

## Upcoming Events

**November 16**

[School Nurse Huddle](#)

**Fall 2022**

[School Nurse Continuing Education](#)

**June 2023**



**June 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> 2023, School Nurses Organization of Arizona (SNOA) Conference-info. For Scholarship and Nurse of the Year application please visit [SNOA.org](http://www.snoa.org)**

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<http://www.snoa.org/index.php>

### SNOA Board

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### President's Note

Dear SNOA Members,  
Thank you for the opportunity to be the vice president of our organization. I am very passionate about our chosen specialty! This is my 18<sup>th</sup> year with Peoria Unified. I spent 13 of those years as a high school nurse and I have been the lead nurse for the last 8 years. Before school nursing, I worked in hospitals for 7 years. It wasn't until I moved into School Nursing that I really recognized my potential as a nurse. School Nursing is so much more than how society may view the profession. I believe that we are every bit as strong as our clinical setting counterparts. Our assessment skills are outstanding because sometimes, that is all we have. In many instances, we do not have the ability to call another nurse to get their opinion on what we see because we are the only medical professional on campus. For these reasons and many more, I have the utmost respect for what you do. You are a caring adult on campus for children so remember that you not only protect and save lives, but you also can change them for the better. Thank you for helping our students across Arizona.

**Lisa Alexander, BSN, RN, NCSN**  
**SNOA Vice President**

SNOA board member openings for the President and Secretary positions. Please let one of the board members know if you are interested in placing your name on the ballot. Remember, getting involved will help to support our school nurses across the state and keep SNOA strong.

Nadine Miller  
SNOA President



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## **Legislative updates**

In addition to the Seizure Plan law (SB1654) that was featured in our last newsletter, here are some other school nurse laws that were passed in the last legislative session that can impact school nursing.

### **Vaccination (HB2086, HB2371, HB2498):**

- ADHS is prohibited from prescribing COVID vaccines to be required for school attendance
- Government entities may not require a person under 18 to receive a COVID vaccine without parental consent
- Government entities may not require a resident of Arizona to receive a COVID vaccine

### **Masks (HB2453, HB2616)**

- Mask requirement for minors is prohibited without parental consent
- Governmental entities may not require masks for anyone on their premises
  - Includes schools
  - Excludes special healthcare districts
  - Excludes sites with longstanding safety and infection control measures in place unrelated to COVID

**Parental Rights to Records (HB2161)** Allows parents to access all written and electronic records of a school district, charter school, or its employees that concern the parent's child

- Counseling records, psychological records, health, and immunization information
- Medical records maintained by a health clinic on school property
- Behavioral reports
- Email accounts
- Other online accounts or data
- Allows parents to sue any government person or entity that interferes with parental rights.

**Sexually Explicit Materials (HB2495)** Prohibits public schools from referring to or using any sexually explicit material in any manner. Sexually explicit material includes textual, visual, or audio materials, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, and ultimate sexual acts or simulation.

- Exemptions: Material that contain serious educational, literary, artistic, political, or scientific value
- Written parental consent required before the school uses any exempted material
- An alternative assignment provided to students that does not contain any exempted material

## **9A.A.C.13, Article 1**

The hearing and vision rulemaking process continues, and we will update you with any new news as it comes out. In the meantime you can visit the ADHS Vision Screening page for more information [Vision Screening webpage](#)



## **Arizona School Nurses,**

The ASAP is offering a new Program - T2P (Transition to Practice). Here is a brief synopsis. The link to apply will be live on our website (<https://www.aznurse.org/mpage/ASAP1>) under Transition to Practice Program, on Tuesday, November 1.

The Arizona School Nurse Access Program (ASAP) School Nurse Transition to Practice (T2P) Program will support at least 20 Arizona school nurses hired within the past year and are new to school nursing by providing additional school nurse competency-based courses beyond a school health office orientation provided by the school/school district, a mentor for a year and ongoing support from school nurse experts through meetings and an online communication platform for T2P school nurses. School nursing is a nationally recognized nursing specialty, and competency-based coursework in this specialty area will guide the new school nurse in optimizing the health of school aged children while also creating a supportive environment to increase school nurse retention.

The T2P Program will enroll 20 Arizona school nurses in the spring semester 2023. The program consists of online school nurse coursework through the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) and a mentor pairing for each T2P Program enrollee. The T2P school nurses will be assigned an incumbent Arizona school nurse mentor for one year. The T2P school nurse will be required to maintain open communication with their school nurse mentor and to attend monthly support meetings with ASAP staff and their school nurse mentor.

When enrolled in the T2P Program, the ASAP will cover the cost of registering for the MCCCD School Nurse Coursework. The T2P Program will cover the cost of membership to the American Nurses Association (ANA)/Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA) and the National Association of School Nurses (NASN)/School Nurse Organization of Arizona (SNOA) for one year.

Please reach out to [sarah@azffn.org](mailto:sarah@azffn.org) with any questions

## Frequently asked questions

Legal questions always come up in school nurse practice, this is a great article with some general information to be aware of.

*Taken from Magnus Health*

### School nurse liability: 7 Must-know legal facts

1. Failing to question or challenge an administrator could result in liability.
2. Most negligence cases against schools frequently relate to injuries.
3. School nurses are at a higher risk for liability compared to their colleagues.
4. If a nurse attends an out-of-state field trip, they must meet the nursing license and practice laws of that state.
5. Student health records should be kept under lock and key.
6. Not every school staff member should have access to all student health information.
7. Everything should be documented.

*To find out the details and read more, click on [Magnus Health](#)*

### School Nurse 'In the News'

[Four Reasons We Need School Nurses Now More than Ever](#)

[Ethical Problems Experienced by School Nurses](#)

[School Nurses' engagement and care ethics in promoting adolescent health](#)

## Programs to explore

[AzFFN, Arizona Foundation for The Future of Nursing](#)

[Fallen Nurses Tribute](#)

[RNconnect](#)

[Arizona School Nurse Program \(ASAP\)](#)

[Arizona School Nurse Lifetime Service Award](#)

[Mentorship](#)

[National Certified School Nurse \(NCSN\)](#)

