

## **Arizona COVID-19 cases**

The Arizona Department of Health Services has reported 283,102 positive COVID-19 cases and 180,608 cases in Maricopa County as of Nov. 18, 2020. Out of the 2,372,186 COVID-19 tests completed to date in Arizona, 9.7% 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, 14,628 patients (8%) have been admitted to a hospital and 1,534 (1%) admitted to an ICU, with a total of 181,920 cases since the county began collecting data on Jan. 22. Hospitalizations related to COVID-19 continue to increase across Arizona.

## **COVID update**

The number of COVID-19 patients in on the increase in our hospitals and across Arizona. Please continue to follow all the precaution guidelines both at work and when outside the hospital.

Each hospital's incident command meets frequently, and patient census, staffing and supplies are reviewed daily. Abrazo remains well-prepared for the most recent surge in terms of PPE, lab testing capacity and clinical protocols. We also have improved the supply of many key medications.

The latest guidance from the CDC, state and other leading research organizations are continually reviewed to ensure our patients are receiving appropriate care and our facilities are safe environments for everyone. Abrazo has also been working with the state to participate in vaccine administration for health care workers when a vaccine becomes available.

Abrazo has been very active in nurse recruiting, invested in monetary incentives to ensure our teams are given an opportunity to pick up shifts, and continued to match the market for contract labor resources.

Thank you in advance and for the stepping forward in heroic ways during this time of need for our community. Please bring up ideas for safety, staffing and continuous improved workflows to ensure we continue to do a great job of caring for our patients.

## **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.

## **COVID safety starts with you**

A brief reminder from the Maricopa County Public Health Department: No one asked for this pandemic, and it's understandable to feel as if you have no control over what's happening. But each of us can control our individual actions to help prevent community spread of the virus.

- We can wear masks properly and consistently to protect ourselves and others.
- We can limit public outings and social gatherings so that we have contact with fewer people outside our household.
- We can be good examples to those in our social circle, by insisting on proven preventive measures such as social distancing.

- We can limit the number of contacts our children have outside of the classroom so that our school communities are healthier.
- We can adjust our plans and have more virtual connections in order to protect loved ones who are at greater risk.

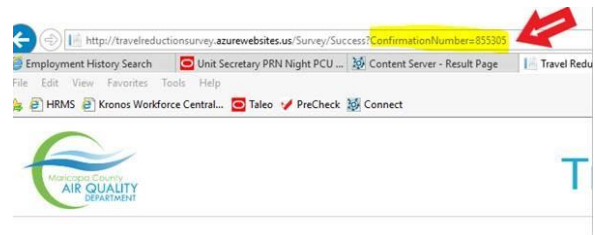
Remember, your actions don't just affect you, they affect your neighbors and they affect your community.



### Travel Reduction Survey – your help needed!

We have less than two weeks left to take the TRP Annual Survey. Our goal is to have 100% participation and we need your help by Nov. 30! It takes only about a minute to complete – please click on the code in Blue to submit your survey: [VANHES-1-20](#)

You can enter a drawing for a \$25 gift card just by participating – the survey code is active until Nov. 30. At the end of your survey, write down your Confirmation number found in the web address (see example) and turn in/email to HR to be entered into a drawing for 1 of 2 \$25 gift cards.



### 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.