



## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES



# Nearly 4,000 vaccinated by 6 p.m. on first day of state 24/7 vaccination site

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### **Nearly 4,000 vaccinated by 6 p.m. on first day of state 24/7 vaccination site**

\PHOENIX – Nearly 4,000 people had been vaccinated by 6 p.m. on the first day of operations at the state’s first 24/7 COVID-19 vaccination site at State Farm Stadium in Glendale. This 24-hour period includes a soft launch and ramp-up.

“I’m pleased and grateful to see the enthusiastic response not just from our volunteers and staff but from those who are able to use this medical facility to get vaccinated,” said Dr. Cara Christ, director of the Arizona Department of Health Services.

As a medical doctor, Dr. Christ spent almost three hours administering the vaccine early today.

The site, which ADHS launched in partnership with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona, and the Arizona Cardinals, began serving those with appointments at 12:01 a.m. The patients include healthcare workers, first responders, teachers, law enforcement officers, Arizonans over age 75, and others at the top of the priority list for vaccine distribution.

With the facility scaling up operations, today’s capacity is delivering 200 doses an hour, or 4,800 in the first 24 hours.

All appointments have been booked through Tuesday, Jan. 19, but times are available beyond that date. In all, over 81,000 people have booked appointments.

Registration is available for the vaccination site at State Farm Stadium and several other sites throughout the state at [podvaccine.azdhs.gov/](https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/). Information about all vaccination sites across Arizona can be found at [azhealth.gov/findvaccine](https://azhealth.gov/findvaccine).

Those without computer access or needing extra help registering can call 1-844-542-8201 to be connected with someone who can assist. **Pro tip: You can use the patient portal at [podvaccine.azdhs.gov](https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/) to make an appointment for a relative in a prioritized group, such as someone 75 and older.**

In addition, individuals creating an account on [podvaccine.azdhs.gov/](https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/) can schedule an appointment on behalf of relatives or dependents through that account, which is recommended for those with older family members or family without access to a computer. Those scheduled for vaccination will need to show identification upon arrival to the vaccination site demonstrating they qualify for phases 1A or priority 1B.

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has established the site in part thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Ben and Catherine Ivy Foundation. More than 300 volunteers with Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona will provide 24/7 staffing, while the Arizona Cardinals have provided the facility, tents, technical assistance, and other critical support.

ADHS has contracted with Walgreens to provide pharmacy support and ASU to provide logistical support and additional staffing, supplies, and resources.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccination, please visit [azhealth.gov/COVID19vaccine](https://azhealth.gov/COVID19vaccine). For more information about how to schedule an appointment through <https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/>, including how to schedule an appointment for a family member, please visit [azhealth.gov/patientportalguide](https://azhealth.gov/patientportalguide).

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## News Release: Strong Demand for COVID-19 Vaccine Paves Way for Second State Site at Phoenix Municipal Stadium

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### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **Strong Demand for COVID-19 Vaccine Paves Way for Second State Site at Phoenix Municipal Stadium**

*State Farm Stadium Site Fully Booked for January, More Appointments Coming Soon*

PHOENIX – Governor Doug Ducey and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) today announced the launch of a second state vaccination site following the success of Arizona’s first 24/7 state vaccination site in Glendale.

“Arizona’s vaccine site at State Farm Stadium has been a game changer,” said Governor Ducey.

“This week has demonstrated Arizonans are ready for the COVID-19 vaccine. We’re going to do our part to make sure they get it. I’ve said that vaccines do no one any good sitting in a freezer, and I’m grateful to the team at the Arizona Department of Health Services and Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs who have worked tirelessly to ramp up distribution.”

All appointments at the state’s 24/7 vaccination site at State Farm Stadium for January have been filled, demonstrating strong demand for the COVID-19 vaccine. Registration for more appointments in February will open Tuesday, January 19 at 9 a.m.

Governor Ducey and ADHS announced Arizona is dramatically expanding vaccine site capacity:

- ADHS will launch a new additional state vaccine site in the East Valley on Feb. 1 to further expand appointment availability. Registration for appointments at a new Phoenix Municipal Stadium location will also begin on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 9 a.m.

