

Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine

Details on the opportunities for city employees to get the COVID-19 vaccine are explained to the right of this article. But many city employees have already received their vaccine. Here's just one testimony of why they chose to get vaccinated:



"I got vaccinated for my family, and for the hope that we can all be together with our friends and family soon."

*-Capt. Kenny Overton
Phoenix Fire Department*



COVID-19 News

COVID-19 Vaccine: The COVID-19 vaccine is one of the best ways that we can promote a healthy and safe community. The city is following the [Maricopa County Vaccine Prioritization](#) plan. Employees currently eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at Maricopa County sites, including the city of Phoenix distribution site, are the **Phase 1a** and **Priority Phase 1b** populations only. These include:

- ◆ Healthcare/Emergency Medical Services Staff
- ◆ Law Enforcement/Protective Services Staff
- ◆ K-12 School Staff/Childcare Staff
- ◆ Age 75+ (Note: State-operated sites are allowing people age 65+ to make appointments)



As we prepare for upcoming phases of the prioritization plan, **we are asking all employees to participate in a very brief, anonymous survey** to help us get a better count of the number of employees that have already been vaccinated and how many more may be interested in receiving a vaccine, either in current or future stages of the plan. This will help us request an accurate number of vaccine doses for our distribution site. **The survey has just two required questions** and only takes a couple of minutes to complete.

COVID-19 Testing Opportunities: City of Phoenix employees have access to resources like **priority testing**:

- ◆ **City of Phoenix Employee Healthcare Clinic:** COVID-19 live -virus testing for employees, regardless of health plan, is available weekdays 7 a.m. - 5:40 p.m., **by appointment only**. The clinic is located at 1 N. Central Ave. **Employees can schedule an appointment** and select "COVID Virus Testing – City of Phoenix." This is a walk-in test site only.
- ◆ **Washington Activity Center (WAC) Test Site:** The Washington Activity Center is open to employees and members of their households. Schedule an appointment by calling 602-534-0693. Testing is available weekdays from 7 a.m. - 3:50 p.m. This is a walk-in test site only.

COVID-19 Vaccine Myth Busters

In order to keep you informed with accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccine, here's some help from Dr. Heather M. Ross, PhD, DNP, professor at ASU and special advisor to Mayor Gallego's office:

MYTH: *The COVID-19 vaccine will give me COVID.*

FACT: The vaccines do not contain a live virus and cannot give you COVID.

It tricks your body into thinking it is fighting COVID, which can make you feel side effects like tiredness, headaches or chills.

MYTH: *The COVID-19 vaccine will change my DNA.*

FACT: The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines use mRNA, which gives your body the instructions to fight COVID, but it doesn't enter the interior of your cells where your DNA lives and cannot change your DNA.

Reminder: Phoenix Hispanic Network is inviting everyone Thursday, Feb. 4 at 11:30 a.m. to a Q&A session with Dr. Ross. She will answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and more. [Register today!](#)

City Launches 2nd Testing Van

This week, the city of Phoenix unveiled its second COVID-19 mobile testing van. With two vans powered by our medical partners, the city can now help more of its residents in their own communities.

Testing continues to be offered with no out-of-pocket costs to those getting tested. The vans are in different locations each day and are available to everyone, regardless of insurance.

Visit [Phoenix.gov/COVIDtesting](https://phoenix.gov/COVIDtesting) for a list of dates, times and locations.



Microsoft Ends Support for Internet Explorer

As city employees continue to operate as a telework, hybrid and onsite workforce, it is important to share global technology changes. City employees are highly encouraged to use Microsoft Edge, the internet browser currently installed on department desktops and laptops. Anyone still using Internet Explorer (IE) should know Microsoft is ending all support for the IE website browser, which means Office 365 services like email and calendar will be impacted. When older browsers are considered end-of-life, they begin to produce inconsistent results and are no longer supported as in the case of IE.



