

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 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. All ADCRR staff and inmates continue to be evaluated daily for any flu or allergy-like symptoms at prison complex facilities. Six inmates have been tested for the virus and results are pending. Inmates who exhibit flu-like symptoms are being closely monitored and cared for appropriately in a separate area to reduce the risk of transmission.

ADCRR has implemented a number of measures to defend against the spread of COVID-19 virus in the complexes. Some of these include: suspending all visitations, stopping routine internal movement of inmates across all Arizona prisons, and requiring all employees entering Arizona prison complexes to undergo an infectious disease symptoms evaluation.

ADCRR is sending out work crews on a limited and as needed basis, and will continue to evaluate active inmate work crews, including temperature checks, as they return to the complex each day. Numbers and frequency of inmate work crews are being significantly reduced.

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.

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

For the latest ADCRR COVID-19 Management Strategy updates, please visit:

<https://corrections.az.gov>