Banner Health expands COVID-19 testing in Arizona and Colorado

Health system now has capacity for 13,500 appointments per week at drive-thru collection sites



Azure Zeigler, NP, and Holly Thomas, patient financial services representative at Banner Health, work at Banner's COVID-19 drive-up testing site in Fort Collins

PHOENIX (April 27, 2020) – Banner Health has opened three new COVID-19 drive-thru collection sites this week and added lanes to its original sites, expanding capacity from 4,000 appointments per week to 13,500.

Those with concerns about <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u> or exposure can now call Banner Health at 1-844-549-1851 in Arizona or 1-844-549-1856 in Colorado to be screened and scheduled for an appointment.

Banner's three new sites are in Phoenix, Fort Collins, Colorado and Greeley, Colorado. The Phoenix collection site, located at the <u>Arizona State Fairgrounds</u>, is the health system's largest operation. It can accommodate those who do not have vehicles.

Anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever or dry cough, will qualify for testing at one of these

collection sites. In addition, those with concerns of possible exposure will also meet criteria for testing in Arizona.

Banner only collects samples for molecular diagnostic testing at this time; antibody testing is not offered at Banner's drive-thru collection sites. The diagnostic testing can detect current infection but is unable to determine if someone had a past infection that has resolved.

Banner's drive-thru sites will not accept walk-ins. Everyone must be phone screened in advance and scheduled for an appointment. Those who arrive without an appointment will be asked to leave and call in to complete the phone screening process. This process is very important to ensure the safety of patients and health care workers.

Additional resources:

- More information about **Banner's testing process**
- COVID-19 information and resources
- Frequently asked questions about cost of COVID-19 testing and services

Headquartered in Arizona, Banner Health is one of the largest nonprofit health care systems in the country. The system owns and operates 28 acute-care hospitals, Banner Health Network, Banner – University Medicine, academic and employed physician groups, long-term care centers, outpatient surgery centers and an array of other services; including Banner Urgent Care, family clinics, home care and hospice services, pharmacies and a nursing registry. Banner Health is in six states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada and Wyoming. For more information, visit bannerhealth.com.

B-Roll: Banner Health COVID-19 Specimen Collection Site

NOTE: Please keep in mind that these drive-through sites are patient care areas. We request that you respect the privacy of our patients. Please remain off property and do not film at these locations or approach patients as they enter or leave the sites.

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Azure Zeigler, NP, and Holly Thomas, patient financial services rep, work at Banner Fort Collins testing site.

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Heather Bell, Leigha Cortez and Leloni Williams, Banner medical assistants, prepare to test at Banner's Fort Collins site.

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