

Community Awareness Committee Agenda

December 1, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Welcome and Introductions.....	Karin Szymanski
CDC Update.....	Karin Szymanski
BIZS Update.....	Marcellina Lopez
Vaccines National Strateg.....	Jennifer Tinney
Provider Education Committee Update.....	Wendy O'Donnell
CHW Listening Session.....	Blanca Martinez
National Influenza Vaccination Week.....	Karin Szymanski
Partnership with Voices For Vaccines.....	Karin Szymanski
2026 Planning.....	All

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Community Awareness Committee Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, January 7, 2026
12:00pm-1:00pm

Community Awareness Committee

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Welcome and Introductions

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BIZS Update

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Immunization Programs Office
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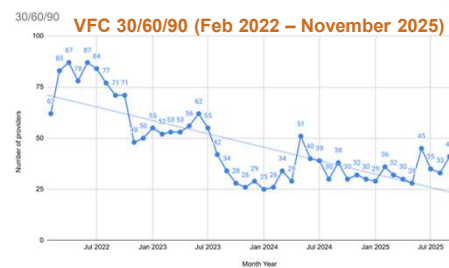
Agenda

- ASIIS Updates
- Measles
- Respiratory Illnesses & Updates
 - 2025-2026 Influenza
 - RSV Vaccine & Monoclonal Antibody
 - COVID-19
- Vaccines and Autism
- Shipping Updates
- Webinar Updates

