



Statement Release

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Dear Friends and Partners,

Following the August 10, 2026, Executive Order changing federal childhood vaccine recommendations, The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI) wants Arizona families to know one important thing: **the science behind childhood vaccines has not changed.**

Vaccines remain one of our best defenses against serious and sometimes life-threatening diseases. Decades of research and real-world experience support the safety and effectiveness of routine childhood vaccines. Leading medical organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association and Infectious Diseases Society of America, continue to recommend vaccination based on this extensive body of evidence.

“As a pediatrician, I know parents want to make the best decisions for their children, and changing recommendations can understandably create confusion,” said Pamela Murphy, MD, TAPI Board Member and practicing pediatrician. “What has not changed is the science. We have decades of evidence demonstrating that childhood vaccines are safe, effective and protect children from serious diseases. I encourage parents with questions to talk with their child’s healthcare clinician. We know your child, we know the science, and we can help you make informed decisions about protecting their health.”

TAPI is particularly concerned that recommendations to separate vaccines into additional medical visits could create new barriers to vaccination. For many Arizona families, particularly those in rural and medically underserved communities, accessing healthcare is already difficult. TAPI’s work across Arizona has identified communities where geography and limited numbers of providers create significant barriers to vaccination. More visits can mean more time away from work and school, additional transportation and childcare needs, and more opportunities for children to fall behind.

The science has not changed, and vaccines remain our best defense against vaccine-preventable diseases. TAPI encourages parents to talk with their child’s healthcare provider

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about the vaccines recommended for their child and to rely on trusted medical guidance when making those decisions.

TAPI will continue working with Arizona's healthcare providers, public health agencies, and community partners to ensure families have clear, science-based information and access to recommended vaccines.

About TAPI

The Arizona Partnership for Immunization is a statewide nonprofit coalition of more than 400 members working to foster community wellness, advocate for good public policy and best immunization practices, and improve access to age-appropriate immunizations throughout Arizona.

Partner Statements

- AZ Families for Vaccines, AzPHA, TAPI joint statement linked below
- NFID: [NFID Statement on Childhood Immunization Schedule](https://www.nfid.org/nfid-statement-on-childhood-immunization-schedule/) <https://www.nfid.org/nfid-statement-on-childhood-immunization-schedule/>
- VYF's statement: [Vaccinate Your Family's Statement on the Executive Order Delivering Gold-Standard Childhood Vaccine](https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/august-2026-executive-order-statement/) [...https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/august-2026-executive-order-statement/](https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/august-2026-executive-order-statement/)
- PIDS: [PIDS Response to 'Delivering Gold Standard Childhood Vaccine Recommendations for Americans' Executive Order](https://pids.org/2026/08/11/pids-response-to-delivering-gold-standard-childhood-vaccine-recommendations-for-americans-executive-order/) <https://pids.org/2026/08/11/pids-response-to-delivering-gold-standard-childhood-vaccine-recommendations-for-americans-executive-order/>
- Lung Association's statement: [American Lung Association: Executive Order on Vaccines Hurts Children's Health During Back-to-School](https://www.lung.org/media/press-releases/fy27-vaccines-executive-order-statement) <https://www.lung.org/media/press-releases/fy27-vaccines-executive-order-statement>
- American Lung Association: [Executive Order on Vaccines Hurts Children's Health During Back-to-School Season](https://www.lung.org/media/press-releases/fy27-vaccines-executive-order-statement) <https://www.lung.org/media/press-releases/fy27-vaccines-executive-order-statement>

