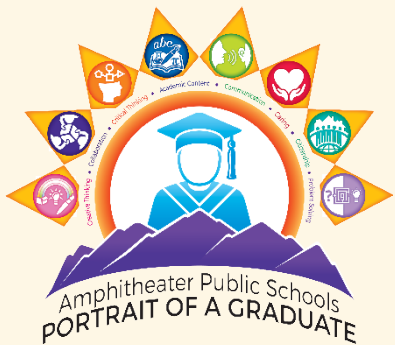




April 13, 2021

Superintendent's Report





From Our Schools



Fifth-graders in Ms. Wong's class at Harelson Elementary School have created Bobcat Bead Memory Strands as part of a project related to color history and symbolism. The theme of the project was 'Persevering through 2020-2021.' Each student designed their own strand with large colored glass beads symbolizing a positive trait they witnessed this year (i.e. perseverance is represented by red). The goal is to provide each classroom/staff member at Harelson a strand to help them reflect on this year.



From Our Schools

HOW CAN I BE A GOOD FRIEND TO SOMEONE WITH AUTISM?

I can be a friend to someone with Autism by...

I can be a good friend by being kind and asking to be there friend.

Autism Awareness

I can be a friend to someone with Autism by...

Being patient and accepting who they are. Plus remembering to be kind and mindful.

Me

My cousin Woods who has autism.

Autism Awareness

Amphi Academy Online students in Mrs. Knight's class, along with student teacher Mrs. Robeson, worked on a special project for Autism Awareness Month, which is April.

The class learned about what Autism is and how it affects people, researched Temple Grandin, a pioneer in Autism research and writing, and shared ideas about how they as individuals can be a friend to someone with Autism.



From Our Schools



Students in Canyon del Oro's Early Childhood Education program spent some time last week helping preschool chefs learn to make pizza. Bringing our high school students back together with their preschool students has been a rewarding reunion for all.



