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Pima County Board of Supervisors

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

From: Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2

Date: March 13, 2025

RE: BOS Addendum Agenda 3/18/25: Health Department Update-MMR

Please add this item to the Addendum Agenda for March 18, 2025. As we are asking the Pima County Health Department Director, Dr. Theresa Cullen to come present to the board.

Board of Supervisors:

Discussion/Direction/Action: Improving our vaccination infrastructure and ensuring accessible vaccination opportunities for all students is critical to protecting the health and safety of our community. Recent data indicate that MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccination rates are dropping below the critical 95% threshold in most counties across the state, including Pima County. Falling below this level compromises herd immunity and increases the risk of outbreaks of these preventable diseases.

While the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) hosts vaccination events at the beginning of each school year, the current efforts are not sufficient to close the gap. It is essential in Pima County that we take a more proactive and targeted approach to ensure that all the schools in Pima County with vaccination rates below 95% are supported with accessible and convenient vaccination opportunities. To address this growing public health concern, I am proposing that the County establish a program to deploy mobile vaccination units to all Pima County schools with vaccination rates below 95%. The goal is to increase accessibility and eliminate barriers to vaccination, thereby improving overall immunization rates and protecting public health.

Key Components:

- Mobile Vaccination Units
- Targeted Outreach and Education
- Data Monitoring and Reporting

CC: Jan Lesher, County Administrator

Dr. Theresa Cullen, Health Department Director