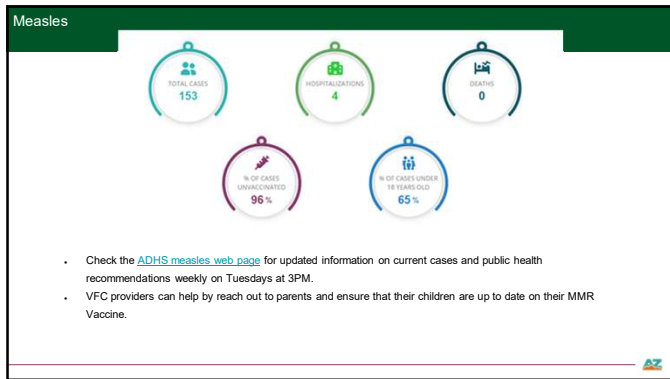


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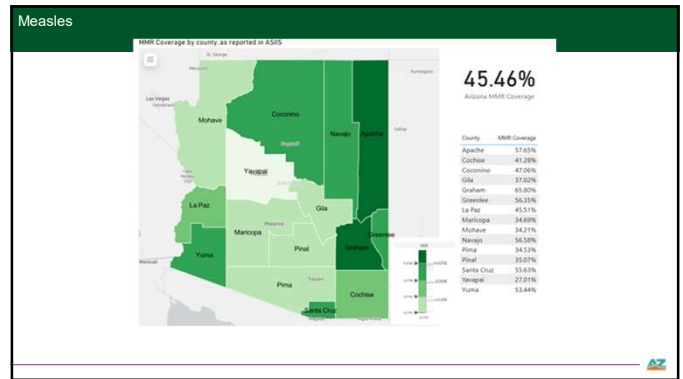
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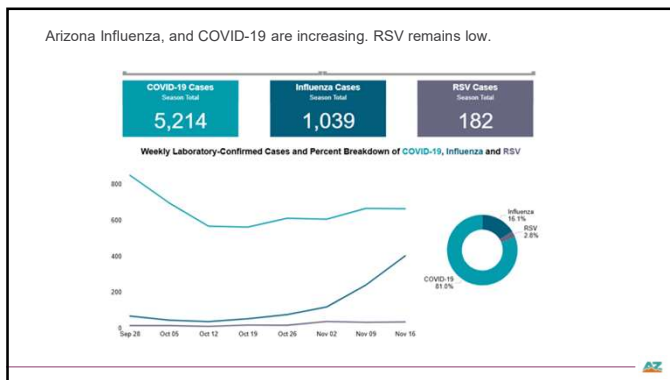
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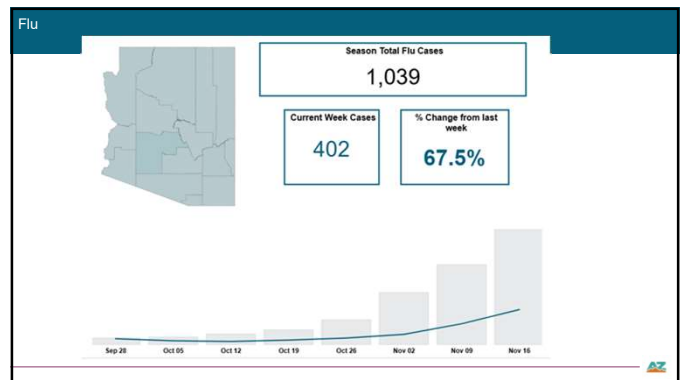
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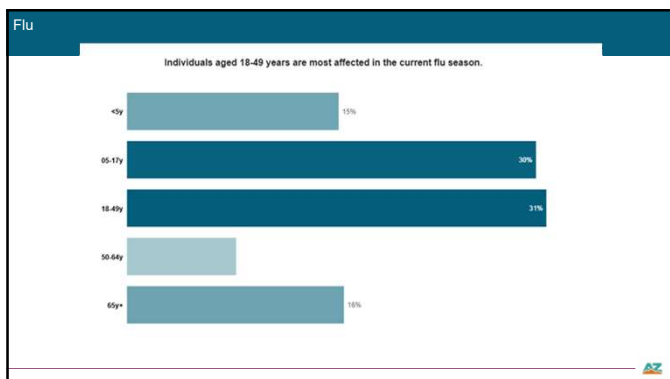
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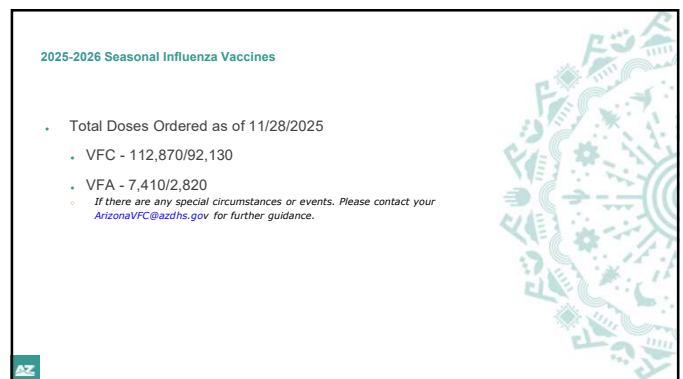
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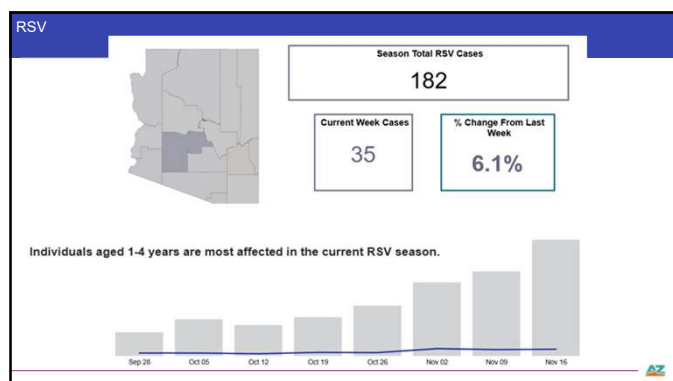
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VFC Pediatric Maternal RSV Vaccine & Monoclonal Antibody Updates

RSV ABRYVO®

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

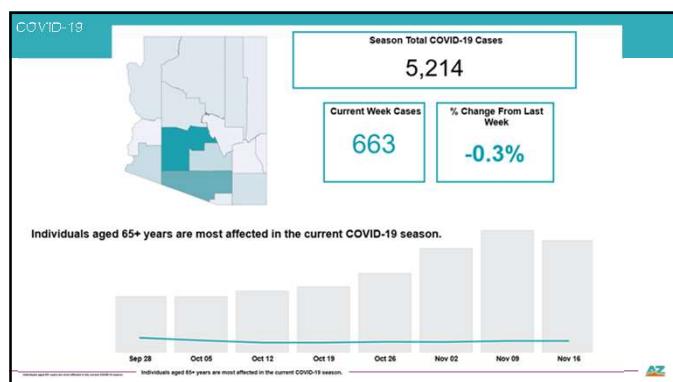
Monoclonal Antibody Immunizations

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

Timeline showing RSV vaccine (Abrysvo) recommended during week 22-36 of pregnancy and monoclonal antibody recommended for infant. The timeline spans from April to March.

