

Arizona COVID-19 cases

The Arizona Department of Health Services has reported 17,763 positive COVID-19 cases and 8,896 cases in Maricopa County as of May 28, 2020. Out of the 287,605 COVID-19 tests completed to date in Arizona, 5.5% have tested positive for the virus. In Maricopa County, 1,436 patients (16%) have been admitted to a hospital and 321 (4%) admitted to an ICU since the county began collecting data on Jan. 22.

Update from Dr. William Ellert, Chief Medical Officer

Due to new guidance that recently came from the CDC we are revising requirements for hospital PPE precautions. As you know, our hospitals were one of the first to require universal face masks in the hospital setting for situations in which social distancing was not possible.

Based on new CDC guidance, we will also be requiring face shields or goggles for all patient interactions regardless of their COVID status. Face shields or goggles will also be required for interactions with visitors, vendor, or co-workers that you anticipate will last longer than 15 minutes or in which 6 foot social distancing cannot be maintained.

Staff and physicians will be issued goggles and/or face shields. It will be each person's responsibility to clean and maintain their eyewear in compliance with hospital policy. If the eyewear becomes compromised in any way, please be sure to replace it immediately.

Effective Thursday, May 28, all hospital personnel will be expected to follow this additional precaution to keep our staff, physicians and patients safe.

Employee Health hotline

A reminder to please notify your hospital's Employee Health office if you go home sick. Employee Health staff will stay in touch daily before you return to work.

The Abrazo Employee Health hotline for COVID-19 questions is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. The hotline is for Abrazo employees only and may be reached at 602-246-5597.

If you need to visit Employee Health, please call ahead so staff can plan for your arrival.

Human Resources services available

Human Resources staff are available during regular business hours by phone and email. If any employee has a need to come into HR, to please call or email someone before coming in, as there are limited days and hours when staff are in the hospital. HR staff pledge to be responsive and make meetings as convenient as possible.

Community resources for health care workers

Many businesses in the community and across the country are providing resources/free services to assist health care professionals at this time. You can go to the Human Resources page on the Abrazo Intranet to see the latest updates to the list of businesses providing discounts and services.