



Dear SNOA Members,

November/December brings with it the hope of cooler weather, special seasons and family gatherings along with a well-deserved winter break.

We all know the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown many challenges our way, and we have continued to meet them and help our students thrive in spite of those challenges. But it can sometimes be hard to see beyond those challenges to remember what we are thankful for. I am thankful for our dedicated school nurses and health staff who continue to put students first this year and always.

It is also time to invest in your School Nurses Organization of Arizona (SNOA) as we elect new officers – you must be a nurse and belong to the National Association of School Nurses (NASN). It is important that we have new board members to represent the many areas of Arizona to help support our health staff.

*Please see attached ballot below*



**Nadine Miller**

**SNOA President**



***Partners in Health and Education***

*We get this question quite a bit.....*

**Does the HIPAA Privacy Rule allow a health care provider to disclose protected health information (PHI) about a student to a school nurse or physician?**

Yes. The HIPAA Privacy Rule allows covered health care providers to disclose PHI about students to school nurses, physicians, or other health care providers for treatment purposes, without the authorization of the student or student's parent. For example, a student's primary care physician may discuss the student's medication and other health care needs with a school nurse who will administer the student's medication and provide care to the student while the student is at school. In addition, a covered health care provider may disclose proof of a student's immunizations directly to a school nurse or other person designated by the school to receive immunization records if the school is required by State or other law to have such proof prior to admitting the student, and a parent, guardian, or other person acting in loco parentis has agreed to the disclosure. See 45 CFR 164.512(b)(1)(vi). <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/faq/517/does-hipaa-allow-a-health-care-provider-to-disclose-information-to-a-school-nurse/index.html>

**CDC Statement on B.1.1.529  
(Omicron variant)**

On November 26, 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified a new variant, B.1.1.529, as a Variant of Concern and has named it Omicron. No cases of this variant have been identified in the U.S. to date. CDC is following the details of this new variant, first reported to the WHO by South Africa. We are grateful to the South African government and its scientists who have openly communicated with the global scientific community and continue to share information about this variant with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and CDC. We are working with other U.S. and global public health and industry partners to learn more about this variant, as we continue to monitor its path.

CDC is continuously monitoring variants and the U.S. variant surveillance system has reliably detected new variants in this country. We expect Omicron to be identified quickly, if it emerges in the U.S.

We know what it takes to prevent the spread of COVID-19. CDC recommends people follow prevention strategies such as wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high community transmission, washing your hands frequently, and physically distancing from others. CDC also recommends that everyone 5 years and older protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting fully vaccinated. CDC encourages a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose for those who are eligible.

Travelers to the U.S. should continue to follow CDC recommendations for traveling.

CDC will provide updates as more information becomes available.

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**AzNA: Job Openings to Support School Nurse Residency Grant - SHARE WIDELY!** Posted By Wendy Knefelkamp, Friday, November 26, 2021 Updated: Monday, November 22, 2021

The Arizona Department of Education, in partnership with the Arizona Department of Health Services, will be implementing the Arizona School Nurse Access Program (ASAP), the purpose of which is to expediently increase the number of school nurses in rural and underserved places in Arizona. ASAP will support professional development for both new to practice school nurses as well as the incumbent workforce. The goal of the program is to provide a highly educated workforce that functions to the full extent of their license and education. The COVID-19 funding through the CDC Workforce Development Crisis Emergency Cooperative Agreement makes the ASAP possible. The Arizona Foundation for the Future of Nursing and the Arizona Department of Education are seeking job applicants for three (3) positions: Program Director (ADE), Program Administrative Assistant (ADE), and Program Administrative Assistant (AzFFN):

<https://www.aznurse.org/blogpost/1217701/Inside-AzNA>

Opportunities....

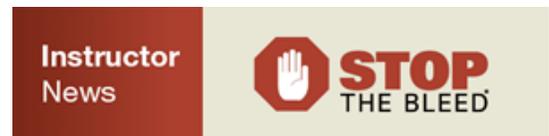
The Office of Community Wellnuss and Health Promotions have posted nursing positions for Child Care Nurse Consultants, please follow this link to find the positions and apply:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/maricopa>



The Arizona Department of Education with funding support from the Arizona Department of Health Services will be implementing the Arizona School Nurse Access Program (ASAP), an aptly named program to expediently increase the number of school nurses in Arizona. The ASAP will support professional growth and development of both new to practice school nurses as well as the incumbent workforce. The goal of the ASAP is to foster a highly educated workforce that functions to the full extent of their license and education. The COVID-19 funding through the Centers for the Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Workforce Development Crisis Emergency Cooperative Agreement makes the ASAP possible.

<https://www.azed.gov/wellness/arizona-school-nurse-access-program-asap>



<https://www.stopthebleed.org/training>

**Get Trained**

With 3 quick actions, you can be trained to save a life. The number 1 cause of preventable death after injury is bleeding. That's why we want to train you how to STOP THE BLEED®.

**Learn More about Stop the Bleed**

Minutes count! Someone who is severely bleeding can bleed to death in as little as 5 minutes. That's why bleeding control—keeping the blood inside the body—is the purpose of STOP THE BLEED® training.

**Resource Hub**

We encourage you to use the resources on this page to help spread the word about the STOP THE BLEED® campaign. Here you'll find training materials to learn about bleeding control techniques, documents about the history of the program, and more.

**Official Ballot: SNOA 2021**  
**Return by December 14, 2021**  
**Election of Officers**

Name	Vote
<b>President</b>	
Nadine Miller MS, BSN, RN	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Write In:</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Vice President (Term ending 1/31/24)</b>	
<b>Write In:</b> _____	
<b>Secretary (Term ending 1/31/23)</b>	
Christine Mahoney, MSN-Ed, RN	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Write In:</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Ballot must be returned by FAX or e-mail to**  
**Fax:480-472-0796      OR      e-mail: [namalek@mpsaz.org](mailto:namalek@mpsaz.org)**

**Thank you for your support and participation in SNOA!**