

Community Awareness Committee Agenda

August 3, 12:00pm-1:00pm

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Karin Szymanski

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- NIAM 2026 resources
- Respiratory Season preparation – open discussion

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Please place your name and organization in the chat.



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TUNE IN TO FACTS

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Tempe	May 28
Glendale	June 10
Tucson	June 16
Sierra Vista	June 17
Prescott	June 30
Yuma	July 10
Tuba City	July 21
Kingman	July 23
Show Low	August 4



Participants will learn about and discuss
several vaccine topics including:

- Why we immunize
 - Storage and handling
 - Understanding the vaccine schedule
 - Vaccine administration
 - Vaccine best practices
 - Vaccine questions
 - The state immunization registry
 - Tough vaccine conversations
- Check-in at 8:30AM | Training ends at 4:00PM (AZ time)
 - For medical assistants, vaccine coordinators, and pharmacy techs
 - Lunch is included in training
 - CEUs are available



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Banner TIPS



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Review

- Vaccine basics
- Storage and handling tips
- Vaccine prep & screening
- Vaccine administration & documentation
- Billing and coding

Understand

- Herd immunity
- Why we immunize
- Best practices

Improve

- Vaccine processes
- Immunization coverage

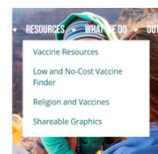
TRAINING DETAILS:

- Lunch is included in training
 - Medical Assistant CEU's are available
 - Continuing Nursing Education Credit
- This activity has been submitted to Banner Health's Provider Unit for RN Continuing Education credits, contact hours are currently pending.



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NIAM 2026



SHAREABLE GRAPHICS

These graphics are designed to be used in presentations, social media, and other communication materials.

Download: [Vaccine Resources](#), [Low and No-Cost Vaccine Finder](#), [Religion and Vaccines](#), [Shareable Graphics](#)

NIAM 2026



The National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is a time to raise awareness about the importance of vaccines and the role of immunization in protecting public health.

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Respiratory Season 2026 - 2027

What do you need from TAPI?

- Gaps
- Challenges
- Certain vaccine or education focusses
- Resources



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Marcellina Lopez

Immunization Programs Office Chief



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Agenda

- Measles Overview
- 2026-2027 vaccine planning
 - COVID-19
 - Pediatric RSV
- 2026 Re-Enrollment



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Measles Overview

Measles Activity in Arizona

- Multiple Local Health Departments (LHDs) are actively responding to confirmed measles cases.
- In 2026:
 - Maricopa: 25 confirmed cases as of 07/28/2026
 - Yavapai: 1 confirmed case reported on 7/15/2026
 - Pima: 3 confirmed cases, latest reported on 7/16/2026
- The ADHS will continue to monitor for new incidents or cases and provide communication and guidance as needed.



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2026-2027 COVID-19 Planning

What Arizona VFC Providers Need to Know



COVID-19 Vaccines

Contract: June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027
CDC contracts awarded to Moderna, Pfizer, and Sanofi.



FDA Approval

Once the 2026-2027 COVID-19 products are approved by the FDA, all Moderna, Pfizer, and Sanofi NDCs will be available to order.



Allocations

The CDC has not confirmed if there will be allocations for the upcoming season.



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2026-2027 RSV - Pediatric Planning

What Arizona VFC Providers Need to Know



Clesrovimab/ENFLONIA™
Nirsevimab/ Beyfortus®

Will be available for ordering in August to prepare for the RSV season.



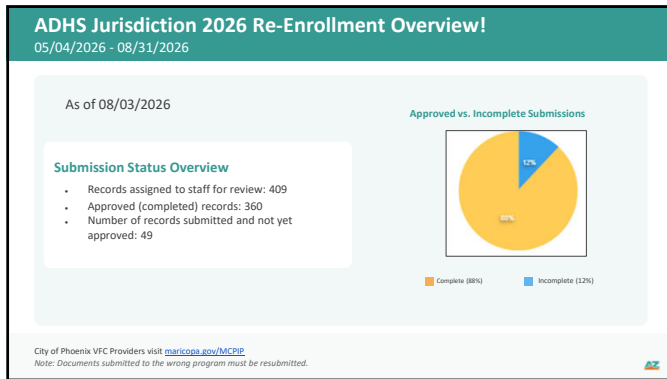
Communication will be sent once the immunization is available for ordering in ASIS.