- The State Farm Stadium site will continue to operate at full capacity through the end of January providing the first of two doses of the Pfizer vaccine. Beginning in February, the State Farm Stadium site will begin offering second dose appointments *in addition to* the site's current capacity for first doses.
- County health departments across the state are also working to expand appointment availability at their sites.
- Arizona has activated the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Retail Pharmacy Program which will add up to 100 pharmacy stores providing vaccine over the next few weeks. When the program is fully activated, more 800 pharmacies will have COVID-19 vaccine available in Arizona.
- There are over 200 vaccination sites statewide that have received vaccine, including 45 Community Health Centers.

ADHS will open a new vaccine site at Phoenix Municipal Stadium in partnership with Arizona State University and the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs on February 1. This site will be open during daytime hours. The number of appointments available at the site will depend on the number of vaccine doses available at that time. Registration for this new site opens on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 9 a.m.

"The second state site at Phoenix Municipal Stadium will dramatically boost the number of Arizonans who can get this vaccine," Governor Ducey said.

"This is positive, encouraging news as we scale up our vaccination capacity in Arizona," said ADHS Director Dr. Cara Christ. "It's clear that Arizonans are excited about the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We're working around the clock to meet that demand. As the federal government ships more vaccine doses to Arizona, we will have more vaccine sites and appointments available soon."

The biggest limiting factor on appointments is the limited supply of vaccine doses. Arizona receives weekly allocations from the federal government, which determines how many vaccine doses the state has and how many appointments can be offered. Arizona will continue to add additional vaccine sites as more vaccine is allocated to Arizona, including community health centers and pharmacies.

"We are hopeful the supply of vaccine doses from the federal government will continue to increase," Dr. Christ said. "We will be ready to add even more appointments and additional sites as the state receives more vaccine doses."

ADHS is putting out all of the doses Arizona receives from the federal government and distributing them to Arizonans at these state sites, county sites, medical facilities, and long-term care facilities, such as Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities. The CDC's Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care with CVS and Walgreens is allocated vaccine doses to vaccinate the residents and staff of long term care facilities enrolled in the program.

As of Wednesday evening, 12,570 people have already been vaccinated at the 24/7 State Farm Stadium vaccination site ADHS and partners launched this week.

Nearly 190,000 doses of the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to almost 171,000 Arizonans, including 17,000 who have received both doses.

Groups prioritized to date include: frontline healthcare workers, emergency services workers, and residents and staff at long-term care facilities (in Phase 1A): and protective services workers, educators and childcare workers, and adults 75 and older (prioritized Phase 1B). As of Tuesday, Jan. 19, an estimated 750,000 additional Arizonans 65 and older will be able to register for a vaccination

appointment in counties that are in prioritized Phase 1B. Each county's [current vaccine phase](#) is listed on our website, which is updated daily.

Starting Tuesday, Jan. 19, those in groups prioritized for vaccination can register for available appointments at State Farm Stadium and multiple other vaccination sites at [podvaccine.azdhs.gov](#). Information about all vaccination sites across Arizona can be found at [azhealth.gov/findvaccine](#). Those without computer access or needing extra help registering can call 1-844-542-8201 to be connected with someone who can assist. **Note: You can use the patient portal at [podvaccine.azdhs.gov](#) to make an appointment for a relative in a prioritized group, such as someone 75 and older.**

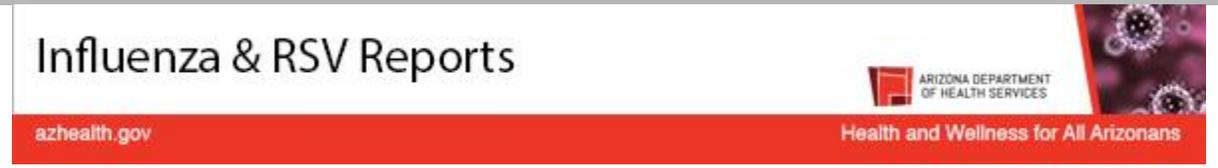
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To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination, please visit [azdhs.gov/COVID19Vaccines](#).

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## Influenza & RSV Summary: Week 1

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Please see the [interactive influenza dashboard](#) for more details on current and past seasons in Arizona.

