

Arizona COVID-19 cases

The Arizona Department of Health Services has reported 63,030 positive COVID-19 cases and 37,135 cases in Maricopa County as of June 25, 2020. Out of the 619,143 COVID-19 tests completed to date in Arizona, 8.9% have tested positive for the virus. Percent positive is the number of people with a positive test result, out of all the people COVID-19 tested completed in Arizona.

In Maricopa County, 2,315 patients (6%) have been admitted to a hospital and 521 (1%) admitted to an ICU since the county began collecting data on Jan. 22. People aged 65 or older or those who have at least one chronic health condition make up 70% of those who have been hospitalized and 93% of deaths for COVID-19. Nearly 60% of all COVID-19 infections reported have been among those under 45 years old.

Statement on hospitals' COVID-19 response

On Thursday afternoon, Gov. Doug Ducey held a press conference with updates on the novel coronavirus in Arizona. He acknowledged that this is a time of challenge as the number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise, and reiterated the desire to save lives and protect the livelihoods of Arizona residents.

Health systems Abrazo, Carondelet, Banner, Dignity, Honor and Northern Arizona Healthcare issued a joint statement (below) prior to Gov. Ducey's press conference to emphasize the need for operational flexibility as COVID cases surge in Arizona. Ducey's staff were again concerned with the rising number of COVID cases and had read that Gov. Abbott suspended elective surgeries in four Texas counties. Gov. Ducey took no official action on health-related issues.

Statement from Arizona Hospital Leaders Regarding Medically Necessary Surgeries and COVID-19 Response

Phoenix, AZ - Arizona hospital leaders issued the following statement regarding the COVID-19 response and medically necessary surgeries:

"As representatives of the largest health systems representing 80% of care provided in Arizona, we recognize the challenges our State and nation are facing as we continue to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. Our teams of medical professionals continue to provide world-class care as we monitor the evolving circumstances at our facilities on a daily basis.

"COVID-19 is impacting each region of the State and each health care system differently, therefore we appreciate maximum operational flexibility for hospitals as we balance the demand for medically necessary surgeries and COVID-19 care. This flexibility allows us to continue to provide high quality care for every patient.

"We continue to monitor the performance of medically necessary surgeries based on patient-specific circumstances and in consultant with our clinical staff. Arizona's hospitals are operated by trained professionals who are well-equipped to quickly adjust to the needs of patients.

"We appreciate the ongoing opportunity to work with Governor Ducey and the Department of Health Services as well as the partnership of our hospital systems and facilities across the State, as we coordinate the management of patient volumes to combat this pandemic.

"We would like to take this opportunity to remind Arizonans that we are at a critical time where we can turn the trajectory of this virus by taking proper precautions. We encourage everyone to follow the CDC guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- If you are ill, stay home except to receive medical care
- Wear a mask when you're in public near others
- Stay six feet away from others
- Wash your hands frequently

- Wipe down surfaces that may be infected
- Avoid gatherings of 10 or more people.”

Resources to help with stress/anxiety

It's important to take practical measures to protect ourselves physically but also emotionally during this outbreak. There are a few basics that may help: Make room in your schedule for some quiet time each day. Practice good communication; sharing your feelings with a trusted confidant can help decrease feelings of anxiety. Get regular exercise and sufficient sleep.

If you are experiencing overwhelming feelings of stress or anxiety, please contact our Beacon Wellbeing (EAP) hotline (866) 335-2340. Beacon Wellbeing is an employee assistance program (EAP) that provides guidance and support to help improve overall health and wellness. Confidential, expert support is available 24/7 at no cost to you.

HR teams are available

Hospital HR teams are now holding regular office hours. You can continue to receive services remotely if you wish by using Employee Self-Service on the eTenet portal, or scanning/emailing documents to us. Please let your hospital HR reps know if you have any questions about accessing services onsite.

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.

Incident Command email

Do you have a suggestion or feedback related to the hospital's pandemic response? Please email questions or suggestions to IncidentCommand@abrazohealth.com. Your message will be routed to the appropriate person to evaluate and respond.