- Do not over-order or stockpile supplies.
- Although the CDC has implemented monthly allocations, no shortages of the presentations are anticipated.



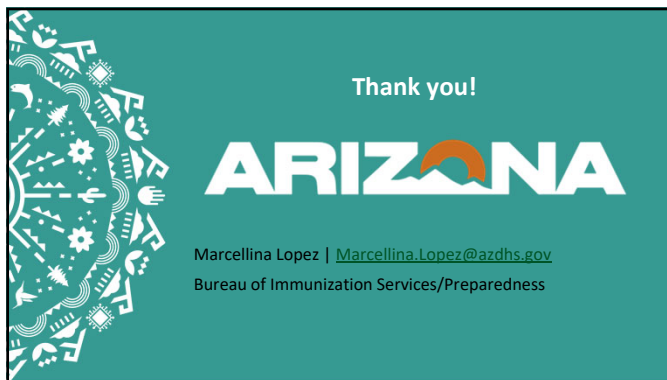
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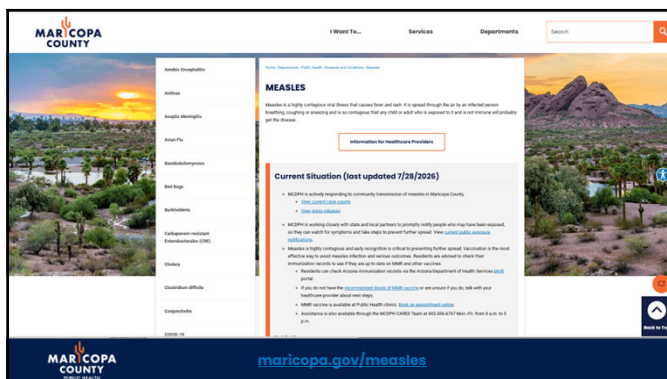
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Immunization Services

IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunizations have proven to be the most effective way to stop the spread of disease. We offer immunizations to children and adults in Maricopa County at our standing clinics and at scheduled community events. Anyone with or without insurance is welcome.

Appointments are required at our standing immunization clinics by [booking online](#) or calling 402-506-4762.



IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Our immunization clinics offer free vaccinations Monday-Friday by appointment.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Free vaccination clinics are hosted at various locations on specific dates and times.



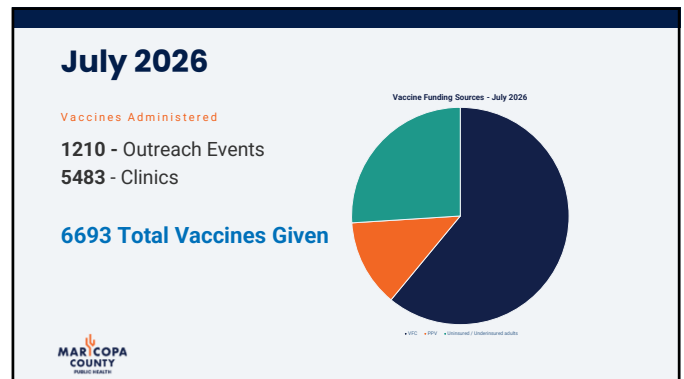
MCPIP PROVIDERS

Information for Vaccines For Children (VFC) providers located within the City of Phoenix.

