

ARIZONA COVID-19 RESPONSE

What Healthcare Facilities Can Do

Be Prepared

- Stay informed about the local COVID-19 Situation.
- Develop, or review, your facility's emergency plan.
- Establish relationships with healthcare and public health partners in your community and create an emergency contact list.
- Review your infection prevention and control policies.

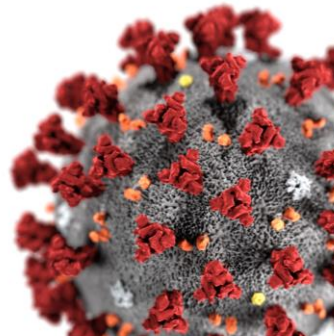
Protect your Workforce

- Screen patients and visitors for symptoms of acute respiratory illness and travel history before entering your healthcare facility.
- Encourage sick employees to stay home. Review sick leave policies and ensure that they are flexible and consistent with public health guidance.
- Ensure proper use of personal protection equipment (PPE) and conduct an inventory of available PPE.

Protect your Patients

- Stay up-to-date with guidance on ways to manage patients with COVID-19.
- Triage and cohort patients with respiratory symptoms in waiting rooms.
- Consider implementing strategies to prevent patients who can be cared for at home from coming into your facility to reduce exposures.

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Communications

- Communicate with staff regarding current info on COVID-19, potential surge, preparedness plans and sick leave policies.
- Communicate with patients regarding actions the facility is taking to protect them, steps they can take to protect themselves and others, policy changes that would affect them and visitation policies.

Other Considerations

- Reschedule elective surgeries and non-urgent outpatient visits as necessary and eliminate penalties for cancellations and missed appointments.
- Shift elective urgent inpatient diagnostic and surgical procedures to outpatient settings, when feasible.
- Limit visitors to COVID-19 patients.
- Plan for a surge of critically ill patients and identify additional space to care for these patients.
- Symptomatic patients who need to be seen in a clinical setting should be asked to call before they leave home.

Who to contact if you have questions?

Please contact your local health department for more guidance and information.

azhealth.gov/localhealth

Additional Resources

- azhealth.gov/coronavirus
- cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov
- [Interim Guidance for Healthcare Facilities](#)
- [COVID-19 Hospital Preparedness Assessment Tool](#)
- [Steps Healthcare Facilities can Take](#)
- [Arizona Pandemic Influenza Response Plan](#)
- [Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention Plan](#)

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