Noon
- Wednesday, 12/10/2025 Noon

Additional details will be emailed by the end of the week along with an addendum listing the changes to the VFC Operations Guide. These updates should be considered effective until the new guide is issued.

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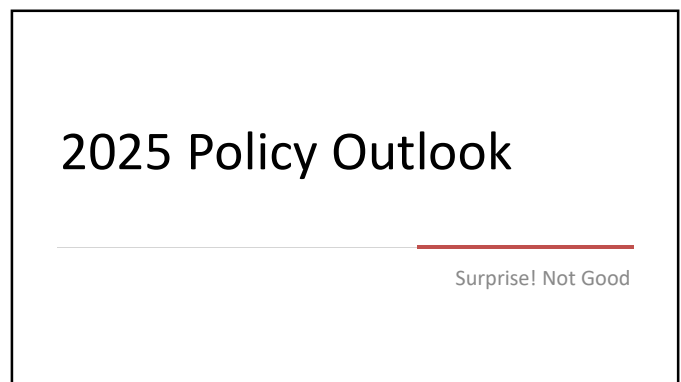
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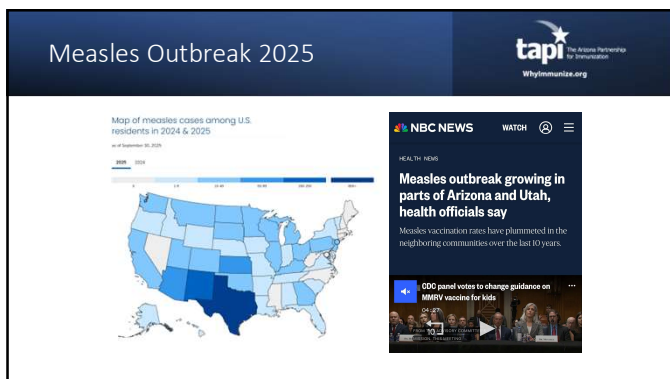
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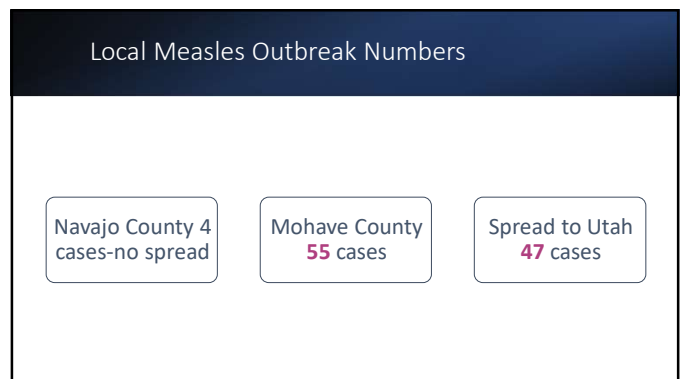
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Emerging Issues - ACIP Meeting Update

September ACIP Meeting Recap:

- 5 new members added Sept. 15 (total of 12)
- 2 new workgroups proposed: Vaccines in Pregnancy and Childhood/Adolescent Schedule
- Discussion on MMRV, Hepatitis B Birth dose, and COVID-19 vaccines
- Votes:
 - Combined MMRV is no longer recommended for use under age 4 years
 - All pregnant women should be tested for hepatitis B
 - Hepatitis B vaccine vote to move the universal birth dose to 1 month for babies born to hepatitis B negative mothers was tabled
 - COVID-19: 65+ based on clinical decision making, 6 mo-64: vaccination based on individual-based decision-making
 - Recommendation to require prescription for COVID-19 vaccines failed (6-6)



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ACIP COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendation:

• Vote (12 yes, 0 no)

The pediatric and adult immunization schedules for administration of FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines should be updated as follows:

- Adults 65 and older: Vaccination based on **individual-based decision-making***
- Individuals 6 months to 64 years: Vaccination based on **individual-based decision making** – with an emphasis that the risk-benefit of vaccination is most favorable for individuals who are at an increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease and lowest for individual who are not at an increased risk, according to the CDC list of COVID-19 risk factors.

**also known as shared clinical decision making*

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ACIP Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendation: Add list of speculative concerns and unknowns to the VIS

• Vote (11 yes, 1 no)

It is the sense of the committee that the CDC engages in an effort to promote more consistent and comprehensive informed consent processes, and as part of that considers adding language accessible to patients and medical providers to describe at least the six risks and uncertainties included in the WG chair presentation.

