

Arizona: State-by-State COVID-19 Guidance

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January 27, 2021:

Governor Ducey issued Executive Order 2021-01, an Enhanced Surveillance Advisory, which continues to implement specific reporting requirements for medical facilities, including licensed hospitals (excluding Special Hospitals only providing psychiatric services), and nursing care institutions and certain medical group homes. These requirements include:

- Reporting information relating to COVID-19 confirmed patients to the Arizona Department of Health Services every twenty-four hours.
- Hospitals must report to AHDS very twenty-four hours, data relating to (among other things) the number of ECMOSs in use and available for use, PPE inventory, and COVID-19 (positive or suspect) ICU admissions.
- Within one week of the Order, licensed hospitals must report to AHDS information regarding the number of current and additional identified licensed med-surg and ICU beds.
- Licensed hospitals must continue to implement plans to ensure sufficient staffing levels to staff every licensed and proposed surge ICU and medical surgical bed.
- Laboratories must report all COVID-19 test results by name (positive and negative) to ADHS.
- ADHS must collaborate with the CDC, HHS, Association of Public Health Laboratories, and Signatories of the Public Health IIS Interjurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding, by sharing the state's COVID-19 immunization and vaccine administration information.
- Health care providers or local health agencies that administer COVID-19 vaccines shall report information to AHDS every twenty-four hours regarding those vaccinated, including their name, date

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vaccine until 80% of the current inventory is utilized. The order terminates automatically after 60 days, unless renewed.

January 14, 2021:

(Maricopa & Pima Counties): Starting January 11, [Maricopa County](#) will open vaccination scheduling at Point of Dispensing sites for Phase 1B prioritized individuals who can be vaccinated. Populations eligible for vaccination in Phase 1B (Priority) are: Adults age 75 and older; K-12 school staff and childcare workers; law enforcement/protective services (including all sworn officers and government-employed security officers); and Phase 1A populations, which include healthcare workers, emergency medical services workers, and long-term care facility staff and residents.

Starting January 14, [Pima County](#) is open for vaccination registrations for individuals in the Phase 1B1a-c priority groups, which include: Adults age 75 and older; prioritized essential workers in protective service occupations (law enforcement, corrections, firefighters, other emergency response staff, and 911 call center staff and trainees in high-risk settings; and education and childcare providers (K-12 and higher education teachers and staff, and student teachers).

January 4, 2021:

On December 31, Governor Ducey [further extended](#) the “[Good Samaritan](#)” [Order](#), which provided that healthcare professionals and organizations treating for COVID-19 are presumed to have acted in good faith and are immune from civil liability. The order is extended until March 31, 2021.

On December 30, Governor Ducey issued [Executive Order 2020-62](#), which requires the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to establish and implement a state-directed vaccine allocator

February 28, 2021. State government agencies, among others, must accept Arizona driver's license cards with expiration dates between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021 as valid identification for any purposes for which the unexpired driver license card would otherwise be accepted. The Order terminates on March 1, 2021.

December 3, 2020:

Governor Ducey issued [Executive Order 2020-58](#), which requires ADHS, in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions, to require all insurers regulated by the state to waive all cost-sharing requirements for consumers related to the administration of all COVID-19 vaccinations, without regard as to whether the provider is in-network. The Order will expire upon termination of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency, or upon the effective date of a federal requirement that the COVID-19 vaccine be provided without cost-sharing.

Governor Ducey also issued [Executive Order 2020-60](#), which directs the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to accept and review requests by liquor licensees who seek to temporarily extend their premises outdoors to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Department may only approve such requests after a city, town, or county has approved the temporary extension of premises. The order remains in place until further notice and will be reconsidered for repeal or revision every two weeks.

Governor Ducey further issued [Executive Order 2020-59](#), which, effective December 3, 2020, amends paragraph 1 of [Executive Order 2020-43](#), and any extension under [Executive Order 2020-52](#), by prohibiting organized public events of more than 50 people, unless the city, town, or county in unincorporated areas has determined that adequate safety precautions consistent with the CDC and AHDS's guidance is documented as part of the request. If the event is approved, the city, town, or county is required to dedicate reasonably adequate resources to enforce mitigation measures the organizer has

nuisance. The Order remains in place until further notice and shall be reconsidered for repeal or revision every two weeks.