Externally, some features on Phoenix.gov may no longer work for visitors using the IE browser. To ensure all services continue, visitors will be redirected to launch Microsoft Edge starting Feb. 12. This will guarantee all features remain available. Visitors using other common browsers like Chrome, Safari, Firefox and others, will not be impacted.

If you need assistance with Microsoft Edge, please contact the Enterprise Service Desk at (602) 534-4357.

Govapalooza Goes Virtual



Phoenix Hispanic Network (PHN) has partnered with the Alliance for Innovation for a massive virtual festival happening March 1-5 that will feature world-class thought leaders (including Apple Co-Founder Steve Wozniak!), local government legends and next-gen talent you won't want to miss. Think of it as a virtual SXSW for local government – and those that are working closely with them to build a better future.

TLG (Tomorrow's Local Government) Govapalooza dedicates itself to helping local government movers and shakers achieve their goals.

Experiences will range from soaring inspiration to hands-on implementation tactics and tools as we dig deep into the themes of equity & inclusion, economic revitalization, police & public safety, and climate & environment. For more information on discounted registration and for the use of employee development funds, please visit phoenixhispanicnetwork.org

Scholarship Opportunity

PHN is now accepting applications for its Community Engagement Scholarship. Applications are due by Tuesday, March 2 and awardees will be presented at the virtual Cesar Chavez Celebration on March 25.



PHN will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to two current high school seniors who reside in Phoenix and will be attending a 2- or 4-year college or university next year. Please share this opportunity for those who, like Cesar Chavez, have demonstrated a sense of community engagement in the city of Phoenix and plan on furthering their education. [View the applications and eligibility criteria.](#)

Virtual Business Workshop

Learn how to become certified as a Small Business Enterprise and/or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise with the city. [Watch this video from PHXTV](#) to see how projects are monitored and the resources available for small businesses.



Job of the Week

Supply Clerk III

\$18.05 - \$27.41/hour

This position performs responsible supervisory and stock inventory control work in the operation of a central supply room or warehouse which services most of the departments and agencies of the city with common use items, or a very large supply room, warehouse, or yard which services one large department with technical or specialized items. Other responsibilities include ensuring staff are engaged in the requisition, receipt, inspection, storage, and issuance of supplies and materials as well as inputting and retrieving information via computer and maintaining the security of supplies and equipment. **Requirements:** Four years of experience in a warehouse or store operation where a wide variety of materials, fittings, tools, supplies and equipment are dispensed, and one year of supervisory experience.

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

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

Did You Know?

The city of Phoenix continues its Racial Equity Dialogue Series: Join this crucial conversation! Please enroll in one or more of our 75-minute dialogue sessions that will address an array of topics about “racial equity” and “inclusion.” Check out the [Racial Equity Dialogue Series Schedule](#) to learn more.

Leave Donations

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

- ◆ Caris Martinez, Water Services
- ◆ Dana Chavarria, Parks and Recreation
- ◆ Stephanie Heard, Aviation

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

Film Discussion



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. In partnership with One Love Foundation, the Strategic Initiatives team invites employees to a free movie workshop, panel discussion and Q&A.

This 15-minute film portrays a high school-aged couple going through the ups and downs of a relationship that becomes abusive. The film was written and produced by two One Love Teen Ambassadors and highlights how unhealthy relationship behaviors can become normalized when we see them around us. **Details:**

- ◆ Wednesday, Feb. 17
- ◆ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Sign up in eCHRIS with code: COJ030
- ◆ Employees can earn triple diversity points
- ◆ [Click here](#) to join the WebEx

Temporary Light Rail Changes

Construction on the South Central Extension/ Downtown Hub will result in a schedule change for the light rail on Feb. 13-26 and March 13-26.



During each of these two-week periods, light rail trains throughout the entire system will arrive every 30 minutes, instead of every 15 minutes.

Visit valleymetro.org/pop for more information.