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6 Proposed Statements for C19 Vaccine VIS

*Not based on
peer reviewed
studies*

- Current **assessments** regarding the protection provided by COVID-19 vaccines and especially seasonal COVID-19 boosters against **severe outcomes** (e.g., death, hospitalization and long COVID) are of **low quality**. At best, the additional protection provided by a seasonal booster is moderate and of short duration.
- There is evidence that repeated seasonal mRNA boosters cause **acquired changes in the immune system** and may be associated with increased vulnerability to future infections, including SARS-CoV-2 and other respiratory viruses. These risks, as well as potential risks of **autoimmunity, chronic inflammation, immune tolerance and impaired immune surveillance** including immune fatigue or suppression, are currently not well understood.
- There are documented **deaths** from symptomatic and subclinical **myocarditis**, pericarditis and potentially other cardiovascular conditions **post COVID-19 vaccination**, including of healthy children, with probable causal relationship to the mRNA vaccines. This risk is likely relatively small but currently not well understood.

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- Clinical reports demonstrate that in some cases COVID-19 vaccines can cause **prolonged and debilitating post vaccine syndrome (PVS)**. The injuries associated with PVS involve diverse symptoms and conditions, many overlapping with long COVID injuries. Some of the observed symptoms and conditions may include **insomnia, chronic pain and fatigue, dysautonomia (e.g., POTS), immune dysregulation and deficiency, autoimmune disorders, severe neuropathy** and other neurodegenerative conditions, cardiovascular and neurovascular injuries, and severe clotting. The frequency of PVS and related risk factors are currently not well understood.
- There is evidence that in some individuals vaccinated with mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, the resulting **spike protein**, the mRNA and the nano-lipids formulation components **persist in different body organs**, including lymph nodes and the heart, for a prolonged period of months and possibly years in some patients. Prolonged and persistent exposure to spike, mRNA and nano-lipids particles is associated with **post-vaccine syndrome (PVS)** injuries as well as potentially other side effects that are currently only partially understood.
- The safety and the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccination during **pregnancy have never been tested** in appropriately powered **randomized clinical trials**. In one randomized trial there was observed numerical imbalance of higher number of **babies with congenital malformation** among those born to vaccinated women.

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ACIP Recommendations Signed by CDC Director 10/6 8:00

- ACIP makes recommendations
- Not officially added to the schedule until CDC Acting Director approves
 - **Signed but no guidance yet**
- No VFC/VFA until approved
 - Should start shipping soon
- Reports are that vaccine is being given at pharmacies
- Banner is now offering it
- Some Counties offering it but others waiting for VFC

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Payment

- AHCCCS exploring "Medical Necessity" coverage for vaccines if removed from VFC
- AHIP committing to reimbursement of all previously recommended vaccines
 - ACIP is the floor not the ceiling
 - Shared Clinical Decision Making covered

AHIP Statement on Vaccine Coverage

— ahip.org, September 16, 2025

"Health plans will continue to cover all ACIP-recommended immunizations that were recommended as of September 1, 2025, including updated formulations of the COVID-19 and influenza vaccines, with no cost-sharing for patients through the end of 2026."

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Individual/Shared Clinical Decision Making

- CDC's [SCDM guidelines](#):
 - CDC defines a health care provider as anyone who provides or administers vaccines: primary care physicians, specialists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and pharmacists.
- HHS [Statement](#):
 - Individual decision-making is referred to on the CDC's adult and child immunization schedules as vaccination based on shared clinical decision-making, which references providers including physicians, nurses, and pharmacists.

What does this mean for standing orders?

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WHO (recommended populations)

FDA Label

65+ and anyone 6mo+ who is high risk

AAFP, AAP, ACOG

All <2y
All 18+
All pregnant people
2-18y who are high risk or if parent requests

ACIP

All 6mo+ with shared clinical decision-making

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Liability Concerns

Vaccine Injury Compensation Program covers medical care for adverse events and protection for manufacturers and providers.

