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Arizona Physicians Respond to Rising COVID-19 Numbers

December 2, 2020 (Phoenix) – The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) continues to monitor and work through all appropriate avenues to ensure that the physician perspective is provided as we respond to the COVID-19 surge.

Yesterday, ADHS reported more than 10,000 new COVID-19 cases. While many of these cases are due to a reporting lag from the Thanksgiving holiday, we continue to see an increase in cases each day.

Representing Arizona physicians from around the state, ArMA is deeply concerned about hospital capacity and medical staffing. The increase in cases has a genuine potential to overwhelm the healthcare system in Arizona.

Other states have begun to implement restrictions that include curfews, restaurant closures, and more severe preventive strategies. Arizona is nearing this critical point, with discussions of further action being taken to address the current surge.

“Now is not the time to relax your efforts to protect others around you,” stated Ross Goldberg, MD, president of the Arizona Medical Association. “The public has the power to keep Arizona open by following the guidelines for mask-wearing and social distancing. We understand that everyone wants to get back to normal life, but continuing to ignore the guidelines cannot surprise the public when harsher measures are taken to protect everyone.”

ArMA will continue to advocate for a balanced approach and call on all Arizonans to do their part.

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