



2026 CLOUD & BIG SHOTS AWARDS

Q&A



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TAPI AWARD CATEGORIES

DANIEL T. CLOUD OUTSTANDING PRACTICE

- Assessment-based award recognizes the exceptional efforts of the many individuals and organizations whose tireless work and innovative strategies have improved immunization coverage levels for toddlers (24-35 months) and teens (13-15 years) in Arizona.

BIG SHOTS OF ARIZONA

- Organizations and individuals who have distinguished themselves by improving the health and wellness of Arizona's communities and the lives of Arizona children through increasing immunization rates.

Vaccine Series by Age Group

Toddler

Series	4 DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hib, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella and 4 PCV
Age	2 years - 2 years and 364 days as of the day you run your ASIIS report

Teen

Series	1 TDAP, 1 MCV, UTD HPV
Age	13 years – 15 years and 364 days as of the day you run your ASIIS report

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Steps in the Cloud Award Process



Dr. Daniel T. Cloud Outstanding Practice Awards



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**Nominations open
January 15, 2026**



Important Dates

- Cloud- Nominations open January 15, 2026 – March 19
- Big Shots- Nominations open January 27- February 24
- Big Shots for Arizona Awards Ceremony- April 14

Awards website:

<https://whyimmunize.org/get-info/healthcare-professionals/big-shots-for-arizona-awards/>



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What questions do you have?

Instructions for Running ASIIS Reports

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SAVE THE DATE

Big Shots for Arizona Awards Ceremony

Honoring the Dr. Daniel T. Cloud Outstanding Practices & Arizona Big Shots

DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa
April 14, 2026
5:00pm-8:00pm

Nominations open soon for Cloud & Big Shots awards



Cloud - Honors practices that have improved immunization coverage levels. Verified by ASIIS assessments. [Open 1/15](#)



Big Shots - These awards recognize exceptional efforts of individuals & organizations. [Open 1/27](#)



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Vaccine Conversations and Parent Handouts



Support Vaccines and Evidence Based Vaccine Education

Spread the FACTS! Millions of children & adults are vaccinated every year—safely.

Common Question - Is it important to get my child vaccinated if everyone else vaccinated their kids?

- Yes! This concept is called **community immunity**, or herd immunity. And it's an important reason for you and your family to get vaccinated — so you can help keep yourselves and your community healthy.
- When enough people are vaccinated against a certain disease, the germs can't travel as easily from person to person — and the entire community is less likely to get the disease.
- Community immunity helps protect everyone. But it's especially important for people with weakened immune systems, that have allergies to certain vaccines, the frail and infants that are too young to receive vaccines.

Common Question - Why not space out vaccines using an alternative schedule?

- There is no evidence that spreading out the child immunization schedule decreases risk of adverse reactions and delaying vaccines does not increase the time children will be susceptible to serious diseases.

Talking Points for Flu Vaccination

- It can take up to two weeks for the flu vaccine to protect you, so getting vaccinated prior to an active flu season offers you the best protection. Otherwise, you might be exposed to the virus before you get vaccine protection.
- After you are vaccinated — other ways to help prevent the flu are to cover your cough, wash your hands with soap and water often and stay home when sick.
- The flu shot is not 100% effective. Regardless, some protection is better than none. We wear seatbelts in our cars and police put on their bullet proof vests daily — both are worth using even though they are not 100% effective.

Talking Points for Tough Vaccine Conversations

- Getting childhood vaccines are not an extra burden on the immune system—even for babies. Babies are exposed to hundreds of viruses and bacteria during normal activities like eating and playing.
- Even though kids receive more vaccines, they receive far fewer antigens overall compared to their parents and grandparents. Our children are now protected against more disease too!
- Aluminum is naturally present in our environment; the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat.
- Breastfed infants ingest 15 times more mercury in breast milk than is contained in the flu vaccine.
- Viruses need cells to grow and scientists found fibroblast cells (cells needed to hold skin and other connective tissue together) to be the best to make successful vaccines. Two fetal lamb brains used to grow vaccine viruses were first obtained from elective termination of two pregnancies in early 1960. Descendants of the cells are still used to make certain vaccines and cancer treatments. www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC300000/
- Encourage others to carefully evaluate the sources and references they are using for vaccine education.

References & Resources

Vaccines.gov | Children's Hospital of Philadelphia | AutismSpeaks.org/what-causes-autism
WhyImmunize.org | Immunization Action Coalition | PublicHealth.org

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