



School Nurses Organization of Arizona
Partners in Health and Education



Dear SNOA members and school healthcare providers,

The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated 2020 as the “Year of the Nurse and Midwife”, in honor of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale. There are over 4 million Registered nurses in the United States, the American Nurses Association (ANA) has announced the year 2020 as the “Year of the Nurse”.

It is important to promote our profession as School Nurses and the role we have to promote a healthy Arizona. SNOA is growing and promoting tools and supporting our profession with the support of Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA). When it comes to advocating for your profession, it is important to belong to your professional organizations. With that said, I would like to congratulate Sandra Brown RN as the new SNOA treasurer and Sarah Portle RN as our new NASN delegate. Thank you for stepping up and being a voice at the table for school nurses.

Speaking of school issues, below are some of the bills being suggested:

H2429 – School districts are required to post on their website whether a RN is assigned to each school and an explanation of the manner in which student health issues are addressed at the school. The school is also required to identify the clinical credentials or licenses of the person providing health services on campus. Required reports on immunizations are also required to be posted on school websites.

H2486 – Requires full disclosure of any signs and symptoms of the vaccine. May exempt on personal belief

S1169 – This is similar to the legislation passed last year for counselors/security but would provide grant monies for nurse and psychologists

H2050 – The decision to immunize a student is solely the decision of the student’s parent. A school cannot require a student to receive the recommended immunization or refuse to admit or penalize a student because the student has not received the recommended vaccines.

S-1446 – School districts that issue ID cards to students’ grades 9-12 will be required to include at least one of a list of suicide prevention resources on each new ID issued.

You are the advocate for your students’ health and safety. The theme for this year’s SNOA conference will be *“Being a Voice at the Table: ‘Supporting School Health and Safety’* Monday, June 8th and Tuesday, June 9th. Our agenda will include required certification for school personnel for suicide prevention, legal, vaping, sex trafficking and more. Registration is open – SNOA.org



Nadine Miller
SNOA President-Partners in Health and Education

NASN News-Board of Directors meeting in Washington DC in January

-Strategic Goals for 2020-2023 were approved-check out the NASN website for further detail.

-Governmental-NASN supports several bills

1. Nurse Act 1362
2. Reversing Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act HR 2339
3. Anti-lunch Shaming Act S1119

-New Position Statements: Use of Individualized Health Care Plans to support School Health, Immunizations, and School Health Services Team Supporting Student Outcomes

-NASN Elections! Vice President Nominating Committee, 'Get to know these candidates by reading their candidate data and statements on NASN.org Ballots can be cast online beginning March 15 and ending on April 15th. You must be an active NASN member to vote.

NASN2020-A Seat at the Table: Winning Together for Student Health

June 30 - July 3, 2020 (preconference June 29, 2020) The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas

-NASN Delegate, Mary Freeland, BA, RN, NSCN

Where FERPA/HIPAA Intersect:

-A school provides health care to students in the normal course of business, such as a health clinic. However, may not need to comply with requirements of HIPAA because the school's only health records are considered "educational records" or "Treatment records" under FERPA.

-Maintaining health information only on students in records that are education records fall under FERPA

-If a school employs a school nurse, physician, psychologist or other health provider, the school is not generally a HIPAA covered entity because the providers do not engage in any of the covered transactions, such as billing a health plan electronically for their services.

-Although HIPAA Privacy rule does not apply, FERPA's and IDEA's privacy requirements do apply, including the requirement to obtain prior written parent or eligible student consent to disclose

We will have a presentation at the SNOA conference this year to address many of these issues. Register at SNOA.org

FERPA/HIPPA CONT'D

-Informing parents or others in a position to prevent or lessen a serious or imminent threat to the health or safety of the individual, another person, or public should be consistent with the applicable law and the provider's standards of ethical conduct.

-FERPA permits a school to disclose PII from educational records to the parent of a student to inspect and review his/her child's education records within 45 days of the receipt of a request.

-HIPAA privacy rules allows covered health care providers to disclose PHI about students to school nurses, physicians, or other health care providers for several purposes, without the authorization of the student's parent.

- 1. Discuss student's medication and other health care needs with the school nurse who will administer the student's medication and provides care to the student while at school**
- 2. Necessary to prevent or lesson a serious imminent threat**

<https://studentprivacy.ed.gov>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HIPPAAGeninfo/>

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/>

SAVE-THE-DATE!
The School Nurses Organization of Arizona Presents



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“Being a Voice at the Table: Supporting School Health & Safety”

Monday, June 8th and Tuesday, June 9th, 2020
Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix, AZ

For more information visit: <https://snoa.org/>

Suicide Awareness:

We are very excited to announce that **Project Aware** with Arizona Department of Education will be collaborating with SNOA to present QPR training (*Question-Persuade-Refer*) and certification at the SNOA 33rd annual School Health Conference.

You can find out more information about this training and other opportunities and resources by visiting their website here:

<https://qprinstitute.com/about-qpr>

Coronavirus (2019-nCoV): What you should know

What is it: nCoV is a respiratory illness

How is it spread: Through respiratory droplets from person-to-person

Symptoms: Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath

Exposure: Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure

Prevention: The best ways to prevent infection just as any other virus are to follow CDC recommendations, stay home when ill and wash your hands often and well.

For the latest news and information go to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp.

Industry updates

Glucagon alternatives newly available:

Baqsimi (Glucagon nasal powder) used to treat hypoglycemia.



Gvoke (Glucagon injection)-Quick use auto-injector



For more Diabetic Updates, do not forget to attend the SNOA conference where Rachel Calendo will be presenting on the latest diabetic testers, tools and treatment options.