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maricopa.gov/immunizations

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MCDPH Clinic Locations

Clinic Locations



Central Phoenix
1645 E Roosevelt St
Phoenix, AZ 85006



Mesa (East Valley)
1950 S. Country Club Dr.
Mesa, AZ 85210



Glendale (Northwest)
5141 W. Lamar Rd
Glendale, AZ 85301



Goodyear (West Valley)
14130 W. McDowell Rd.
Goodyear, AZ 85395

We are co-located with STI Services, WIC, and Vital Records at select sites.

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Online Patient Scheduling



BOOK AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE

Use our online booking system through MyVax to request an appointment for immunizations, sexually transmitted infections (STI) testing or treatment, or substance use services.

Please read the following information before making your request:

What to know before you book:

- Choose the service and visit type that best matches what you need.
- Provide accurate and complete information, including:
 - Full name
 - Date of birth
 - Contact information (phone number and email address)
- Book only one appointment for the same visit. Choose the location and time that work best for you. Do not create multiple bookings.
- For same-day appointments, choose a time at least three hours from when you submit your request.
- To cancel or reschedule, call the clinic.

When you arrive for your appointment

- You must arrive 15 minutes early to check in and get your appointment.
- Bring necessary documents to your appointment:
 - A valid ID
 - Insurance card (if using insurance)
 - Any relevant medical records

Important: Online appointment requests are not automatically booked

- Your request time is held while our team reviews your request. You will receive a confirmation notice once your appointment is approved.
- Requests submitted after hours or on weekends will be reviewed the next business day.

After you request an appointment

- Check your email for a confirmation notice.
- If you do not receive confirmation within one business day, call the clinic.

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Recent Outreach Events



Monthly Outreach Events

Measles Response

Back-to-School

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Maricopa County Phoenix Immunization Program (MCPIP)

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How MCPIP Secured Funding

- In January 2025, the CDC announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under the Strengthening Vaccine-Preventable Disease Prevention and Response grant (Assistance Listing 93.268)
- Eligible applicants included local agencies serving cities with **populations of 1.4 million or more**, including Los Angeles County and Maricopa County for Phoenix
- Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) applied under this NOFO and was awarded funding to support VFC providers within the City of Phoenix. Similarly, Los Angeles County received funding to support the City of Los Angeles



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MCPIP Overview

- The Maricopa County Phoenix Immunization Program (MCPIP) operates the local Vaccines for Children (VFC) program for providers within the City of Phoenix.
- Service area includes Phoenix, Laveen, and Ahwatukee communities.
- MCPIP is housed within the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH).



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MCPIP Overview

New CDC Funding Structure

- Beginning July 2025, MCDPH began receiving direct CDC funding to support Phoenix-based VFC providers.
- April 6, 2026, MCPIP began providing support under this funding



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MCPIP Overview

Coordination with State Partners

- MCPIP collaborates closely with the Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of Immunization Services (BIZS).
- Each agency provides VFC support to providers within its own jurisdiction.
- Coordination focuses on creating an integrated experience for providers operating in multiple jurisdictions.
- Goal: minimize administrative burden and ensure consistent expectations, communication, and support.



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Thank You!

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Choosing Vaccination After an Adverse Event

Rebecca Larson
TAPI Intern
& MPH Student



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Takeaways From My Story

- ❖ Health is the common goal
- ❖ Vaccination decisions can feel overwhelming & weighty
- ❖ Relationships & trust are key
- ❖ Important questions deserve clear answers



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Questions?

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About the Office of Environmental Epidemiology (OEE)

Vision: Health and Wellness for all Arizonans in their natural and built environment where we live, work, and play



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Lead Surveillance

01 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program



- Surveillance of blood lead levels for children in the state of Arizona
- Provide prevention education to families and healthcare providers about lead poisoning prevention, testing, and reporting.
- Provide case management to children with blood lead levels greater than 3.5 µg/dL

02 Adult Lead Poisoning

- Receive and review blood lead test reports to identify and address lead exposure in adults
- Provide prevention education for high risk groups (pregnant women, and those who work a job or hobby with lead)
- Contact individuals with elevated levels to identify possible sources and discuss next steps

Screening - Education - Support

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WIIN Program

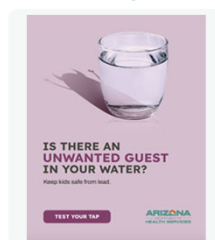
The WIIN Act

Addresses, supports, and improves America's drinking water infrastructure. This federal initiative funds the Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program.