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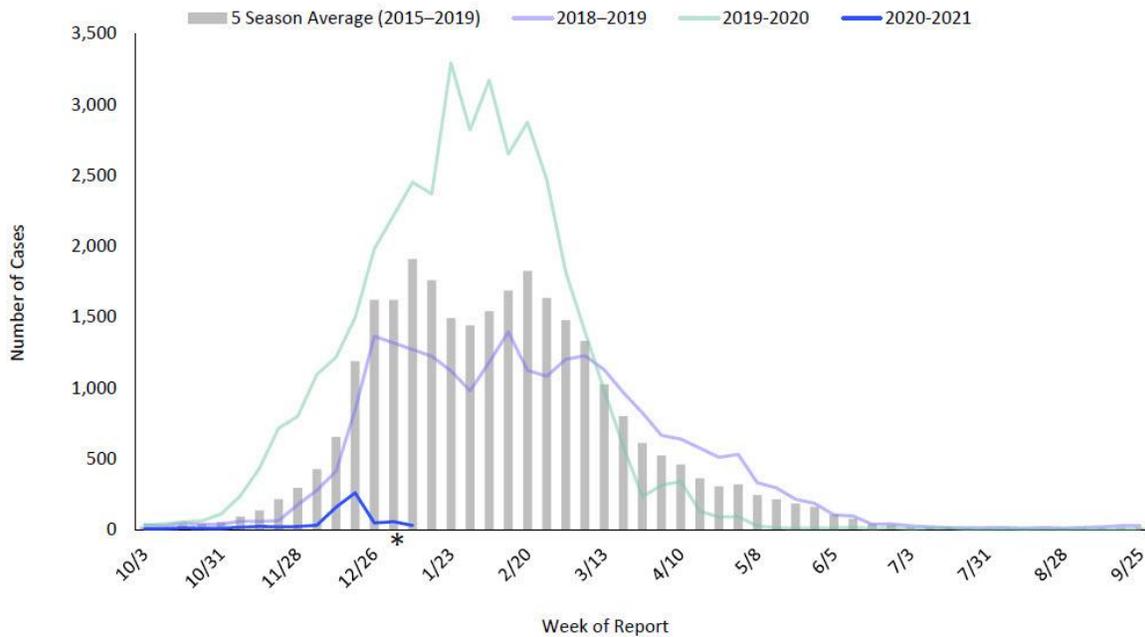
**Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Activity by Season**

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**Arizona reported Local Activity for week 1**

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In the past week, there were **28 laboratory confirmed** influenza cases.

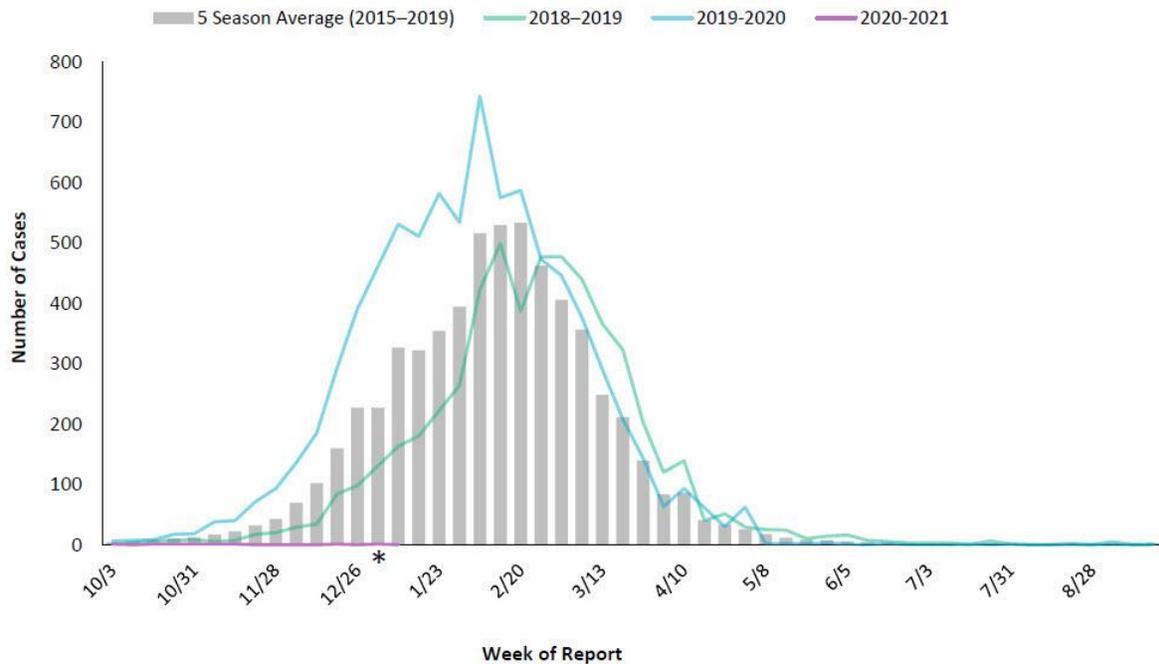


	Cumulative Season Total	Current Week Total
<b>2020-2021</b>	692	28
<b>2019-2020</b>	10,713	2,451
<b>5 season average</b>	6,691	1,908
<b>% increase, compared to 2019-2020 season</b>	-94%	-99%
<b>% increase, compared to a typical influenza season</b>	-90%	-99%
<b>% increase, compared to last week</b>	4%	-49%

