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Arizona Medical Association Celebrates a Public Health Milestone in the Fight Against COVID-19

August 26, 2021 (Phoenix) — Vaccines are our best defense against COVID, and earlier this week the FDA announced full approval for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for ages 16 and older. The Arizona Medical Association recognizes this approval as being a momentous milestone in the public health of our nation that puts us one step closer to the end of this pandemic. The FDA’s decision to grant full approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine came after determining it met the administration’s “high standards of safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality.”

“The FDA has rigorous scientific standards for vaccine approval. Millions of Arizonans and hundreds of millions of people around the world have received the Pfizer vaccine, and there is overwhelming evidence that the vaccine is safe and effective,” stated Miriam Anand, MD, President of ArMA. “Coupled with the fact that more than fifty percent of Arizonans have safely been vaccinated, the FDA’s approval will bolster our community’s confidence in the vaccine and alleviate the anxiety of many individuals who have been hesitant to get vaccinated.”

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