



October 20, 2020

To: Members, Maricopa County Medical Society
From: John McElligott, Executive Director
Re: Teleconference with Maricopa County Department of Public Health on October 20, 2020

The following are my notes from a teleconference with staff of the MCDPH.

- 232,937 cases in Arizona. 150,619 cases in Maricopa County, of which 12,948 (9%) hospitalized, 1,431 (1%) ICU, 3,516 (2%) deaths. 438 outbreaks in LTCFs. Epi curve shows gradual increase in cases per day since mid-September. There is a 2-day reporting delay from specimen collection.
- Percent positivity of diagnostic tests has increased from a steady 4% to 6% recently.
- EMResource data shows hospitalizations has steadily increased since late September. COVID-positive patients seen in ED has increased. There is a slight increase in hospital admissions. Medical/surgical beds in use for COVID-19 has increased from low 300s to high 400s. Slight increase in ICU beds and ventilators in use.
- Of 3,516 COVID-19 deaths in Maricopa County, 1,216 (35%) occurred in LTCF residents.
- MCDPH has an updated isolation flow chart coming, plus a Spanish translation. No substantive changes but it will have details pertinent in school settings. Same for quarantine flow chart.
- If children seen in clinic have symptoms of COVID-19 and were not tested, then they should remain at home during the quarantine period.
- Banner Urgent Care and MCDPH partnering to test students/staff in school.
- ADHS allotted some Abbott BinaxNOW tests to LTCFs that do not have rapid POC testing.
- Phase 3 clinical trials expected to be ongoing for up to two years. Vaccine will be manufactured concurrent with clinical trials.
- Sign up through the ADHS Pandemic Vaccine Provider Onboard Form to be eligible for COVID-19 vaccine allocation at <https://redcapaipo.azdhs.gov/surveys/?s=DY8CA9LMJ8>
- Updates are the CDC Provider Agreement and CDC Vaccine Redistribution Agreement

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. McElligott".

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Executive Director