Immunizations are not recommended to protect infants outside of RSV season. Infants born in these months should receive **antibody** in October.

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COVID-UPDATES Continued

- The CDC has implemented allocations for the COVID-19 vaccine. Based on doses ordered, the CDC will "top-off" our threshold of doses.
 - Updates will be made by COB on Mondays or Tuesdays if Monday is a federal holiday.
 - As of **December**, the threshold cadence will be **bi-weekly**.

Ordering Cap	Manufacturer	Brand	NDC	NDC Description	Ordering Cap
	Sanofi	NUVAXOID	80631-0207-10	COVID-19;(12+);SYR;10-pk	10
	Moderna	SPIKEVAX	80777-0112-96	COVID-19;(12+);SYR;10-pk	50
	Moderna	SPIKEVAX	80777-0113-80	COVID-19;(6m-11y);SYR;10-pk	20
	Pfizer	COMIRNATY	00069-2528-10	COVID-19;(12+);SYR;10-pk	10
	Pfizer	COMIRNATY	00069-2501-10	COVID-19;(5-11y);SDV;10-pk	10

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Vaccines and Autism

- You may be receiving questions about vaccines and autism. Here are some resources showing that there's no link between vaccines and autism: [AAP](#), [CHOP](#), [Autism Science Foundation](#), [Vaccinate Your Family](#), and the [Public Health Communications Collaborative](#).
- ADHS recommends everyone to be up-to-date with their vaccines, especially during the viral respiratory season. There is no new scientific development linking vaccines and autism.

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Shipping Updates

VFC/VFA No Vaccine Deliveries on:

- The BIZS sent out a RedCap email on 10/29/2025 containing the vaccine ordering cut-off dates. Additionally, bi-weekly reminders through Granicus began on 11/10/2025.

2025 - 2026 HOLIDAY VACCINE SHIPPING SCHEDULE

VACCINE ORDERING CUT-OFF DATES

NOVEMBER 18th, 2025

Orders placed after November 18th, 2025 may not be delivered until December 1st, 2025 or later.

Limited delivery days: November 26th, 2025

No delivery days: November 27th-28th, 2025

DECEMBER 11th, 2025

Orders placed after December 11th, 2025 may not be delivered until January 5th, 2026 or later.

Limited delivery days: December 22nd-31st, 2025

No delivery days: December 25th-26th, 2025 and January 1st-2nd, 2026

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Webinar Updates: 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.

- Wednesday, 12/10/2025 Noon
 - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/msv-mmbw-kow>
 - Or dial: (US) +1 334-641-1194 PIN: 774 507 0758
 - More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/msv-mmbw-kow?pin=6983038960401>

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Thank you!

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Policy, Advocacy, Measles

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ACIP Meeting Dec 4th - 5th

Concerns



Lack of Process

- ACIP is no longer using evidence-based frameworks (i.e., GRADE, EBR) to evaluate evidence
- No established Work Group for hepatitis B
- No new safety signals/concerns have led to this evaluation of Hep B vaccine or the childhood schedule



Broad Schedule Disruption

- Later doses of hepatitis B vaccines are given in combination vaccines that include 4-5 other diseases
- Aluminum, a common adjuvant, is included in vaccines for 10/18 disease areas in the childhood immunization schedule



Uncertainty on Votes

- Updated language for hepatitis B recommendation vote is not public
- Remains unclear how recommendation may change

Remember: ACIP recommendations have implications for access and uptake

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Learn More Post ACIP Meeting



National Press Foundation Webinar

Join experts for a webinar, *Making Sense of the Childhood Vaccine Schedule*, sponsored by NYF.

