News Release

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Phoenix Children's Physician Receives Positive COVID-19 Test Result

Phoenix Children's has just learned that a physician at one of our ambulatory clinics has tested positive for COVID-19. As part of our commitment to transparency, and to ensure our community has the most up-to-date and accurate information, we are sharing all pertinent details in this statement and will update our website and social pages as new information emerges.

The physician treated one patient in clinic on Friday and did not examine any other patients in person last week. The provider was not symptomatic while working on Friday and adhered to best practices, which included standard precautions, for infection control.

Per guidance from the CDC, Maricopa County Department of Health and our precautionary measures exercised in the clinic, exposure is unlikely.

Out of an abundance of caution, Phoenix Children's has notified the family and other staff members who had contact with the physician.

The doctor began showing symptoms late Friday evening, March 20, while off-duty. A test for the coronavirus was performed that came back positive. Our physician is self-isolating and recovering at home. It is believed the doctor was exposed to the virus in a community setting.

Our providers are on the front lines of an unprecedented public health emergency. They are abiding by all guidelines issued by national and local health authorities. In addition, we have implemented strict restrictions for visitors and patients and daily screenings of our employees. No other providers or staff members have developed symptoms, and no patients have shown signs of COVID-19.

We will continue to do our best to safeguard patients' health, curb the spread of the virus and support our clinicians who are providing the best possible care in the most challenging of circumstances.

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