

## Arizona VFC Program Allows Flu Borrowing for Flu Season 2020-2021

Dear Members,

The collaboration between AzAAP and the Arizona VFC program is the strongest it has ever been and has yielded many positive results for our members over the past two years. Since the start of the pandemic, AzAAP leaders and Arizona VFC leaders have been in constant discussions to ensure that Arizona children have access to immunizations and the challenges providers are facing are considered in policy and procedural decisions. In recent weeks these discussions led to the agreement of flu borrowing for the 2020-2021 flu season. All Arizona VFC providers should have received a notice of this change this morning. We thank our partners at the Arizona VFC Program and the Immunization Program Office for instituting this change and will work alongside them and our members to help ensure a smooth transition of this policy.

AzAAP will continue to work in partnership with our members and the Arizona VFC program to address the challenges of COVID-19 and assist with VFC provider questions to ensure that all eligible Arizona children are immunized against vaccine preventable diseases. Again, we thank the staff and leaders at the Arizona VFC program and the VFC providers across the state who are doing this extremely important work during these challenging times.