(Tucson City): The Tucson Mayor and City Council [voted](#) to enact an [ordinance](#) which implements a mandatory curfew from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. each night, within city limits. The ordinance will take effect at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, and will continue through Wednesday December 23, 2020.

November 23, 2020:

Governor Doug Ducey issued [Executive Order 2020-57](#), an Enhanced Surveillance Advisory Monitoring the Administration of COVID-19 Vaccination. The Order does not require a person to obtain a vaccine for COVID-19 when one becomes available but permits employers to implement policies for employees that are consistent with law for such a requirement. The Arizona Department of Health Services shall collaborate with the CDC and HHS, The Association of Public Health Laboratories, and Signatories of the Public Health IIS Interjurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding, by sharing the State's COVID-19 immunization and vaccine administration information with the entities. Any individual or local health agency that administers a COVID-19 vaccine shall report information relating to the identity of the individual vaccinated, the vaccine product itself, how administered and when, and the location at which administered. All insurers regulated by the State shall be required to cover influenza and pandemic vaccines and administration without regard to whether the provider is in-network. The order terminates after 60 days unless renewed.

November 12, 2020:

Governor Ducey issued an [Enhanced Surveillance Advisory](#), which implements specific reporting requirements for medical facilities, including all licensed hospitals, nursing care institutions, specialty

September 1, 2020:

On September 1, Governor Ducey issued [Executive Order 2020-53](#), deferring the renewal requirements for Class D and Class M Arizona driver licenses that expire between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, to one year from the expiration date printed on the original driver license card. The Order terminates on January 1, 2022.

July 27, 2020:

Governor Ducey [extended Executive Order 2020-43](#), which, among other things:

- prohibited organized public events of more than 50 people, unless approved subject to certain safety restrictions;
- precluded the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control from issuing series special event and festival/fair licenses;
- required bars, indoor gyms, fitness clubs or centers, indoor movie theaters, and water parks and tubing operators to pause operations; and
- permitted pools to remain open subject to physical distancing requirements.

[Order 2020-43](#) will [continue](#) to be reviewed for repeal or revision every two weeks. Governor Ducey also issued an [Executive Order](#) requiring the Arizona Department of Health to develop and make available by August 7, 2020, public health benchmarks for the safe return of in-person, teacher-led instruction in schools. Local school leaders will use these guidelines to determine when to open. Schools will still be required to provide 180 days of instruction or the equivalent hours, however distance learning instruction counts toward the minimum instructional days or equivalent number of hours statutorily required. School districts and charter schools must begin teacher-led distance learning by the first day of the school

of Administration will also help counties provide voting locations with proper equipment and personal protective equipment. The order expires after November 4, 2020.

July 20, 2020:

Governor Ducey issued an [Executive Order](#) which continues the postponement of eviction actions for residential premises. Those who seek to delay the enforcement of eviction actions must notify the landlord or property owner of a hardship resulting from COVID-19 in writing, with supporting documentation, and must request a payment plan. After August 21, 2020, proof of submission of a completed pending application for rental assistance must also be provided to the landlord or property owner. The order takes effect on July 23, 2020 and expires on October 31, 2020.

July 16, 2020:

Governor Ducey issued an [Executive Order](#) which continues the postponement of eviction actions for residential premises. Those who seek to delay the enforcement of eviction actions must notify the landlord or property owner of a hardship resulting from COVID-19 in writing, with supporting documentation, and must request a payment plan. After August 21, 2020, proof of submission of a completed pending application for rental assistance must also be provided to the landlord or property owner. The order takes effect on July 23, 2020 and expires on October 31, 2020.