- TFAH: [Trust for America's Health Statement in Response to Executive Order on Childhood Vaccine Recommenda...](https://www.tfah.org/article/tfah-statement-to-executive-order-delivering-gold-standard-childhood-vaccine-recommendations/)<https://www.tfah.org/article/tfah-statement-to-executive-order-delivering-gold-standard-childhood-vaccine-recommendations/>
- Families USA Statement: [Trump Administration Bypasses Science Again, Doubles Down on Restrictions to Childhood Vaccines - Fa...](https://www.familiesusa.org/press-releases/trump-administration-bypasses-science-again-doubles-down-on-restrictions-to-childhood-vaccines/) <https://www.familiesusa.org/press-releases/trump-administration-bypasses-science-again-doubles-down-on-restrictions-to-childhood-vaccines/>
- American Families for Vaccines: [AFV's Statement on Federal Executive Order on Vaccines](https://www.familiesforvaccines.org/statements/execorder)<https://www.familiesforvaccines.org/statements/execorder> & [Action Alert](https://www.vaccineadvocacy.org/campaign/ActNow/) <https://www.vaccineadvocacy.org/campaign/ActNow/>
- AAP: [AAP Statement in Response to Executive Order on Vaccines](https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/aap/2026/aap-statement-in-response-to-executive-order-on-vaccines/) <https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/aap/2026/aap-statement-in-response-to-executive-order-on-vaccines/>
- AAPA: [AAPA Statement on Changes to Childhood Vaccine Recommendations](https://www.aapa.org/news-central/2026/08/aapa-statement-on-changes-to-childhood-vaccine-recommendations/) <https://www.aapa.org/news-central/2026/08/aapa-statement-on-changes-to-childhood-vaccine-recommendations/>
- American College of Physicians: [American College of Physicians: Executive order directing changes to U.S. vaccine schedule problematic, deeply concerning and creates barriers to access](https://www.acponline.org/acp-newsroom/american-college-of-physicians-executive-order-directing-changes-to-us-vaccine-schedule-problematic) <https://www.acponline.org/acp-newsroom/american-college-of-physicians-executive-order-directing-changes-to-us-vaccine-schedule-problematic>
- American Medical Association: [AMA statement on executive order changing childhood vaccine schedule](https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/ama-press-releases/ama-statement-executive-order-changing-childhood-vaccine-schedule) <https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/ama-press-releases/ama-statement-executive-order-changing-childhood-vaccine-schedule>
- IDSA: [Statement on Vaccine Executive Order](https://www.idsociety.org/news--publications-new/articles/2026/idsa-statement-on-vaccine-executive-order/) <https://www.idsociety.org/news--publications-new/articles/2026/idsa-statement-on-vaccine-executive-order/>
- March of Dimes: <https://www.marchofdimes.org/maternity-care-deserts-report>



Community Messaging Resources:

- Vaccinate Your Family and Autism Science Foundation Autism and Vaccines Resources:
 - https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/AutismSociety_Infographic-Autism-and-Vaccines-FAQ_2025-09V1F_Digital.pdf
 - The truth about autism and vaccines <https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/The-Truth-About-Autism-and-Vaccines-VYF-ASF-Guide-2025-Color-Final-1.pdf>
 - Autism Science Foundation Literature Review on Autism and Vaccines <https://autismsciencefoundation.org/autism-and-vaccines-read-the-science/>
- Immunize.org Evidence Shows Vaccines Unrelated to Autism <https://www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/catg.d/p4028.pdf>
- ASTHO [Impact of the ACIP Recommendations on State Laws](#) (from 2025)
- AAP
 - AAP Fact Checked: Vaccines: Safe and Effective, No Link to Autism <https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/fact-checked/fact-checked-vaccines-safe-and-effect-no-link-to-autism/>
 - AAP Immunization Recommendations Process: 2026 <https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/aap-immunization-recommendations-process-2026/?srsltid=AfmBOooVQXWpIREmYVM5Ofw8-1c3bk8sNSkPhZd9OKNMx5MSMXy3UN74>
 - AAP Updated Influenza Factsheet <https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/vaccination-info-sheets/>
 - Frameworks Resources and Research for Shifting Discourse on Vaccines <https://www.frameworksinstitute.org/issues/vaccines/>
- Washington Post Q&A: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2026/08/11/what-does-trumps-executive-order-vaccines-mean-my-kids/>



Social Media Resources:

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Fear, [Instagram https://www.instagram.com/p/Db3_QKollCm/?igsh=eDJ6cHM1Y2RtM3pn](https://www.instagram.com/p/Db3_QKollCm/?igsh=eDJ6cHM1Y2RtM3pn)

- AMA Post on the EO <https://www.instagram.com/p/Db4Nsv0D3JZ/>
- Pediatrician Influencer Post 1 <https://www.instagram.com/p/Db39HEfRZvU/>
- Pediatrician Influencer Post 2 <https://www.instagram.com/p/Db37OQvJHCD/>
- Aluminum social media posts <https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/aluminum-in-vaccines/>
- Co-administration social media posts <https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/is-coadministration-safe>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Washington".

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