



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

April 2, 2020

Wellness Checks to Safeguard the Workplace

Background

As means of reducing the spread of the virus among essential county employees that are required to work at county facilities, staff is developing a procedure to screen employees for temperatures at or above 100.4 degrees. The procedure will be implemented first in facilities with the highest number of employees working, and will include testing the public if the facility is still open to the public, as well as tenants in buildings where we have a mix of county departments and space leased to tenants.

The procedure expands upon temperature screenings already being performed at the Adult Detention Center and the Pima County Emergency Operations Center. This is standard procedure in hospitals and medical facilities. In fact the state of Ohio is encouraging it for all businesses and organizations.

Infrared no-touch thermometers have been ordered but there is a delay in delivery due to the demand. This will provide time to develop the procedure and implementation plan. The number of employees in county facilities will also significantly change this week as non-essential employees are placed on leave, and departments decide which essential employees can be telecommute. The number of employees remaining in county facilities will be assessed to determine which facilities are higher priority for temperature screenings.

This procedure will be in place for at least the next 6 months to guard against a second wave of COVID-19 after we have passed through the present health crisis.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board approve the concept and implementation of the program of Wellness Checks to Safeguard the Workplace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.H. Huckelberry".

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

CHH/mp – April 01, 2020