



City Council Report

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To: City Council
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Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department (MFMD) and the Maricopa County, Department of Public Health (MCDPH)
(Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) to deliver flu vaccines to Mesa residents. The recommendation is to enter this IGA to provide Mesa Fire and Medical Department (MFMD) with flu shots, PPE and administrative reimbursement for shots. Signing this agreement will ensure we have access to more flu shots to provide to our community during the 2020-2021 Flu season.

Background

Mesa Fire and Medical Department is a recognized public health partner that delivers childhood immunizations and flu vaccines to the community we serve. Based on MFMD's reputation and ability to effectively manage immunization and mass vaccine campaigns, Maricopa County asked to partner with Mesa Fire and Medical Department to execute this notable public health initiative.

Discussion

The COVID 19 Pandemic has created strain on the local healthcare system over the last several months. There is a public health concern that managing a bad flu season in addition to a COVID 19 pandemic could overwhelm our healthcare system and put the community at risk.

The overarching goal of this IGA is to provide no cost flu vaccine to the City of Mesa. To summarize:

1. Maricopa County would send MCDPH-purchased flu vaccines to Mesa Fire and Medical Department for no charge.
2. The agreement would allow Maricopa County to reimburse Mesa Fire and Medical Department \$22.32 for each adult vaccinated and \$15.43 for each child under 18 vaccinated with MCDPH purchased vaccine.

3. The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI) is working with Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to allow for fire departments to bill AHCCCS for reimbursement for vaccines administered. At this time, AHCCCS is allowing reimbursement for flu vaccine administration if provided under MCDPH Medical Direction.
4. Maricopa County would send the consent forms to TAPI for reimbursement of the administration fee.
5. Maricopa County will reimburse for all flu vaccine administered up to \$50,000 regardless of what is received from AHCCCS.

Alternatives

City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department purchase all Flu Vaccines and lose the ability to get reimbursed \$22.32 and \$15.43 for each adult and childhood flu vaccine through MCDPH.

An additional alternative is to discontinue the delivering of Flu shots when MFMD runs out of Flu shots purchased for the year.

Fiscal Impact

If we maximize the reimbursement amount, we can give 900 adult flu shots and 1,900 child flu shots and receive reimbursement of up to \$49,405.

Coordinated With

The current proposal was reviewed and updated by staff from Mesa Fire and Medical Department, City Attorney's Office, and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health.