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**WICKENBURG, AZ** (March 26, 2020) – The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) reports 508 individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in Arizona, with eight deaths reported. Community spread is now considered widespread with all counties reporting cases. Zero confirmed cases in Wickenburg and Surrounding Areas.

Out of an abundance of caution and to create a safe and secure environment for our patients and staff during the COVID-19 outbreak, Wickenburg Community Hospital and Clinics have enhanced visitor restrictions. As of Friday, March 27 no visitors will be allowed in the Wickenburg Community Hospital and Clinic facilities.

There are two exceptions to the new visitor restriction:

- Pediatric patients (under the age of 18) may have one adult guardian accompany them
- Individuals with physical or cognitive limitations or disabilities who require support may have one adult caregiver accompany them

In compliance with Governor Doug Ducey, Wickenburg Community Hospital placed a moratorium on all elective surgeries to combat the spread of COVID-19. All remaining services remain open, ready to receive and treat all patients in a safe and secure environment.

“We encourage all patients to avoid rescheduling appointments for diagnostic and treatment services until they have communicated with their provider who has written the order. COVID-19 may take months to completely clear out, and we need to work with the patient and their provider to determine if the need for this order is higher than the risk of potential infection before we reschedule”, stated Peter Stachowicz, Chief Ambulatory Services Officer. “Curbside registration for all scheduled diagnostic and lab draw procedures have started in an effort to serve and support our patients.”

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