July 13, 2020:

Governor Ducey issued an [Executive Order](#) which limits restaurants' indoor seating to less than 50% capacity, and requires parties or groups to be separated by at least six feet both indoors and outdoors, unless the tables are separated by glass or plexiglass. All buffet, cafeteria-style, and self-serve food bars

Governor Ducey also issued [Executive Order 2020-43](#), “Pausing of Arizona’s Reopening,” which institutes restrictions on certain businesses and activities.

- Effective June 29, 2020, organized public events of more than 50 people are prohibited, unless approved subject to certain safety restrictions;
- The Department of Liquor Licenses and Control will not issue series special event and festival/fair licenses from June 29, 2020 through July 27, 2020;
- Effective 8:00 p.m. on June 29, and until at least July 27, 2020, bars, indoor gyms, fitness clubs or centers, indoor movie theaters, and water parks and tubing operators must pause operations;
- Pools may remain open subject to physical distancing requirements.

To receive authorization to reopen, entities must complete and submit a form to the Arizona Department of Health Services, which attests they are in compliance with ADHS guidance related to COVID-19 business operations. The order remains in effect until further notice, and will be reconsidered for repeal or revision every two weeks after July 27, 2020.

June 22, 2020:

(Pima & Maricopa Counties): Consistent with Governor Ducey’s [Executive Order](#) which authorized counties and cities to impose mandates requiring the use of facial coverings in public, Maricopa County has issued [Regulations](#) which require all persons above 6 years old to wear face coverings while inside any enclosed public area. Although children under 2 years old are exempt from the requirement, adults should use reasonable efforts to ensure children between the ages of 2 and 5 comply with the regulations. The Regulations make additional exemptions for restaurant patrons and those exercising in communal outdoor spaces, among others. The Regulations take effect on June 20, 2020 and will remain in place until further notice of repeal or revision.

June 8, 2020:

Governor Ducey's [Declaration of Emergency](#), which instituted a statewide curfew, expired at 5:00 a.m. on June 8.

May 26, 2020:

On May 21, Governor Ducey issued an [Enhanced Surveillance Advisory](#) which supersedes the reporting requirements of the previous executive orders ([2020-13](#), [2020-22\(4\)](#), [2020-23](#), and [2020-30\(10\)](#)), but renews their other provisions. The advisory authorizes the Arizona Department of Health Services and local health authority to access confidential patient information; requires hospitals to report certain data regarding capacity, available equipment, inventory of medical supplies, and data regarding COVID-19 patients; requires nursing care institutions, ICF-IID and DD medical group homes to report regarding COVID-19 residents and availability of beds and PPE; and requires laboratories to report positive COVID-19 test results to the Arizona Department of Health Services. COVID-19 specimen testing shall be coordinated by the Arizona State Public Health Laboratory, with criteria for testing to be determined by the Arizona Department of Health Services. The order automatically terminates after 60 days, unless renewed.

May 15, 2020:

[Executive Order 2020-36](#) takes effect today. The Order rescinds orders [2020-18](#) (stay at home order), [2020-24](#) (requiring certain travelers to self-quarantine after arriving in Arizona), and [2020-33](#) ("Returning Stronger" order), and provides that all other orders issued and still in effect since March 11th, remain in place unless guidance has been provided by ADHS on how to safely reopen or operate, or the orders expire, are amended, or are rescinded. ADHS has issued guidance regarding the reopening of, among

[Executive Order 2020-33](#), which implemented the first phase of Arizona's reopening, expires at 11:59 p.m. today.

May 13, 2020:

Pursuant to [Executive Order 2020-36](#), [pools](#), [gym and fitness providers](#), [spas](#), [massage therapists](#), and [personal services](#) may reopen today, with physical distancing and enhanced sanitation, following guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services.

Governor Ducey also issued an [Executive Order](#) which ends Arizona's current [stay at home](#) ("Returning Stronger") [Order](#) which is set to expire on May 15, 2020. The Order rescinds orders [2020-18](#) (stay at home order), [2020-24](#) (requiring certain travelers to self-quarantine after arriving in Arizona), and [2020-33](#) ("Returning Stronger" order), and provides that all other orders issued and still in effect since March 11th, remain in place unless guidance has been provided by ADHS on how to safely reopen or operate, or the orders expire, are amended, or are rescinded. ADHS has issued guidance regarding the reopening of, among other businesses, [pools](#), [gyms](#), and [spas](#), and has also issued [guidance](#) for places of worship.

