

Multiple Options for COVID-19 Testing

Employees currently have **three options for COVID-19 testing**. **Two** of the options are reserved for employees only and **one** for employees **and** household members. 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 in Central Phoenix. This is a drive-thru testing site, so employees should enter at the intersection of 17th Avenue and McDowell Road. Tests are administered between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday. This site is not accepting appointments for household members at this time.
- 2) **Employees** can schedule a free IgG antibody test to see if they've had prior exposure to the COVID-19 virus. The test is being administered at the Employee Healthcare Clinic inside the Banner Urgent Care in downtown Phoenix. It's located at 1 N. Central Avenue (corner of First and Washington streets). The antibody test is performed through a blood draw from 7 a.m. to 5:40 p.m., Monday through Friday. Currently, this test is

Continued on Page 3

Weekly Updates



- ◆ **New City Manager Podcasts:**
[Episode #27:](#) City Manager Ed Zuercher updates employees on resources to help them keep healthy during this period of increased Covid-19 cases.
- ◆ [Employee Updates Webpage](#)
- ◆ [FAQs on Teleworking](#)
- ◆ [Latest Stories in the PHXNewsroom](#)

City of Phoenix Learning Resource Library

The city of Phoenix [Learning Resource Library](#) is a collaborative effort by the Human Resources Organizational Development team and department trainers throughout the city to provide remote learning resources. The information and resources align with the courses offered in the city of Phoenix course catalog and cover a variety of topics including leadership, teleworking successfully, technical-skills building, and a variety of health and wellness topics. Learning is offered through webinars, podcasts, job aids, eLearning, book summaries, humor, music, and even some family-friendly activities.

The Learning Resource Library can be accessed from the HR Connection SharePoint site, by clicking the [Learning](#) tab. Employees are invited to check back often for updated content. Also, be sure to visit the [HR Employee Health Update \(EHU\)](#) website or the [external EHU](#) for more COVID-19 information and resources.

A Summer for Mary: The Community goes Above and Beyond

This year, Phoenix Planning and Development staff used “Building Safety Month” in May as the platform to launch a community project that will continue for most of the summer to repair and rebuild a Phoenix woman’s home after it was damaged by fire in October of 2019.



Mary Chavez hired an unlicensed contractor to install a water heater and within hours of them leaving, the fire sparked. The home has been without electricity and the damage went unrepaired for months as the expenses were too much for Mary to afford.

Planning and Development Field Supervisor Don Councilor learned of Mary’s situation and launched the effort to gather contractors to rally around her to donate their services and materials to get the critical repairs completed before the extreme Arizona heat sets in. The response has gone above and beyond. The repairs from the fire are being completed, but other needed repairs and upgrades are being done as well. Within days of this project starting, Mary’s electricity was restored.

Now a month and a half later, the entire roof has been replaced, a bathroom shower has been retiled, the ceiling is repaired, air conditioning has been installed, smoke detectors have been installed and all life-safety measures via Planning and Development inspections are ensured.

“We are seeing contractors that normally compete with each other coming together for this cause,” said Don Councilor. “I knew people in the industry would respond

but they are going above and beyond.”

“It is so wonderful,” said Mary Chavez. “They are doing so much. I’m very thankful.”

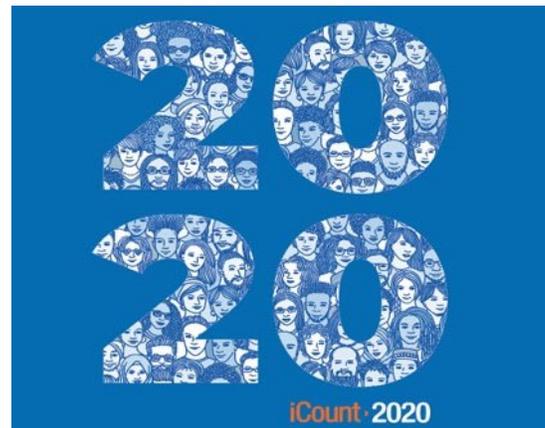
Councilor said they still need a few contractors for some specific repairs and improvements.

Staff launched a webpage where you can follow the progress. <https://www.phoenix.gov/pio/Helping-Mary>.

Staff is also using this project to also educate the public about Planning and Development programs and services that help residents with their projects and educate customers on building codes and safety.

Census 2020

Are you still waiting to complete the 2020 Census? It takes only a few minutes and will greatly help Phoenix receive federal funding to pay for essential services. [Visit iCount2020.info](https://www.phoenix.gov/pio/Helping-Mary)



Leave Donations

The following employees are accepting leave donations. If you’d like to help, use eCHRIS to make your donation:

- ◆ Richard Borja, Water Services
- ◆ Tarshela Heard, Water Services

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

Testing (continued)

only available to active city employees.

Household members do not qualify for this city testing program at this time.

- 3) The city's only testing program open to **employees and household members** is located at the Parks and Recreation Washington Activity Center at 2240 W. Citrus Way, in Phoenix. This is not a drive-through test site and appointments are required. This is a live-virus test performed with a nasal swab. Tests are available Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. Employees do not need to accompany their household member(s) 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 no more than 10 minutes in advance to fill out paperwork.

Last week, the city sent out a [message detailing these test options, the scheduling process, and estimated turnaround times for results.](#) Please review this message before you schedule an appointment. You can contact your HR liaison for more information.

Job of the Week

Title: Utility Technician Trainee \$15.06 - \$18.43/hourly

Trainees in this position with the Water Department learn the skills required to perform water service repairs/activities in the water distribution system or wastewater service repairs/activities in the wastewater collection system by participating in city education and training programs as well as in on-the-job training. Trainees receive guidance and direction from a Senior Utility Technician and assigned duties increase in scope and difficulty as the 12-month structured program progresses. Ability to obtain a Grade I Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Water Distribution or Wastewater Collection certification within 12 months of hire. Working irregular hours, second and/or third shifts, weekends, holidays, and evenings may be required. This classification requires the use of personal or city vehicles on city business. Use of a personal vehicle for city business will be prohibited if the employee does not have personal insurance coverage.

Required: Demonstrated ability to do mechanical work as shown by prior experience and training. In addition, individuals are required to pass an Arizona Department of Transportation physical exam and possess the appropriate commercial driver's license or permit at time of hire.

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

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



COVID-19

Face Coverings Required