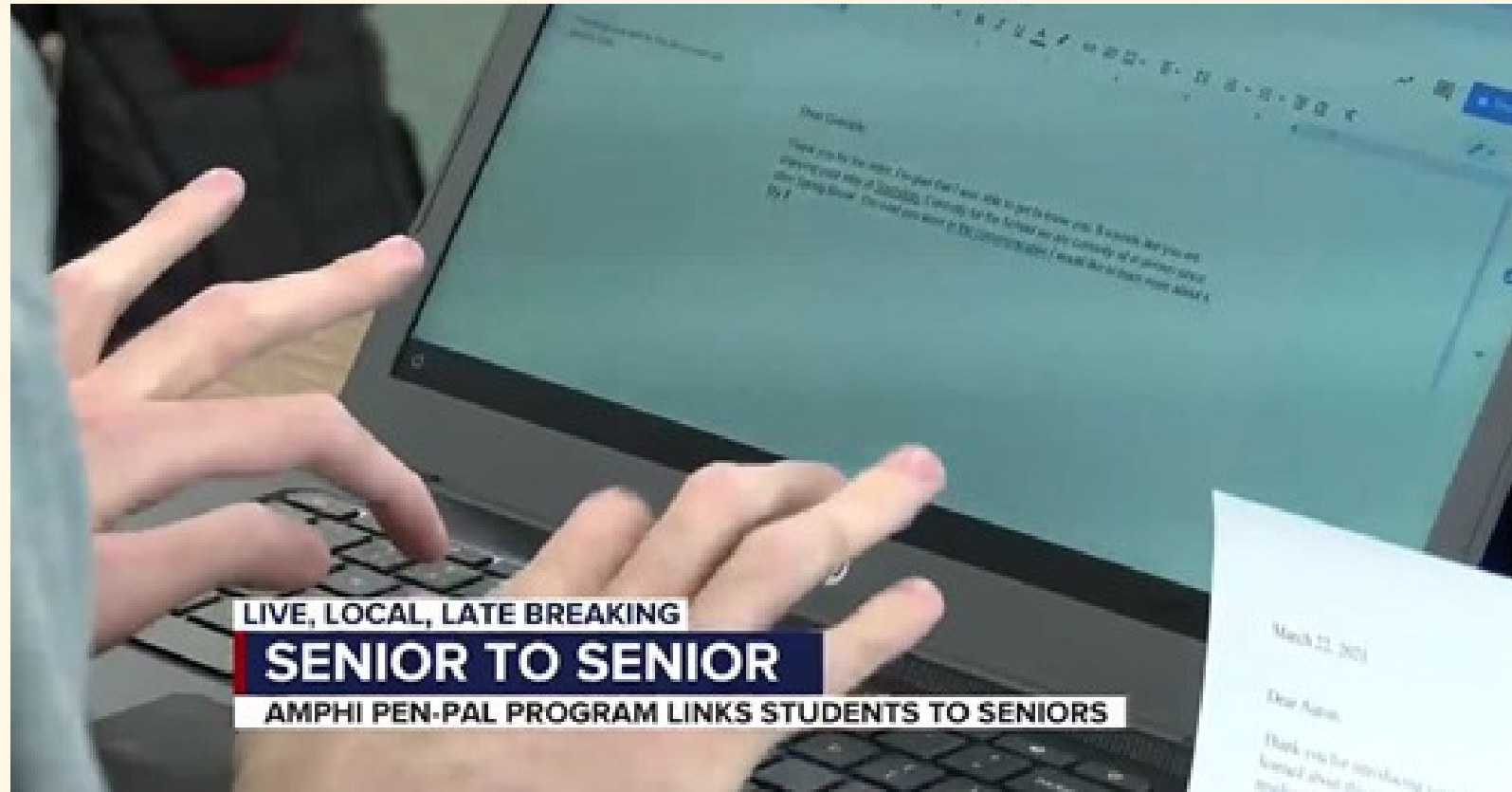
From Our Schools



La Cima Middle School found pandemic-safe ways to celebrate their third-quarter honor roll students last week. Principal Valenzuela, along with Amphi High Principal Mr. Malis, gave their elbows a workout out as they honored each student who made the list. Congratulations, Cardinals!



From Our Schools



In case you missed it: A program created by Ironwood Ridge High School teacher Neal Fulks was featured on KOLD News last week. The Senior to Senior program connects high school seniors with people living in a local retirement community. For both generations, the pen-pal program has been enriching and has demonstrated the power of connecting, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Information from Public Health



Vaccine Availability

Starting Monday, April 5, at 8 a.m., vaccine eligibility in Pima County is open to everyone 16 years and older.

While there are no more restrictions on eligibility other than age, only the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for 16- and 17-year-olds. Pfizer is available at the state-run site on the University of Arizona campus, at Banner-South, and potentially at local pharmacies.

Those under 18 who are getting vaccinated need a parent or legal guardian with them to complete the consent forms. The only exception is if an accompanying adult brings a notarized letter stating that the parent allows the accompanying adult to complete the consent forms.

Register at: podvaccine.azdhs.gov



Pima County Metrics -- As of 4/8 (No change)

Disease Data

Cases over two consecutive weeks (with complete reporting of cases)

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

Percent Positivity

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

COVID-19 like illness

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

Health Care System Availability

Lab Testing Availability and Utilization

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

Adequate hospital bed capacity to care for 2X the current COVID cases (+ surge) - Statewide

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Emergency Responders

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

Public Health Tracking and Investigation

Timely case investigation

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

Testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hours

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

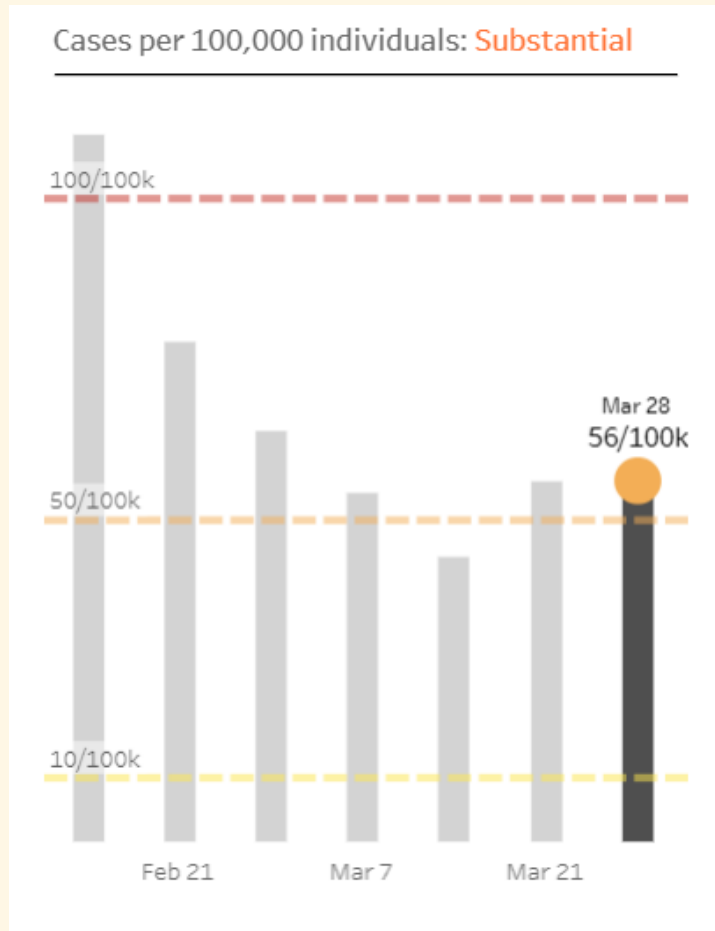
Facilities/support for patients who can't be discharged home - Statewide

