

Arizona COVID-19 cases

The Arizona Department of Health Services has reported 189,443 positive COVID-19 cases and 127,128 cases in Maricopa County as of Aug. 12, 2020. Out of the 1,284,786 COVID-19 tests completed to date in Arizona, 12.3% 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, 13,444 patients (11%) have been admitted to a hospital and 1,092 (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 42% of those who have been hospitalized and 83% of deaths for COVID-19. Approximately 63% of all COVID-19 infections reported have been among those under 45 years old.

Infection prevention reminder

Our screening process at hospital entrances serve as a way to keep all who enter our hospitals safe and minimize risk of infection between staff. Below is a quick refresher on guidelines for screening at the facility entrances. A good practice is to remember to sanitize your hands and grab a facemask before getting your temperature taken.

Please remember the following:

- Allow 6 feet between you and the person in front of you
- Sanitize your hands
- If you do not have a mask on already, to don a mask carefully lift the top mask by the ear loop with the hand you just cleaned

Screeners

- Allow those you are screening time to don a mask. Even though you are masked, this practice is to further protect you.
- Be sure to ask about fever, cough or other change in health status. While most, but not all, of those you screen are employees and providers who know the symptoms and stay home if they are sick, it is still a good practice to ask.

Wellbeing resources on Abrazo intranet

The banner features the text "Employee Wellbeing Resources" in blue on the left, the Abrazo Health logo below it, and a photograph of a person with arms raised in a field. On the right, a blue box contains the text "Resource Offerings for Employees and Medical Staff" and a paragraph of text with a "more >>" link.

Employee Wellbeing Resources

Resource Offerings for Employees and Medical Staff

For those who may find it helpful, please find resources for employee and physician wellness linked here. Thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of our hospitals and communities.

[more >>](#)

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The Intranet home page now includes a link to a downloadable “Abrazo Wellbeing Resources” brochure. The booklet offers numerous resources for stress and anxiety management, dealing with grief and loss, suicide prevention and more. Log into the Intranet then click on the icon on the home page to access the brochure.

Abrazo in the news

Abrazo has been in the news recently for a variety of positive stories. We're always looking for good story ideas! Click on the links below for some of the coverage:

<https://azbigmedia.com/business/abrazo-hospitals-earn-stroke-care-awards/>

<http://my.tvey.es/Si2a9>

https://issuu.com/timespub/docs/0730_healthwellness_summer2020/1?e=8633901/80013823

<https://azbigmedia.com/business/west-valley-education-system-steps-up-to-meet-workforce-demands/>

https://www.glendalestar.com/opinion/article_f86e7c66-d75b-11ea-971f-27f0de025096.html

Do you have news to share? Talk with your manager or supervisor, who can contact Communications Manager Keith Jones for follow up. The information may be used for a press release, media story or internal communication.

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.