Under the new [order](#), vulnerable individuals are encouraged to limit their time in public. All individuals in public areas should maximize physical distancing, and should avoid social settings where physical distancing is not practical, unless precautionary measures are taken. Businesses operating in the state that are employers or that serve the public are required to develop, establish, and implement policies based on guidance from the CDC, OSHA, and ADHS, in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. Counties, cities, and towns are prohibited from instituting any orders which conflict with, or are in addition to the new order, and may not issue any order which restrict persons from leaving their home due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The order goes into effect at 12:00 a.m. on May 16, 2020, and

Governor Ducey issued an [Executive Order](#) authorizing barbers and cosmetologists to resume operations on Friday May 8, 2020, provided employees and customers use face coverings, they operate by appointment only, and they follow the protocols established by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the United States Department of Labor Division of Occupational Safety, and the Arizona Department of Health Services.

The [order](#) also authorizes dine-in services to resume on Monday May 11, 2020, provided they too follow above protocols, implement physical distancing policies, and limit the number of diners. Governor Ducey also issued [Executive Order](#) which requires nursing care institutions, residential care institutions, intermediate facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and medical group homes for individuals with developmental disabilities to report to residents, next of kin, and guardians, the number of diagnosed cases and deaths due to COVID-19 within the facilities, and to provide regular updates on their activities.

May 4, 2020:

Pursuant to the “[Return Stronger](#)” [Order](#), retailers which are not classified as non-essential businesses and whose business involves the sale of goods, may operate and offer goods through delivery, window, walk-up, thrive through, or drive up service, or by delivery and appointment, provided they comply with the protocols and best-practices outlined in the order.

May 1, 2020:

Governor Ducey and the Arizona Department of Health Services released [additional guidance](#) for retail establishments that will shortly reopen pursuant to the “Returning Stronger” [Order](#) issued this week. The Guidance recommends customers follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidance,

engaging in outdoor exercise, participating in constitutionally protected activities such as speech, religion and any legal or court process, and visiting retailers permitted to operate pursuant to the order.

Beginning on May 4, 2020, retailers which are not classified as essential businesses and whose business involves the sale of goods, may operate and offer goods through delivery, window, walk-up, thrive through, or drive up service, or by delivery and appointment, provided they comply with the protocols and best-practices outlined in the order. Beginning May 8, 2020, such retailers may open, operate and offer goods for sale to customers in their stores, provided they comply with the protocols and best practices outlined in the order. Areas, like shopping malls, in which people may be inclined to congregate in an enclosed or confined are still required to limit operations, but retailers which operate in such areas, and whose only entrance is through the shopping mall or other enclosed area, may operate through delivery or curbside service or appointment only.

The order prohibits any county, city, or town from issuing any order, rule, or regulation, that prevents an individual from conducting, participating in, or receiving Essential Services, Essential Activities, or Non-essential Services described in the order and past executive order.

The order remains in effect until 11:59 pm on May 15, 2020, unless otherwise extended or rescinded.

April 23, 2020:

Governor Ducey issued an [Executive Order](#) authorizing hospitals, healthcare facilities, and providers (including dental surgery providers) to request exemption from [Executive Order 2020-10](#) in order to resume elective, non-essential surgeries, provided they meet certain requirements relating to, [among other things](#), personal protective equipment inventories, staffing, and screening processes. The order remains in effect until further notice, and will be considered for repeal or revision every two weeks, along

grocery stores are permitted to operate on limited schedules during curfew weekends, as long as they comply with the order's [requirements](#). The order takes effect at 8:00 p.m. on Friday April 17, 2020, and remains in effect until April 27, 2020 at 5:00 a.m.