- If vaccine dropped by ACIP, VICP coverage drops
- Physicians can write "off-label" scripts for vaccines, but have to make sure it's included in malpractice coverage
- Likely bankruptcy if autism claims included
- Potential physician liability for autism?
- Will the 6 C19 risks listed be included? (Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program)

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MICA- Malpractice Coverage AzAFP, ArMA, AOMA

- Not a strong statement of liability protection
- Gave examples that some physicians will only write off label scripts if they have seen the patient in last 3 months for physical/mental evaluation.
- Requires an established relationship
- Suggested physicians review CDC, FDA & ACIP recommendations
- Meeting with MICA and ArMA meeting 9/25 hope to address it there

What does this mean for standing orders? How do we get Standard of Care into licensing boards?

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Planning for Bills expected next session

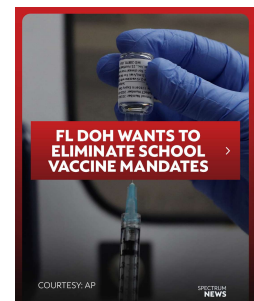
Nationally there have been 263 vaccine bills in state legislatures including those like we saw in AZ and the following:

- Medical freedom - **Elimination of all childcare and school requirements**
- Informed consent at administration - package insert, exemption education
- Off label prescribing restrictions**

Planning Additional Summit

Advocacy Committee preplanning Nov (looking at pro-vaccine bill for talking points)

Weekly Policy Updates



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Respiratory Illness Season Resources

Karin Szymanski
TAPI



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Respiratory Illness Season Resources

Social Media toolkit



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Print Resources



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Print Material



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Print Material



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Respiratory Illness Season Resources

Break Out Rooms

- Review provider flyers – what do we need for the 2025-2026 season
 - ☐ Flu only, RI all inclusive
 - ☐ Target audience
 - ☐ Message
- Review the two flu flyers and determine which format best fits our needs
 - ☐ Target audience
 - ☐ Key messaging
 - ☐ Which format do you prefer?



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Coalition Member Updates

Member Updates



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

NOTE: Vaccines provided while inventory lasts. NOTA: Vacunas disponibles mientras duren el inventario.

Day / Día	Date / Fecha	Time / Tiempo	Location / Ubicación	Address / Dirección
Thursday/Jueves	10/9/2025	9:00am-12:00pm	Nourish PHX	501 S. 9th Ave.
Saturday/Sábado	10/11/2025	9:00am-11:00am	Saquaro Public Library	2808 N. 46 th St.
Saturday/Sábado	10/11/2025	11:00am-1:00pm	Burton Barr Public Library	1221 N. Central Ave.
Saturday/Sábado	10/25/2025	10:00am-12:30pm	Creighton Family Resource Ctr.	2052 N. 36 th St.
Saturday/Sábado	10/25/2025	9:00am-1:00pm	Trevor Browne High School	7402 W. Catalina Dr.
Saturday/Sábado	10/25/2025	9:00am-1:00pm	NFL YET College Prep.	222 E. Olympic Dr.
Saturday/Sábado	10/25/2025	6:00pm-9:00pm	Smith Park	4030 W. Sherman St.
Wednesday/Miercoles	11/5/2025	9:00am-11:30am	Chinese Senior Center	730 W. Elm St.
Thursday/Jueves	11/6/2025	4:00pm-7:00pm	Southwest Elementary School	1111 W. Dobbins Rd.
Friday/Viernes	11/7/2025	5:30pm-8:30pm	AMS Desert Sky Resource Market	5701 W. McDowell Rd.
Saturday/Sábado	11/8/2025	9:00am-1:00pm	Percy L. Julian School	2149 E. Carver Dr.
Thursday/Jueves	11/13/2025	9:00am-12:00pm	Nourish PHX	501 S. 9th Ave.
Thursday/Jueves	11/20/2025	9:00am-12:00pm	First Place	3001 N. 3 rd St.

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



FREE IMMUNIZATIONS

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



Mesa Fire/Medical Department Superstition Springs Center

6555 E Southern Ave
Mesa, AZ 85206

For general information please call 480-644-3459
(For clinic location within the mall, text 480-409-7900)

MONTHLY IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Second Wednesday of the Month

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

All childhood immunizations provided

Please Bring All Immunization Records

To be eligible for these free immunizations the child must: be covered by AHCCCS, be uninsured, have insurance that does not cover immunizations, be Native American or an Alaskan Native.

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

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

¡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.