December 11, 1-2PM ET

Register here



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Vaccine Safety

EXPLORE THIS TOPIC

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Autism and Vaccines

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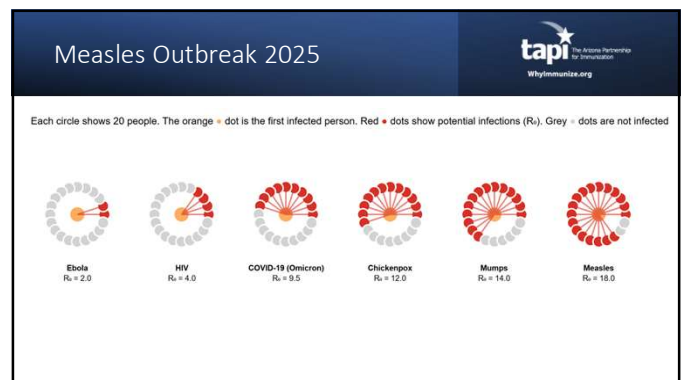
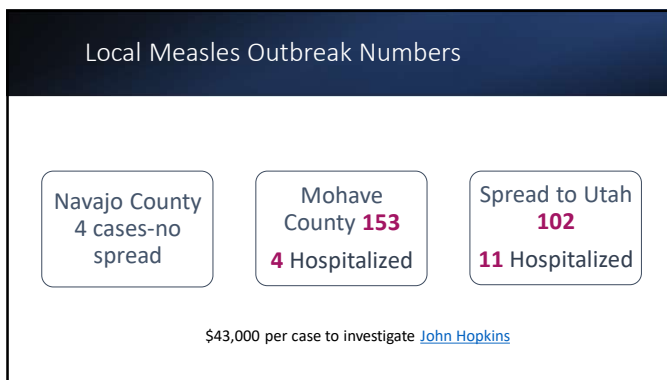
For Everyone
NEW 10/2024

KEY POINTS

- The claim "vaccines do not cause autism" is not an evidence-based claim because studies have not ruled out the possibility that infant vaccines cause autism.
- Studies supporting a link have been ignored by health authorities.
- HHS has launched a comprehensive assessment of the causes of autism, including investigations on plausible biologic mechanisms and potential causal links.



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Think Measles

Quick Tips:

- Isolate patients presenting with suspected measles.
- Immunocompromised patients may not have rash or present with atypical rash.
- IMMEDIATELY** consult with your local health department for suspected measles cases.
- Ensure patients and staff are up to date on MMR vaccine and other vaccinations.

The infographic titled "Symptoms of Measles" illustrates six common symptoms. It features a central illustration of a person's head and shoulders, surrounded by six smaller illustrations, each depicting a symptom: a fever (thermometer), red eyes (eye with redness), a rash (hand with red spots), a headache (person with head pain), a runny nose (person sneezing), and a cough (person coughing). The central illustration is labeled "Symptoms of Measles".

Resources

- ADHS Measles Toolkit
<https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology/disease-control-and-prevention/measles-surveillance-toolkit.pdf?sfvrsn=202550508>
- ASU Disease Insights Measles page:
<https://diseaseinsights.healthobservers.yasu.edu/measles/>
- What to Know about AZ's Measles Outbreak. QA Dr. Sunenshine:
<https://news.asu.edu/2025/125-health-and-medicine-what-know-about-arizonas-measles-outbreak>

Get the word out before it spreads

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<https://whyimmunize.org/get-info/healthcare-professionals/outbreak-information/>

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Advocacy

- Now more than ever, AZ children need protection not politics
 - "Calling from God" to pass the anti-vaccine bills.
- Bills already posted:
 - Practices can't exclude patients for not being vaccinated
 - Ivermectin over the counter
- Watch for advocacy training notices Dec-Jan
- Sign up for advocacy committee: <https://whyimmunize.org/committee-page/>

TAPI COALITION MEETINGS

TAPI hosts monthly and bi-monthly meetings for our coalition members. If you are interested in signing up, click the link below. The more this provides you the ability to update your contact information as well as to sign up for more meetings. Please email tapi@whyimmunize.org with any questions or concerns.