April 15, 2020:

Governor Ducey issued an [Executive Order](#) on April 15 which expands food options for commercial vehicle drivers by allowing mobile food vendors to operate at specific state rest areas. The Order is consistent with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration [Notice of Enforcement Discretion 05-20](#), which suspended enforcement measures for States that choose to permit commercial food trucks to operate in designated federally funded Interstate Highway rest areas.

On April 14, Governor Ducey issued a [third Enhanced Surveillance Advisory](#), in addition to the two previous advisories, Executive Orders [2020-13](#) and [2020-23](#). The third advisory addresses information sharing and the data reporting elements required from hospitals. The information-sharing provisions are subject to review every two weeks and remain in effect for no longer than 60 days unless re-issued or revised by the Director for the Arizona Department of Health Services. The data-reporting provisions will also remain in effect for no longer than 60 days, unless reissued or revised by the Director.

Governor Ducey also issued an [Executive Order](#) which requires workers' compensation plans regulated by the Arizona Department of Insurance, self-insurance plans regulated by the Industrial Commission of Arizona, and the Special Fund to provide coverage for telemedicine services that would be covered if provided through an in-person visit, beginning on April 14, 2020 and continuing for the duration of the Public Health Emergency. The Governor issued a further [Order](#) which authorizes the certification of assisted living facility caregivers who complete on-the-job-training, as defined in the order. The order remains in effect until further notice, but shall be considered for repeal or revision every two weeks.

Governor Ducey issued an [Executive Order](#) on April 6 which temporarily suspends commercial eviction actions, including lock out and notice to vacate, for tenants who are unable to pay rent as a result of financial hardship caused by the pandemic. Commercial tenants must notify the landlord or property owner in writing “as soon as practicable,” provide supporting documentation of their inability to pay due to temporary hardship, and must acknowledge the contractual terms of the lease remain in effect. The order defines commercial tenants as “any business type that is eligible for the federal Paycheck Protection Program.” The order expires on May 31, 2020.

In recent days, the Governor has also issued a series of executive orders. [Executive Order 2020-25](#) authorizes restaurants licensed or permitted to serve food, to sell grocery items, including paper goods, cleaning supplies, prepared food in bulk, or meat and vegetables, whether or not the items are normally packaged for resale or are raw, as long as certain conditions are met.

[Executive Order 2020-24](#) requires travelers from the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York) who arrive in Arizona through any airport, to self-quarantine for 14 days from the time of entry or for the duration of their stay, whichever is shorter. The order remains in effect until expiration of the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected” order, or upon issuance of another order which lifts the requirements.

[Executive Order 2020-23](#) supplements the data reporting requirements for hospitals which were outlined in [Executive Order 2020-13](#). Hospitals must report certain data surrounding COVID-19 patients and treatment, as well as inventory of medical supplies. The order automatically terminates after 60 days, unless otherwise renewed.

[Executive Order 2020-22](#) requires Nursing Care Institutions, Residential Care Institutions, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Medical Group Homes for Individuals with

April 3, 2020:

Governor Douglas Ducey [made a request](#) to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue to assist Arizona's dairy farmers by finding solutions to restart the international export of Arizona dairy products to Mexico.

Governor Ducey also [issued](#) an executive order to allow pharmacists to dispense emergency refills of maintenance medications for a 90-day supply and an additional 90-day supply if needed.

April 2, 2020:

Governor Doug Ducey [requested](#) a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration from the federal to pull down necessary federal assets and resources to assist Arizona's COVID-19 response efforts. Upon approval, the disaster declaration will provide access to expanded mental health care, supplement the efforts of tribal health care workers, provide grants to reduce the risk of loss of life or property during future emergencies, make available legal assistance to low-income Arizonans, expand food assistance and other services to low-income households impacted by COVID-19 and more.

April 1, 2020:

The Shelter in Place [order](#) went into effect on March 31 at 5:00 pm, and remains in effect until April 30, 2020 unless otherwise extended.

