

Arizona COVID-19 cases

The Arizona Department of Health Services has reported 183,647 positive COVID-19 cases and 124,022 cases in Maricopa County as of Aug. 6, 2020. Out of the 1,229,713 COVID-19 tests completed to date in Arizona, 12.5% 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, 9,462 patients (8%) have been admitted to a hospital and 1,028 (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 50% of those who have been hospitalized and 83% of deaths for COVID-19. Approximately 62% of all COVID-19 infections reported have been among those under 45 years old.

Emotional support for healthcare workers

The New York Life Foundation and Cigna Foundation have created the Brave of Heart Fund at E4E Relief to provide charitable support to families of healthcare workers who lose their lives in the fight against COVID-19. Cigna is also providing behavioral and emotional health support to healthcare workers and their families by phone or online. Hopefully, these resources bring peace of mind to the brave people and their families protecting us. To learn more, visit BraveofHeartFund.com.

Also, see the attached Seasons of Life flyer from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas. Seasons of Life is an outreach program that provides personalized claims resolution assistance to plan members and their families who are dealing with the death of a loved one. The program helps provide members and their families compassionate help when they need it.

https://www.ashhra.org/system/files/media/file/2020/07/935544_Brave_of_Heart_Flyer_v3.pdf

Wellbeing resources on Abrazo intranet

In addition to links for several resources and helpful information on wellness and support, the Abrazo Intranet now includes 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. Click on the link below for the Employee Wellness Resources page, or click on the icon on the Intranet home page to access the brochure.

https://sharepoint.etenet.com/sites/Abrazo/administrative/human_resources/SitePages/Wellness%20Resources.aspx

Abrazo Scottsdale first with CORI procedure

Abrazo Scottsdale Campus has added the newly developed CORI robotic surgical system for partial and total knee replacement. Dr. Jimmy Chow performed Arizona’s first patient procedure using the CORI system in July, an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL)-preserving total knee replacement. The procedure was the first ever completed since the device was approved for use, according to Dr. Chow.

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

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.