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Arizona Medical Association Responds to Executive Order Restricting COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates

August 16, 2021 (Phoenix) – The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) supports the science behind the COVID-19 vaccine. Executive Order 2021-18, recently placed by Governor Doug Ducey, prohibits a county, city, town, or political officials from imposing a vaccine mandate. This affects some of the state’s largest employers.

“Public health has become a political issue, but ArMA will always keep its focus on the health and safety of Arizonans,” stated Miriam Anand, MD, President of ArMA. “While the Executive Order is consistent with recently passed state law, if we ever intend to get out of this pandemic, we urge all Arizonans to put politics aside. As Governor Ducey specifically stated when he issued the order, all Arizonans should get the vaccine — it’s safe, effective, and free. That’s the message we want the public to hear. As physicians, we trust in the science behind this vaccine, and getting vaccinated is more important than ever now that cases are spiking once again.”

According to a recent report from the American Medical Association (AMA), 96% of surveyed physicians have received the COVID-19 vaccine. Now more than ever, ArMA is asking that you trust in your physician. Arizonans are encouraged to consult their doctor if they have any questions or concerns. As the largest physician-led organization in Arizona, ArMA will continue to advocate for patient-focused public health policy.

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