March 31, 2020:

Governor Ducey issued an Executive [Order](#) instituting a "Stay home, Stay health, Stay connected"

(Navajo Nation): The Navajo Office of Environmental Health and Protection Program, Navajo Department of Health, issued a [Public Health Emergency Order](#) which extends the stay-at-home order, and imposes an 8:00pm to 5:00 am curfew across the Nation and limits the size of public gatherings, including outdoor funerals. The order urges Essential Businesses which directly serve customers to limit operations between 7:00 pm and 6:00 am. The order remains in effect until rescinded.

March 30, 2020:

(City of Tucson): Mayor Romero's [Proclamation](#) which orders the closure of businesses that are not "Essential Functions" and which issues a stay at home advisory to residents, took effect at 8:00 am on March 28 and continues through April 17, at 11:59 pm unless terminated sooner. The Proclamation orders that businesses that are not "Essential Functions," defined by Governor Ducey's March 24th Executive [Order](#), to close to the public. The Order also advises certain other businesses excluded from the Governor's definition to close to the public.

March 27, 2020:

Governor Ducey [announced](#) the state's largest electrical utilities have agreed not to shut off power during the public health emergency for customers who are unable to pay their utility bill, have agreed to waive penalties, late fees, or interest, and will work with customers to determine payment options and plan selections. Along with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Governor Ducey also [announced](#) that emissions testing requirements are waived for vehicle owners who are 65 years old and older, for one year. [Waiver applications](#) for vehicle registration renewals may be submitted online.

Governor Ducey also issued two Executive Orders, [one of which aims](#) to increase hospital capacity to prepare for an increase in patients due to COVID-10. The [Order](#) includes requirements that licensed

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Yesterday, March 25, Governor Ducey issued an Executive [Order](#) which expands coverage of telemedicine and requires all health insurance plans regulated by the Arizona Department of Insurance to provide coverage for healthcare services provided through telemedicine if the service would have been covered in an in-person visit. The [order](#) also requires Medicaid plans to cover healthcare services that are covered benefits to be accessible by telemedicine. Insurers and Medicaid plans may not discount rates or reduce reimbursement for services provided via telemedicine, as compared to contracted rates for in-person services. The order takes effect on March 25, 2020, and expires when the [Public Health Emergency Declaration](#) is terminated.

March 25, 2020:

As of Tuesday, March 24, no state-wide shelter in place orders have been issued. Governor Ducey issued an Executive [Order](#) which delays the enforcement of eviction actions for individuals who are quarantined or facing economic hardship as a result of COVID-19. The order remains in effect for 120 days.

March 24, 2020:

Governor Ducey issued an Executive [Order](#) which delays the enforcement of eviction actions for individuals who are quarantined or facing economic hardship as a result of COVID-19. The order remains in effect for 120 days.

March 19, 2020:

Governor Ducey [announced](#) the issuance of four executive orders. First, the National Guard was activated to assist grocery stores and food banks with re-stocking shelves in the face of heightened demand. Second, elective surgeries are delayed, to conserve personal protective equipment necessary to test and treat patients with COVID-19. Third, certain restaurants in counties with confirmed COVID-19 cases are required to provide dine-out options only, as well as the closure of all bars in those counties. This order allows restaurants to deliver alcoholic beverages with the purchase of food. Fourth, expiration dates are delayed on driver licenses ensuring residents over the age of 65 do not need to visit Motor Vehicle Division offices to renew their driver licenses during the public health emergency.

March 17, 2020:

(City of Phoenix): Mayor of Phoenix declared a state of emergency and **ordered** restaurants to close their dining areas immediately and move to takeout service, delivery, and/or curbside service only. Additionally, bars, indoor gyms, fitness clubs, movie theaters are also closed to the public.

(City of Tucson): Mayor of Tucson issued a [Proclamation](#) declaring a local emergency and ordered restaurants to close their dining areas immediately and move to takeout service, delivery, and/or curbside service only. Bars, theaters, museums, indoor gyms, fitness centers, and bowling alleys (and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities) are also closed to the public. This Proclamation remains in effect until terminated by Mayor or other proclamation is issued determining that the emergency no longer exists.

March 11, 2020: