

Arizona COVID-19 cases

The Arizona Department of Health Services has reported 215,284 positive COVID-19 cases and 140,409 cases in Maricopa County as of Sept. 23, 2020. Out of the 1,693,411 COVID-19 tests completed to date in Arizona, 10.6% 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, 14,334 patients (10%) have been admitted to a hospital and 1,336 (1%) admitted to an ICU since the county began collecting data on Jan. 22.

Social distancing reminder

As COVID numbers continue decrease we need to ensure we are continuing our vigilance with COVID precautions. Please remember to wear your masks and wash your hands. If we are meeting in groups larger than 10 we should think about web-ex or call in lines.

If you are showing signs and symptoms of illness please stay home and contact employee health. If you have been in direct contact with a COVID positive patient for longer than 15 minutes without a mask please reach out to employee health. Remember, we also should not be sitting at tables with groups of staff. The safety of our entire staff is our utmost priority.

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://arizonarepublic-az.newsmemory.com/?publink=0ef73c8f5_13437ff

https://surpriseindependent-az.newsmemory.com?publink=130c8189f_13437ff

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-health/2020/09/19/coronavirus-numbers-decline-arizona-hospitals-allowing-visitors/5826288002/>

https://issuu.com/timespub/docs/0923wv_west/4

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.

From Maricopa County Public Health

The Maricopa County health department shares the following information:

Public Health data shows the majority of COVID-19 cases (51%) are people in the 20-44 age group. The number of children and young adults ages 0-19 who have tested positive for COVID-19 make up 13% of known cases in Maricopa County. This means approximately two-thirds of all COVID-19 cases have been in people under the age of 44.

While younger people are less likely to have severe illness due to COVID-19, some do get very sick. Even people with mild symptoms are still able to spread the virus to people who are more likely to get severe illness. Please remember to mask up, keep your distance from others, and stay home if you're sick.



Wellbeing resources on Abrazo intranet

A screenshot of a webpage titled "Employee Wellbeing Resources" with the Abrazo Health logo. To the right, a blue banner titled "Resource Offerings for Employees and Medical Staff" contains text about wellness resources and a "more >>" link. The background of the banner shows a person with arms raised in a field.

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. Your message will be routed to the appropriate person to evaluate and respond.