

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

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(PHOENIX)— In order to promptly implement the most recent [CDC guidance](#), the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) is recommending employees wear a non-medical (non-PPE) cloth face covering to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 while conducting essential business. This recommendation includes employees reporting for duty across the Department.

Additionally, ADCRR will continue to follow the recommendations by the CDC regarding Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for incarcerated/detained individuals and staff in a correctional facility.

Of the more than 42,000 inmates in ADCRR custody and care, there are zero cases of COVID-19. So far, 39 inmates have tested negative for COVID-19, with five COVID-19 tests pending.

Consistent with this new [CDC guidance](#), ADCRR will continue to provide medical masks for healthcare workers and employees in direct contact with individuals who exhibit active flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms.

Consistent with the CDC guidance and ADCRR Infectious Disease Protocols, ADCRR continues to separate any inmates who exhibit flu-like symptoms from the general population for monitoring and appropriate follow-up care.

As part of the ADCRR's COVID-19 Management Strategy, we continue to require all employees entering Arizona prison complexes undergo an Infectious Disease Symptoms Check at each facility. Employees are sent home immediately if they are experiencing flu-like symptoms.

Following guidelines consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the CDC, ADCRR continues to communicate with staff and inmates about how they can reduce the risk of contracting or spreading the COVID-19 virus, including regular hand washing, sanitizing surfaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and requiring employees to stay home if they are sick.

Get the latest information about ADCRR's response to COVID-19 by visiting our website, <https://corrections.az.gov/>, and [@AZCorrections](#) on Twitter.