Criteria not met Progress Criteria met

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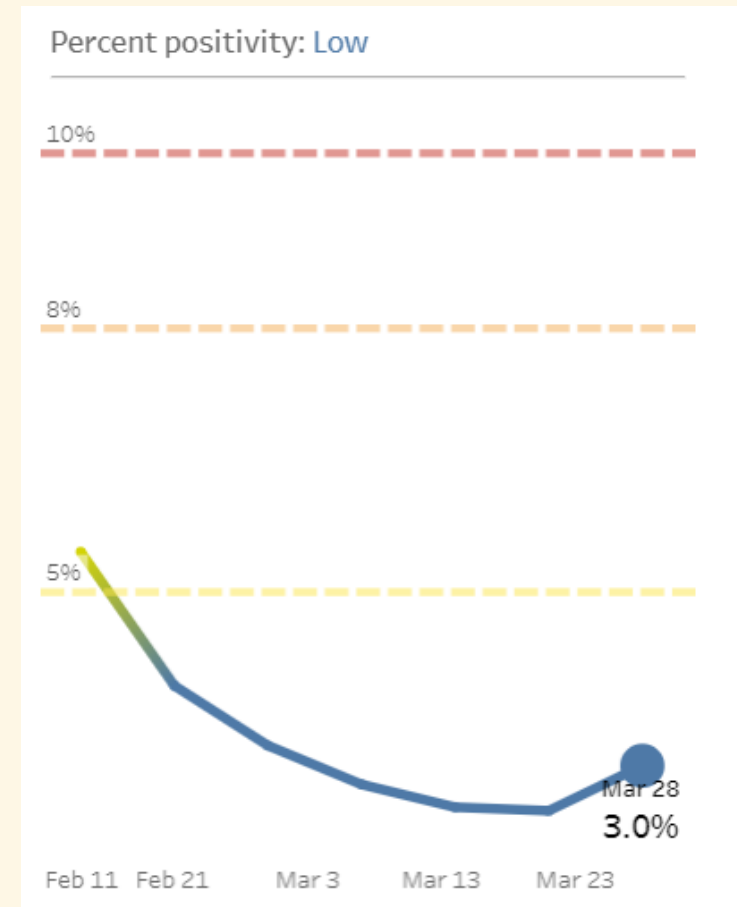


School Guidance – AZDHS For Pima County



For the week of March 28, there was a rate of 56 cases per 100,000 of population in Pima County. (3 cases > March 21)

For the week of March 28, there was a COVID test positivity rate of 3.0%. (0.5% > March 21)





Transmission Category: Substantial Transmission

Indicator	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the last 7 days	0 - 9	10 - 49	50 - 99	≥ 100
Percentage of nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs) that are positive during the past 7 days	<5.0%	5.0% - 7.9%	8.0% - 9.9%	≥ 10.0%

↑
Percent of
Positivity
(3.0%)

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Cases per
100 K
(56)



In the weeks ahead

- Vaccination Clinics for students (18+) with PCHD
- Update on RISE and Amp Up! Programs (Board Meeting of 4/27/21)
- Finalized plans for End of Year Activities (Board Meeting of 4/27/21) – emphasis on maximizing in-person events
- Assessment Data from FY 2020 and FY 2021
- Learning Recovery strategies, programs and personnel
- ELA Curricular Materials Adoption