



HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP OF MARICOPA COUNTY

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While COVID-19 is still circulating widely across Maricopa County, cases, hospitalizations, and deaths due to the virus continue to trend downward. The 7-day rolling average of cases as of February 16 was 778. Hospitalizations have dropped from 347 per day in early January to 132 per day in early February. It's going to be months before we are able to get vaccines to everyone who wants it, which means the virus will still be able to spread quickly in our community if we are not taking precautions. Remember, to protect yourself and loved ones: stay home when you are sick, mask up and social distance when you go out, and limit your time with people outside your household.

KEEP IT UP, ARIZONA!



#MaskUpAz

Reducing the risk of spread

DON'T BRUSH UP AGAINST STRANGERS

Maricopa County Public Health continues working diligently to get vaccine to underserved populations around Maricopa County. One way we are doing that is through pop-up events in targeted areas. Two recent events illustrate how Public Health is making the process move convenient by bringing vaccine to where people are.

Nearly 250 people were vaccinated at a pop-up event in **Gilabend** on Friday, which served adults 65 and older who are primarily Spanish speakers. Public Health partnered with U of A to provide vaccines to residents of senior housing at **Town of Guadalupe** who might have troubled getting it because they don't have access to computers, internet or transportation.

FREE rides for Seniors to COVID vaccinations appointments

The Valley of the Sun YMCA in Phoenix is providing free rides to those 65+ to their COVID vaccination appointments in Maricopa County.

Seniors can call YMCA's Outreach Programs for Ahwatukee Seniors at **602-212-6088** or email opas@vosymca.org to schedule a ride.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE



LISTO, PREPARADO, #ENMASCARADO

Así se combate el riesgo de propagación

STAY

SHARP



COMING SOON...

A new website will be launched on March 1, 2021 to internal groups and partners. Designed by the Office of Community Empowerment at Maricopa County and [mySidewalk](#) gives Maricopa residents insights into the social and economic drivers of health. At no time in recent history has attention to the root causes of health has been so critical.

The COVID-19 pandemic has put a spotlight on Public Health; this comprehensive assessment takes the conversation beyond disease outcomes and explores the relationship between environments, behaviors, illness and length of life.

This interactive story gives the community access to over 75 health data indicators and allows residents to stay informed about what is happening in their neighborhoods.

The graphs and maps will be available for public download, and all of the data is exportable in multiple formats. Some compelling findings include:

- Unemployment rate has continued to decrease in Maricopa County and has been lower compared to the state of Arizona.
- 18.2% of residents, the highest percentage in the state, reported excessive or binge drinking habits compared to the state of Arizona at 16.7%.
- 65% of households living in poverty are not receiving SNAP benefits. Maricopa County has one of the lowest number of SNAP authorized stores to 1,000 people in Arizona.
- Maricopa County has the lowest percentage of adults who are age 18 and over with a mental health illness within the past year.

KEEP 6 FT APART



MARICOPA FAMILY SUPPORT ALLIANCE

Training Opportunity

As many of you may recall, the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support Certification Training originated with the MFSA here in Maricopa County. Now this training is being conducted by the Family Involvement Center and supported by First Things First.

The Standards have created a common language across different kinds of Family Strengthening and Family Support programs such as Family Resource Centers, home visiting programs, and child development programs.

They are designed to be used by all stakeholders – public departments, foundations, networks, community-based organizations, and families – as a tool for planning, providing, and assessing quality practice. The vision is that their implementation will help ensure that families are supported and strengthened through quality practice.

Three free two-day training opportunities will be available this spring.

Please visit the [MFSA Training and Resources](#) for March, April and May dates and registration.

STAYING HOME



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SO HE CAN SAVE LIVES.

WE'RE IN THIS
FOR EACH OTHER