

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY**

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

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(Phoenix)— While the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry currently has no known confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus, we continue to take proactive measures to protect our staff and inmates against any potential spread. ADCRR continues to follow mandatory industry standards as set forth by the [American Correctional Association](#). ADCRR also follows the [National Commission on Correctional Health Care](#) guidelines through our audit process.

All ADCRR staff and inmates continue to be evaluated daily for any flu or allergy-like symptoms at prison complex facilities.

Centurion, ADCRR's healthcare vendor, is working closely with ADCRR leadership to address any inmates who have flu-like symptoms.

“Centurion is committed to providing high-quality care in accordance with best practices and professional standards to ensure the health of incarcerated individuals. In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Centurion follows the established guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and public health officials to protect the health of those living and working in prisons and jails,” said Wendy Orm, M.D., Centurion's statewide medical director. “Centurion maintains a strong partnership with the Departments of Corrections and local health departments to ensure our staff is prepared to quickly identify, isolate, and manage the risk of contagious illness in the correctional facilities that we serve. We understand that education, vigilant adherence to established policies, and proper personal hygiene practices are key to limiting the spread of infection in healthcare environments. Centurion has provided training on COVID-19 to our staff, and continues to update information and take additional precautions as necessary.”