

## **Arizona COVID-19 cases**

The Arizona Department of Health Services has reported 195,557 positive COVID-19 cases and 130,384 cases in Maricopa County as of Aug. 19, 2020. Out of the 1,363,786 COVID-19 tests completed to date in Arizona, 12.0% 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, 14,068 patients (11%) have been admitted to a hospital and 1,156 (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 82% of deaths for COVID-19. Approximately 63% of all COVID-19 infections reported have been among those under 45 years old.

## **Employee Health Hotline hours adjustment**

The Employee Health COVID Hotline hours have been adjusted to reflect decreased call volume as well as the decreasing number of employee tests. Effective Aug. 17, the hotline will be staffed as follows:

- Monday through Friday between 7am-5pm
- No weekend coverage: please leave a message and the call will be returned on Monday

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

The hotline is for Abrazo employees only and may be reached at 602-246-5597.

## **New GME residencies start at Abrazo West**

Abrazo West Campus has launched two new graduate medical residency programs – one in emergency medicine and the other a transitional year program. The new residencies began July 1.

Residents in the three-year emergency medicine program will primarily gain experience in Abrazo West's Level 1 trauma center, with additional rotations in the ED at the Arrowhead Campus. They will also do cardiology rotations at Abrazo Arizona Heart Hospital and in pediatrics at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Six residents will be admitted every year, for a total of 18 over three years.

The transitional year program is one of only two in the Phoenix area. The one-year program accepts 13 residents per year, providing clinical experience and education in multiple disciplines to help prepare residents for a specific specialty. Many specialties require one year of general medical experience in such areas as internal medicine, general surgery, outpatient medicine and emergency medicine before residents go into their chosen specialty.

Abrazo now offers five Graduate Medical Education programs. In 2019, Abrazo launched residencies in internal medicine and general surgery, based at the Arrowhead Campus. Abrazo has offered its family medicine residency program since 1978 at Abrazo Central Campus.

## 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://paradisevalleyindependent-az.newsmemory.com?publink=0e182556a\\_1343797](https://paradisevalleyindependent-az.newsmemory.com?publink=0e182556a_1343797)

<https://azbigmedia.com/business/new-robotic-knee-replacement-technology-debuts-at-abrazo-scottsdale/>

<https://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/news/2020/08/14/abrazo-health-care-workers-show-compassion-covid19.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.

## Wellbeing resources on Abrazo intranet



**Employee Wellbeing Resources**

Abrazo Health  
A COMMUNITY BUILT ON CARE

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.

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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.

## 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](mailto:IncidentCommand@abrazohealth.com). Your message will be routed to the appropriate person to evaluate and respond.