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Governor Ducey Announces The University Of Arizona To Be First State Vaccination Site In Southern Arizona

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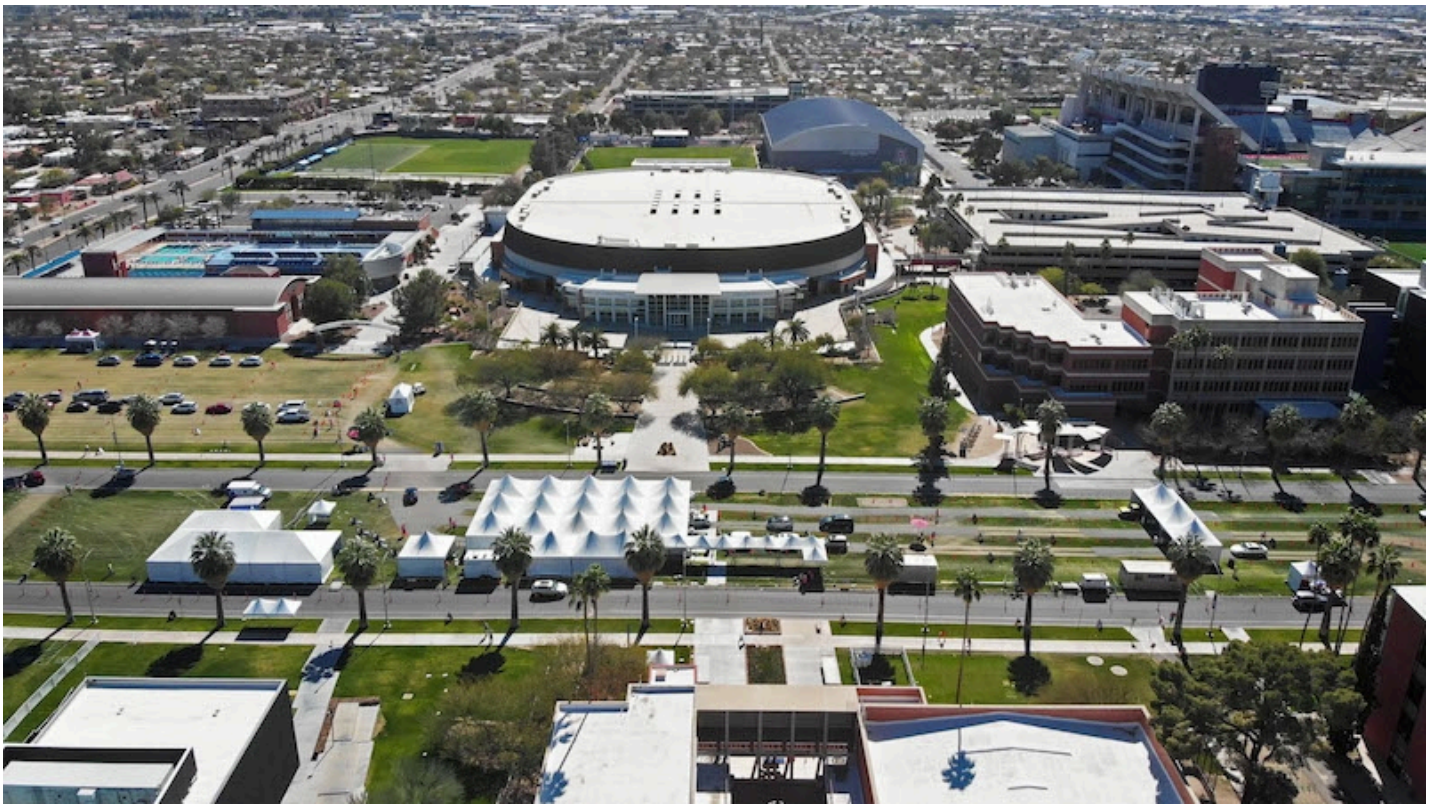

PHOENIX — Governor Doug Ducey and the Arizona Department of Health Services today announced a partnership with the University of Arizona and the Pima County Health Department to operate a state vaccination site on the university's mall area on central Tucson campus.

"Our state vaccination sites at State Farm Stadium and Phoenix Municipal Stadium have been instrumental in Arizona's work to vaccinate people quickly, efficiently and safely," said Governor Ducey. "We're thrilled to partner with the University of Arizona and the Pima County Health Department to open a site in Southern Arizona and rapidly expand vaccine distribution. The demand for vaccine doses is high, and Arizonans have made it clear they want it. We are working hard to secure more doses from the federal government and partner with private and public organizations to get the vaccine out and protect Arizonans. My thanks to President Bobby Robbins and everyone involved for their work to partner on this vaccination site."

The state vaccination site will expand the current capacity and hours of operation at the existing university site, which has a proven record of success in vaccinating students, faculty and staff. The transition to a state site will add more appointments that will begin on Feb. 18. Registration for these appointments will open at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at **podvaccine.azdhs.gov (https://web.archive.org/web/20210217225141/https://podvaccine.az**
Those without computer access or needing extra help registering can call 1-844-542-8201 for assistance. The partnership will also allow for expanded hours of operation, eventually operating 24/7 as more vaccine doses arrive in Arizona. At full capacity, the site can serve up to 6,000 people per day.

"Serving as a COVID-19 vaccine point of distribution (POD) and delivering more than 12,000 shots to local county members from first responders, K-12 and post K-12 educators and staff over the past two weeks has been a privilege for the University of Arizona, and we welcome the opportunity to provide the same service to Southern Arizona as a 24/7 vaccination site for the state," said University of Arizona President Dr. Bobby Robbins. "Our POD has the capacity to deliver more vaccinations, and we look forward to working together to further meet the needs of Pima County and Arizonans. I am incredibly proud of our entire team of professionals and volunteers who have partnered closely with Pima County, established the university POD, and operated it so well."

Today's announcement of the vaccination site at the University of Arizona comes as the

university and the state are **experiencing a drop in COVID-19 cases (https://web.archive.org/web/20210217225141/https://news.arizona.e cases-down-vaccinations-uarizona)**.

"Demand for the vaccine remains high, and the state's third vaccination site and first in Southern Arizona will help meet that demand," said Arizona Department of Health Services Director Dr. Cara Christ. "We'll have the ability to vaccinate more people each day at this site once we have more vaccine doses, and we are working with our federal partners to secure more supplies and rapidly expand vaccinations. We are looking forward to working with the University of Arizona and Pima County to get this site running and protect more Arizonans."

The vaccination site at the University of Arizona will be the third state site, and the first in Pima County. On Jan. 11, Arizona opened its first state-run site at State Farm Stadium, where 178,084 vaccine doses have been administered. On Feb. 1, the state opened its vaccination site at Phoenix Municipal Stadium, where 14,946 vaccine doses have been administered. As of Tuesday, 954,290 vaccine doses have been administered across the state.

Information about all vaccination sites across Arizona can be found at **azhealth.gov/findvaccine (https://web.archive.org/web/20210217225141/http://azhealth.gov/fi** **You can use the patient portal at podvaccine.azdhs.gov (https://web.archive.org/web/20210217225141/https://podvaccine.az make an appointment for a relative in a prioritized group.**

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