IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Arizona is experiencing a severe COVID-19 outbreak, averaging over 9,000 new confirmed cases per day. At this time, health officials are advising everyone to take all precautions to avoid exposure.

This is a very dangerous trend and one that must not continue.
Do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

STAY HOME, PROPERLY DISTANCE, ALWAYS WEAR YOUR FACE MASK WHEN RUNNING ESSENTIAL ERRANDS, AND DO NOT GATHER.
(Per GRIC Executive Order #9)

AZ Severe Outbreak Update: Arizona is now designated as a Severe Outbreak. This is the highest threat level with 101 cases per every 100,000 residents. This strongly suggests that many cases are going undetected. Arizona currently has the highest number of new daily cases per capita and the 2nd highest number of new daily deaths per capita in the US.

The Caring House (TCH) Vaccine Update: The next virtual town hall is scheduled for February 9, 2021, at 2 pm. We encourage residents and their representatives to participate in this fourth town hall presented by Dr. Anthony Santiago, the C.E.O. of Gila River Health Care. This will be another opportunity to learn about the vaccine.

Dialysis Patients Vaccine Update: 70 of our 90 consented Dialysis patients have been vaccinated, with the remainder on quarantine or with active symptoms and awaiting their vaccinations per protocol.

GRIC Essentials Department Employee Vaccine Update: We have fully established our D3 Boys and Girls Club vaccine site for GRIC employees – with departments scheduled thru January to complete the process. Vaccinations are scheduled 6 days per week and a 7th day as needed.

GRHC Employee Vaccine Update: GRHC employee vaccinations continue with essential employees (those working on-site) receiving the vaccine.

COVID-19 VACCINE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

I am an established GRHC patient over the age of 55. How do I get the vaccine?
Please call the COVID-19 Hotline at 520-550-6079 for assistance to determine current eligibility and receive the vaccine.
I have heard about the vaccine causing side effects. Is that true?
Commonly, a severe allergic reaction to a vaccine is 1 per 772,000 vaccinations – with the data to date (29 reported severe allergic reactions in the U.S.), the incidence with a COVID-19 vaccine is 1 per 423,000. In the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report documenting severe allergic reactions, they reported the first 21 in the U.S. It should be noted that 17 of those were in individuals with a documented history of allergic reactions, and with seven with a previous history of severe allergic reactions.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES OFFERED TO GRIC EMPLOYEES**

The COVID-19 pandemic can cause increased stress and anxiety for many. Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services (B.H.S.) can help. GRHC BHS offers virtual self-care help presentations for GRIC Departments employees on topics such as stress reduction, grief, anxiety, resiliency, mindfulness, relaxation, and self-care. To find out more, visit: [http://grhc.org/bhs-hub/](http://grhc.org/bhs-hub/) or call Stacie MacArthur at B.H.S. at (520) 610-7310.

**GRHC COVID TESTING CHANGE**

All surveillance testing with expanded days and hours is now moved to the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital (HHKMH) Campus and the Komatke Health Center (KHC) Campus. Testing is available at HHKMH 9 am – 9 pm, seven days a week – no appointment needed. For KHC, please call (520) 550-6060 to schedule an appointment.

**IMPORTANT PATIENT NOTICE**

**GRHC’s Batch of Moderna Vaccines NOT Impacted. January 18, 2021**

In California, a small number of allergic reactions to the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine was reported by media outlets. California health officials have advised healthcare providers to stop using batch #041L20A of Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.

GRHC did not receive vaccines from Moderna lot #041L20A.

For more information about GRHC’s Moderna batch of vaccines, go to the GRHC.ORG/Moderna