



# MEMORANDUM

Date: January 12, 2022

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Sharon Bronson *Sharon Bronson*  
District 3, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Addendum Item for January 18, 2022 Meeting

Please place the following item on the Addendum for the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 18, 2022.

## NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Direction/Action: COVID testing capacity expansion, testing sites security, take home test kits capacity and their distribution, mobile testing in rural areas, testing funding needs. (District 3)

Thank you.

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**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 4:06:00 PM  
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**From:** Peck, John <[jpeck@courts.az.gov](mailto:jpeck@courts.az.gov)>  
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Jan:

While I know Ajo is an outlier for the Pima County Mothership, our court administrator's questions are to the point:

1. Is the county considering increased pandemic-leave hours given the fact that most employees exhausted available county leave and Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave nearly two years ago?
2. We have a Catch-22 situation insofar as our local clinic:
  - a. Can't get test results back for 7-10 days
  - b. Will only schedule booster shots on Wednesdays and are booked into February
3. As a consequence of #2, staff members are driving 120 to 150 miles for boosters and to places through which they can get faster results. Hence the question about mileage.

Here is an example of what this confluence of issues could mean:

1. Citizen A, vaccinated and boosted, is feeling symptomatic. Citizen A goes to the local clinic, gets tested, waits 7-10 days for results. Isolates for 10 days. Test comes back positive; isolates for a further 10 days; if no symptoms, may come back after a negative test on Day 5 of second 10-day isolation IF subsequent test comes back negative. BUT, subsequent test results will take another 7-10 days. Self-testing results could obviate this problem but they are not acceptable to the county.
2. Citizen B, vaccinated but unboosted, faces basically the same challenges with the same test-results challenges. And if Citizen B wanted to get boosted, it would have to be on the very limited schedule offered by the local clinic.
3. If Citizen A and Citizen B want faster test results they have to drive the distances to be tested, taking time off from work, child care, parent care, etc. And if Citizen B wants to be vaccinated or boosted in a timely manner, he/she/they will have to travel the distance to do so.

Before I spoke with Yvette and asked for her memo, I'd planned to write to you about self-testing kits. I thought it was great that the county was providing them through the library system (except that our library branch apparently had them but didn't know what to do with them and they silently disappeared). And then I saw on the 'net that the exact same Binax test kit was available for \$69. This price is not going to stimulate broad use in our community. I had wanted to suggest that the county make these self-test kits available to courts, public-safety, emergency service, etc. county units for their staffs, with the understanding that insurance companies were going to be ordered to cover these costs for the general community. And then I read that self-administered tests are not acceptable proofs for the county, although the county is asking for reports of same. I understand that determining the validity of self-tests presents its own challenges but have to believe there must be a way to solve that concern.

I am obviously having trouble navigating any sensible waters in this ongoing riptide. I know you have ton-upon-ton on your plate, and I support you to the Nth degree in the hard, hard work you are doing. But I'd be remiss to not

bring these Ajo-centric (and probably wider-spread) concerns to your attention.

Thanks much –

John

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**From:** Montijo, Yvette <[YMontijo@courts.az.gov](mailto:YMontijo@courts.az.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:44 PM

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**Subject:** COVID TESTING

Judge Peck,

Below is the most recent employee quarantine & isolation time period chart.

According to the chart if you have had your booster or vaccinated within the last 6 months you may return to work if you test negative and symptom free for 48 hours. If vaccinated over 6 months ago you may return to work on day 6 and symptom free for 48 hours. Also, self-administered test are not acceptable.

This chart was sent to all the employees in the office yesterday and they had a couple concerns about new guidelines:

Will the Pima County give employees more pandemic leave hours? (Employees received 80 Pandemic Leave from Pima County & 80 Federal Emergency Paid Sick leave in April 2020 – almost 2 years ago.) Most employees have exhausted these accruals.

Will employees be paid mileage for travel to nearest city to be tested? (Local clinic takes 7-10 days to receive results.)



## County Employee Quarantine and Isolation Time Periods

### For Employees Who Are Boosted or Within 6 Months of Full Vaccination

Symptoms	Isolate 10 days. May return to work earlier with a negative test and symptom-free 48 hours.
Positive Test + Symptoms	Isolate 10 days. Must be symptom-free for 24 hours prior to return.
Positive Test + No Symptoms	Isolate 10 days. May return to work on day 6 with negative test on day 5. "Strict mask use" and daily monitoring through day 10.
Exposure	No Quarantine. "Strict mask use" and daily monitoring through day 10. Test on day 5 if possible.

### For Unvaccinated Employees or Those Vaccinated Over 6 Months Ago\*

Symptoms	Isolate 10 days. May return to work on day 6 with a negative test on day five and symptom-free 48 hours
Positive Test + Symptoms	Isolate 10 days. Must be symptom-free for 24 hours prior to return.
Positive Test + No Symptoms	Isolate 10 days. May return to work on day 6 with negative test on day 5. "Strict mask use" and daily monitoring through day 10.
Exposure	Quarantine 5 days. "Strict mask use" and daily monitoring through day 10. Test on day 5 if possible.

- Day 0 is date of symptom onset or if no symptoms, date of test.
- Test can be either an antigen or PCR test; self-administered tests are not accepted.
- All returns to work require being symptom-free for a minimum of 24 hours.

Pima County Health Department may provide a differing isolation/quarantine time period as they are providing standards for the general community. Human Resources guidance is provided as an Employer to its Employees. Employers are permitted to have stricter guidelines as they are responsible to provide Employees with a safe workplace and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

*\*2 months for J&J. Exceptions apply for employees who had COVID-19 within the preceding 90 days.*

COVID-19 Employee Resource Page: <http://www.pima.gov/covid19employees/>

COVID-19 Testing: [Pima County COVID-19 Testing Centers - Pima County](#)

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I also noticed on the Pima County has a page on their website to report self-administered test:

[COVID-19 Home Test - Pima County](#)

## COVID-19 Home Test

This page is for people who have been given a rapid antigen self test.

[Español](#)

### Reporting tests results

[Click here to report](#)

If you're having trouble using the online form, please call 520-724-7147 to report.

### When to take a Antigen Self Test

1. Have symptoms of COVID-19? Take the test immediately.
2. No symptoms? Take 5 days after your exposure.

### How to take the test

Follow the instructions that came with the test. You can also find BinaxNOW [instructions online](#) and Quidel instructions online in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

### How-to videos:

- [BinaxNOW official video](#)

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