FREE Voluntary Testing

To test drinking water for lead in charter schools, public schools, and childcare facilities across Arizona.

APPLY NOW



Learn more at azdhs.gov/waterleadtesting

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The Lead Safe Homes Program

Program Funding

Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH).

Program Goal

Increase community awareness of lead hazards and available resources in partnership with Cochise County.

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Environmental Toxicology Program

Assists communities in understanding potential health impacts from known or suspected environmental exposures.

Public Health Assessment Activities

Evaluates existing environmental (air, water, soil) data to:

- identify if people are exposed to certain contaminants,
- determine whether that exposure can be harmful,
- and recommend public health actions to prevent further exposure.

Education and Support

Responds to requests from residents, communities, local authorities, and other agencies for environmental toxicology expertise or support. Examples include:

- work with a local health department to communicate the health risks of a contaminant
- develop a fact sheet and presentation to provide to a community with specific concerns

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Environmental Health Surveillance

Indoor Radon

What is Radon?
A natural radioactive gas that builds up in buildings over time.

Leading Environmental Health Risk
The #1 cause of lung cancer for people who do not smoke.

Critical Need for Testing
Undetectable without testing, yet only 0.1% of Arizona homes have been tested.
Help us reach our 1% goal to protect community health!



Learn more at azdhs.gov/Radon

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Environmental Health Surveillance

Pesticide-Related Illness

01 Receive Data

Suspected pesticide illness is **required to report** in AZ

We receive data from

- Poison Control Centers
- Hospital Discharge

02 Analyze Data

Identify trends, like:

- 1 in 3 cases reported in AZ are children 0-5 years old.
- Kids are most often exposed to pesticides **by mouth**.

03 Provide Education

- Use data to inform outreach and education
- Visit azdhs.gov/pesticides for information on safety and preventing exposures



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AZ Choose Safe Places

Free voluntary site assessments and recommendations for participating child care facilities. This includes:

Property Review

Evaluating for potential hazards by analyzing:

- Past property use
- Nearby sites
- Possible natural contamination
- Drinking water safety

Soil Screening

Free screening for key contaminants:

- Lead
- Arsenic

We assess bare soil in areas where children play or garden.

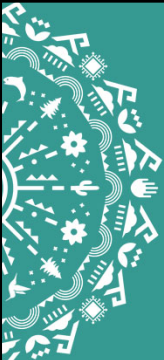
Recommendations

Empowering staff with knowledge:

- Education on common and identified risks
- Recommended practical actions and next steps
- Daily practices to protect child & staff health

Learn more at azdhs.gov/ChooseSafePlaces

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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

2026 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

Polio

Monkeypox

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

Day	Date	Time	Location	Address	Council District
Día	Fecha	Tiempo	Ubicación	Dirección	Distrito del concejo
Thursday/Jueves	7/30/2026	3:30pm-5:30pm	Aeroterra Community Center	1725 E. McKinley St.	8
Friday/Viernes	7/31/2026	1:00pm-5:00pm	Alhambra Community Care Center	5330 N 23rd Ave	4
Saturday/Sabado	8/1/2026	8:30am-11:00am	IRC	4425 W. Olive Ave., #400	n/a
Saturday/Sabado	8/1/2026	12:00pm-4:00pm	Academies of Math & Science	4540 W. Glendale Ave.	n/a
Saturday/Sabado	8/1/2026	9:00am-1:00pm	T G Barr School	2041 E. Vineyard Rd.	8
Friday/Viernes	8/7/2026	1:00pm-5:00pm	Washington Elem. School Dist.	3200 W. Cholla St.	1
Thursday/Jueves	8/13/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	Nourish PHX	501 S. 9th Ave.	7

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