



## A Message from our President & CEO Steve Purves



# Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations

Our health care professionals and other dedicated staff have led Arizona's response to COVID-19, and I am very proud of the work you have all done to save lives and protect our community. With the rapid spread of the Delta Variant and an increase in our COVID-19 volumes, it's important to take one more step to keep you, your families and our patients and visitors safe: We will make the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for all Valleywise Health employees, with a deadline to become fully vaccinated by Nov. 1, 2021.

With this step, we are making a strong and unequivocal statement on the importance and value of vaccinations. We must protect each other, our patients and their families, and our visitors. Vaccination is the surest way to do that.

We care for populations hardest hit by the pandemic and we have a responsibility to take every measure possible to ensure the safest care environment. The evidence is compelling and clear: Available vaccines are safe and effective at preventing COVID-19, especially the severe illness and death it can cause. Vaccines also reduce the risk people will spread the virus that causes COVID19.

We're not the first health care organization in Arizona to make this announcement, and we won't be the last. Yet I know there will be questions. [That's why we've created these FAQs.](#)

Our partners at District Medical Group also are requiring employees to be fully vaccinated by Nov. 1.

For those of you already vaccinated, I want to thank you for your support as we demonstrate our commitment to safety. For those not yet vaccinated, please see the FAQs to locate one of our scheduled employee vaccine clinics.

Thank you for your dedication to employee and patient safety, and for your commitment to serving our communities throughout the pandemic and beyond.

Sincerely,



Stephen A. Purves  
President & CEO

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