COMMITTEE SIGN UP LINK

WATCH THE MEETING RECORDINGS

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Provider Education Committee Update

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Partner Presentations

- Vaccinate Your Family**
Support in Action: The Power of Our SQUAD™ Community
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025
Time: 4:00–5:00 PM
- Voices for Vaccines**
Storytelling for Social Change: Changing the Vaccine Narrative
Date: December 16
Time: 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
- Civic Engagement Beyond Voting**
Monday, January 5 at 6:30 PM — Request to Speak (RTS) Training
Monday, January 12 at 6:30 PM — Request to Speak (RTS) Training

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Community Health Worker Training Program

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What do vaccines work? Know what they do! Know what they do!

What I learned from parents who don't vaccinate their kids: A journey

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CHW Listening Session



Misinformation

Cultural Sensitivities

Accessibility

Language Barriers



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National Influenza Vaccination Week

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National Influenza Vaccination Week

December 1-5, 2025 is **National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW)**, an important reminder that as long as flu viruses are circulating, it is not too late to get vaccinated.
nfid.org/theres-still-time-getvaccinated-to-help-fightflu/



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National Influenza Vaccination Week

[From Wild to Mild: The Power of Flu Vaccination](https://nfid.org/resource/wild-to-mild/)
nfid.org/resource/wild-to-mild/



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National Influenza Vaccination Week

[Infectious Disease Memes](https://nfid.org/resource/infectious-disease-memes/)
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2026 Committee Focus

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Where the work happens

- ① Community Education
- ② Provider engagement
- ③ Data, System and Policy/Improvement
- ④ Subcommittees emerging issues



TAPI Committees Goals:

- **Community Awareness:** Create centralized immunization messaging so that all partners are promoting the same information.
- **Provider Education:** Create support materials, programs, and notices that clinics need to get more vaccines in arms.
- **Advocacy Committee:** Collaborate before and during session to help support good public health policy across agencies.
- **Steering Committee:** Provide strategic direction for the vaccine system by monitoring coverage levels, and making strong Public Health and immunization policy recommendations.
 - Vaccine Congress Workgroup & subcommittees:
 - Community of Practice: May 2024
 - Vaccine Council: Spring 2024



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2026 Committee Focus

Strategic Priorities

1. Increase community awareness and provide education to Arizonans about childhood, adolescent, and adult immunizations; develop strategies to support local, community-based efforts.
2. Develop and disseminate immunization messaging to partners, outside healthcare organizations, media and community using collective voice.
3. Maintain print, web & social media immunization resources tailored to individual needs of partners.



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TAPI Community Awareness Committee | Strategic Priorities 2024-2027

Priorities the support Community Awareness	Who	When	Staff Support
Update messaging to appeal to the worldview of today's parents	Community Members	2026	
Develop social media messaging & message maps that partners can use for outreach	Community Members	2026	
Teach non-medical professionals to have peer-to-peer conversations and serve as advocates	Community Members	Quarterly	
Involve public relations professionals of associations & plans in committee	Community Members	2026	
Develop education materials to answer general, safety, coverage and schedule questions for babies, teens & adults. Review & update frequently based on emerging hesitancy.	Community Members	Monthly reviews	
Partner with identified agencies on committee updates, messaging, events, and outreach	Community Members	2026	
Develop where to find vaccine locations map	Community Members	2026-2027	
Develop centralized messaging, photo gallery, and immunization talking points for cohesive outreach used by partners and AZ agencies (photos that look like me, AZ landscape)	Community Members	2026	
Host and promote Big Shots for AZ awards event	Community Members	Annual	
Develop insurance coverage and VFC eligibility guides for patients	Community Members	2026	
When possible, include immunization education in community-based events	Community Members	Monthly	
TAPI Program Support/Staff Projects			
10 Things Parents Need to Know about Why We Immunize	TAPI Staff	Quarterly	
Dinner planning	TAPI Staff	Q1 annual	
Community events	TAPI Staff	On going	
Material Design/production/distribution (including custom materials for partners)	TAPI Staff	On going	
Marketing & Social Media Management	TAPI Staff	On going	
Building Bridges to Health calls (every 2 weeks)	TAPI Staff	Monthly	

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Survey Results

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Survey Results

12 participants

- 1 hour long
- Monday
- 12pm
- Online



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Survey Results

Who is missing?

health frequentahcccs support
systems medical clinics
azdhs physicians updates



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Thank You!

Next

**Community Awareness Committee
Meeting**

January 5, 2026
12:00pm-1:30pm



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