Arizona COVID-19 cases

The Arizona Department of Health Services has reported 218,507 positive COVID-19 cases and 141,856 cases in Maricopa County as of Sept. 30, 2020. Out of the 1,750,673 COVID-19 tests completed to date in Arizona, 10.4% 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, 14,433 patients (10%) have been admitted to a hospital and 1,363 (1%) admitted to an ICU since the county began collecting data on Jan. 22.

Flu shots

It's that time of year to get your annual flu shot. Protect your patients by protecting yourself against influenza. Please check with your campus Employee Health for vaccination schedules during October.

- Getting the flu shot is one more preventive measure we can take to help "flatten the curve" of respiratory illnesses this fall and winter
- When fewer of us get the flu, we preserve valuable healthcare resources for those who truly need them
- It's one of the best ways to support frontline health care workers at a time when they continue to treat COVID-19 patients

Social distancing reminder

As COVID numbers decrease from summer peaks, we need to continue our vigilance with COVID precautions. Please remember to wear your masks and wash your hands. If meeting in groups larger than 10 please consider using 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 and patients is our highest priority.

Abrazo in the news

Abrazo has been in the news recently and we're always looking for good story ideas! Click on the links below for recent media coverage:

[Abrazo Mesa Hospital marks first year](#)
[Arizona doctor stresses prevention during Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#)
[Fall Prevention Week tips to reduce injuries](#)
[Abrazo West Campus launches new residency programs](#)
[Executive Inc: Abrazo Health CEO Brian Elisco profile](#)

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

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.