



AIM Policy Summary – May 27, 2022

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Enacted Legislation:

COVID-19, Mandates, and Exemptions

- [AZ H 2086](#) was enacted on 05/20/22. This bill prohibits HPV and COVID-19 vaccine from being required for school attendance. It also requires that an immunization be added as a rule to existing legislation before the immunization may be required for in person school attendance.
- [NH H 1608](#) was enacted on 05/20/22. This bill requires the department of health and human services to conduct a public information campaign to inform individuals that data was collected on COVID-19 vaccinations without the opportunity to opt-out of the state's registry, and to inform them of the opportunity to opt out.

Gaining Media Attention:

- The child care vaccine bill passed in Iowa Senate on May 24. [H.F. 2298](#) aims to prohibit the requirement of the COVID-19 vaccine in child care centers or schools prior to July 1, 2029. The anti-vaccination advocacy organization National Vaccination Information Center (NVIC) is asking other anti-vaccine advocates to pressure Governor Kim Reynolds to sign the bill into law.
- Arizona formally bans the COVID-19 vaccine from school requirements as the Senate signed into law [H.B. 2086](#), which bans all schools from ever requiring a COVID-19 vaccine, including future vaccines, for students. Social media commenters generally supported the move, with [multiple commenters](#) saying the vaccines didn't work and that we shouldn't have had to cater to the few people vaccines benefit.
- Louisiana's governor reverses the state's student vaccine mandate, so the Louisiana Department of Health will not be making the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory in schools for the upcoming school year. This is a significant change from last week, when the Senate [failed](#) to repeal [H.C.R. 3](#), which would have kept the requirement in place. The Louisiana Department of Health will still strongly recommend all eligible children be

vaccinated against COVID-19. Many anti-vaccination groups celebrated this decision as a win, since they applied pressure on government officials to reconsider the mandates.

- The New York Police Department sources told the [*New York Post*](#) in a story published on May 21 that the agency has paused the firing of the approximately 4,650 employees who remain unvaccinated. The sources told the *Post* that the agency has an unofficial rule not to fire any more unvaccinated officers for now. (NYPD employees had until October 29 to get the vaccine.) However, a spokesperson for Mayor Eric Adams' administration denied that there has been a pause in firings, saying that the mandate remains in effect and that terminations will continue on a rolling basis.