\*Because there was no week 53 during the previous 5 seasons, the current week's data are represented by week 52 data for all previous seasons.

## Laboratory-Confirmed RSV Activity by Season

In the past week, there were **0 laboratory confirmed RSV cases**.



	Cumulative Season Total	Current Week Total
<b>2020–2021</b>	8	0
<b>2019–2020</b>	1,834	531
<b>5 season average</b>	1,034	326
<b>% increase, compared to 2019–2020 season</b>	-100%	-100%
<b>% increase, compared to a typical season</b>	-99%	-100%

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ADHS produces weekly reports on influenza and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) to track the level of case activity, learn where influenza and RSV are occurring in the state as well as who is affected (e.g., age), and allows us the track what sub-types of influenza are circulating.

For more information on these reports visit our [Influenza & RSV Reports](#) page.

### **About the Data:**

2020–2021 Influenza Season: The season is defined by surveillance weeks. The first day of the 2020–2021 influenza season was September 27th, 2020, or week 40 and the 2020–2021 surveillance season will continue through October 2nd, 2021, or week 39.

Activity Levels: Indicator of the geographic spread of influenza activity.

Widespread: Increased influenza-like illness from sentinel providers (ILI) in three or more regions and large numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in those regions.

Regional: Increased ILI in two regions and elevated numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in those regions.

Local: Increased ILI in one region and elevated numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in that region.

Sporadic: No increase in ILI activity and only isolated laboratory-confirmed influenza cases.

No Activity: No increase in ILI activity and no laboratory-confirmed influenza cases.

Influenza-associated Pediatric Deaths: Influenza-associated pediatric deaths are reportable to the public health departments in Arizona. The 2008–2009 and 2009–2010 seasons showed an increase in influenza-associated deaths in children related to the circulation of the 2009 H1N1 strain. One to five deaths were reported in each of the other seasons since 2004.

Influenza-like illness: Defined as a fever of at least 100°F plus either a cough or a sore throat. In weeks when a relatively low number of enrolled facilities report data, the ILI proportion may not be as representative of Arizona activity as for other weeks. The state ILI baseline is 1.9% and the epidemic threshold is 3.8%\*.

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## **ADHS: COVID-19 Update From Dr. Cara Christ**

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## COVID-19 Update From Dr. Cara Christ

Good afternoon,

The Arizona Department of Health Services is sharing this [COVID-19 video update](#) from Dr. Cara Christ explaining the latest trends, the state's response, and how Arizonans can help reduce the spread.

Later this week, [we'll share our weekly report](#) COVID-19 in Arizona, which has a deeper look at the data.



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*State vaccination site in Glendale helps boost numbers, with another state site coming Feb. 1*

PHOENIX – The number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in Arizona has passed 200,000 as the state and counties collaborate to get more and more vaccine into the arms of prioritized individuals.

“This is an exciting milestone for Arizona,” said Dr. Cara Christ, director of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). “Any dose that remains in storage remains a challenge to be addressed, but as a state we are gaining momentum in protecting prioritized Arizonans from COVID-19.”

As of Thursday, Arizona’s total was 217,716 doses administered to 186,779 Arizonans, including 21,612 who have received both doses. With 602,625 vaccine doses ordered so far in Arizona, that means 36% of the state’s allocation to date has been administered.

About 16,200 doses have been administered through this afternoon at the state's first 24/7 vaccination site since it opened on Monday. The site is operated by ADHS and partners at State Farm Stadium in Glendale.

Groups prioritized to date include: frontline healthcare workers, emergency services workers, and residents and staff at long-term care facilities (in Phase 1A); and protective services workers, educators and childcare workers, and adults 75 and older (prioritized Phase 1B). As of 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, those 65 and older will be able to register for vaccination appointments in counties that are in prioritized Phase 1B. Each county's [current vaccine phase](#) is listed on the ADHS website.

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