

5 Steps to Ensure Employee Safety

Multiple Options for COVID-19 Testing

Employees currently have **three options for COVID-19 testing**. The tests are all free of charge and employees don't need to be enrolled in a city health plan to qualify.

1. **Employees** can receive a free live-virus, nasal-swab test at the Arizona State Fairgrounds Banner Health testing site. This is a drive-thru testing site, open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday – Saturday. This site is only for employees and not household members.

2. **Employees** can schedule a free IgG antibody test, administered at the Employee Healthcare Clinic inside the downtown Phoenix Banner Urgent Care. The blood draw is available 7 a.m. - 5:40 p.m., weekdays. Right now, Household members do not qualify for this test.

3. **Employees and household members** can all get tested for the live virus at the Washington Activity Center at 2240 W. Citrus Way in Phoenix. This is not a drive-through test site and appointments are required. Tests are available 7 a.m. - 3:10 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Employees do not need to accompany their household member to the appointment, but a parent must accompany a minor (child). Household members must be older than two years of age to be tested. Please arrive 10 minutes in advance to fill out paperwork.

More details on this and other services on the Employee Health Update webpage.

COVID-19 Updates



Latest City Manager Podcasts:

Aug 18: City Manager Ed Zuercher shares information about supporting your emotional, financial and physical wellbeing during this pandemic. **In this latest podcast**, hear from Human Resources Director Lori Bays & Wellness Coordinator Kathy Bird.

Aug 14: City Manager Ed Zuercher continues to update employees about the financial impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the city. One of the biggest departments to be affected is Aviation and Sky Harbor International Airport. **Listen to this recent podcast** with Aviation Services Director Jim Bennett as they talk about the future of aviation.

COVID-19 Mobile Testing Van Hits the Road:

On Monday the city, in partnership with Vincere Cancer Center, unveiled a mobile testing van to better serve our community. The van will be at different locations on



most days, serving Phoenicians looking for another way to get tested for COVID-19. The tests are free and anyone can get tested. Appointments are required. To get started, visit **Phoenix.gov/COVIDTesting.**

For a look at the van, **watch this video from PHXTV.**

Financial Help for City Employees:

The city of Phoenix is committed to helping its employees in many situations, including financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 virus. If you would like to see if you qualify for financial assistance through the city of Phoenix's **COVID-19 Hope Fund, start here.**

Phoenix College Info Sessions

The next semester of classes for city of Phoenix employees through Phoenix College begins on Aug. 24. To help, one more information session to assist current students as well as those that are interested in attending this college has been set up.

In this informational session, you will be able to ask questions about the school and classes that are being offered for the semester, schedule an appointment to meet with an academic advisor or enroll for classes.

- ◆ Thursday, Aug. 20, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ To join the meeting, [use this WebEx link](#)

(please note that you can join a session anytime within the one hour time slot):

Brown Bag Series

Join Phoenix Hispanic Network in a conversation on how to utilize technological platforms to build your brand and network remotely and to be efficient during virtual meetings and webinars. [Register today!](#)



The virtual event is happening on Thursday, Aug 27 at 11:30 a.m. ***You do not need to be a member to attend this webinar.***

Leave Donations

The following employees are accepting leave donations. Use eCHRIS to make your donation:

- ◆ Francisco Pina, Public Works
- ◆ Ted Gonzales, Street Transportation
- ◆ Jennie Lopez, Municipal Court

To see a complete list of all employees currently accepting leave donations, [visit this web page](#).

Youth Day Camp

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to offer a free youth day camp program to support distance learning. The camps are open to children and dependents of full- and part-time city employees and are offered weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Attendees must be between the ages of six and 17, and students must bring their own computers/tablets and earphones to log into their virtual classroom. The camps are currently being offered at the five locations listed below:

- ◆ Beuf Community Center, 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd., 602-534-4754
- ◆ Desert West Community Center, 6501 W. Virginia Ave., 602-495-3700
- ◆ Eastlake Park Community Center, 1549 E. Jefferson St., 602-262-6759
- ◆ Paradise Valley Community Center, 17402 N. 40th St., 602-495-3777
- ◆ Pecos Community Center, 17010 S. 48th St., 602-534-5252

Participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please review the [city of Phoenix Youth Day Camp flyer](#) for additional details and instructions about how to register. Camp staff at each location are following Centers for Disease Control guidelines and limiting group sizes in accordance with physical distancing standards.

Make Your Voice Heard

The public is invited to give feedback on the proposed ***Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan*** that focuses on service priorities and sustainable solutions for both those experiencing homelessness and the community impacted by encampments.



[PHXTV recently interviewed Human Services Director Marchelle Franklin about the plan.](#)

Information, including background and history of the city's efforts to address homelessness and a survey on the plan, [can be found on the city's special web page](#).

Job of the Week

Fire Prevention Specialist

\$17.69 - \$25.67/hour

This is a 12-month trainee program designed to prepare participants for careers as a Fire Prevention Specialist. Trainees perform entry-level fire prevention work designed to provide technical training and experience in the Plan Review Division. After successfully completing the trainee program and becoming ICC certified, trainees will be promoted to *Fire Prevention Specialist I*. Promotional opportunity to Fire Prevention Specialist II after two years of experience and achievement of certifications.

Requirements: Three years of experience in public contact work **OR** one year of public contact work experience related to code enforcement activities.

[Check out the latest job openings here.](#)

[Check out the entire job database here.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

The city of Phoenix has a competitive employee development program. One element of this program is the Employee Development Fund (EDF). The EDF program was created to improve and enhance employee productivity, performance, and professional growth—a better you, is a better us. The EDF program covers the following professional development opportunities: Tuition Reimbursement, Professional Membership Reimbursement, Seminar, Workshop, or Conference Reimbursement. For any additional questions please contact the [Human Resources Connection Center](#) at [495-5700](tel:495-5700).

Paint Phoenix Purple

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For years, the city's goal has been to reduce and eventually eliminate domestic violence in Phoenix. Right now, [purchase your Paint Phoenix Purple gear](#), including polos, t-shirts, face masks and bandanas through Sept. 13. All merchandise will be mailed directly to your home before Oct. 1.

Proceeds benefit the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.

9/11 Ceremony Reminder



The city of Phoenix will hold the 19th annual September 11 Memorial Event to honor the lives lost during the terrorist attacks on our nation. In past years, the event has been open to the public and city employees to attend in person.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event will be available to watch on a livestream.

The ceremony, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m., will include the posting of an American flag that flew over Ground Zero during the rescue and recovery operation at the World Trade Center.

The event will also include city leadership providing remarks. A link to watch the virtual event will be shared in a future issue of the PHXConnect employee newsletter.



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