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### [Arizona Legislative Leadership](#)

The Arizona Legislature selected its leadership for the 55th Regular Session which will convene in January 2021. Most of the leadership from the previous session was retained, but there are some new faces.

Senator Karen Fann (LD1) was re-elected President of the Senate. Her team includes Sen. Rick Gray (LD21) as Majority Leader and Sen. Sonny Borrelli (LD) as Majority Whip. Democrats elected Sen. Rebecca Rios (LD5) as Minority Leader, Sen. Lupe Contreras (LD19) as Assistant Minority Leader, and co-whips Sen. Martin Quezada (LD29) and Sen. Victoria Steele (LD9).

In the House, Rep. Rusty Bowers, (LD25) was re-elected Speaker by the majority. His leadership team includes Rep. Ben Toma (LD22) as Majority Leader, and Rep. Leo Biasiucci (LD5) as Majority Whip. Speaker Bowers appointed Rep. Travis Grantham (LD12) as Speaker Pro Tempore. Democrats elected a new slate, including Majority Leader Reginald Bolding (LD27), Assistant Leader Jennifer Longdon (LD24), and Rep. Domingo DeGrazia as Minority Whip (LD10).

### [Do Your Part in Reporting COVID-19 Test Results](#)

Per Executive Order 2020-56, all COVID-19 test results are required to be reported to public health. This includes both positive and negative results for ALL COVID-19 test types, including PCR, antigen, point-of-care or rapid tests, and antibody tests.

There are multiple methods of reporting to public health, including a simplified web-entry process for point-of-care tests administered at clinician offices. Resources and information for reporting is available on the [Laboratory Resources](#) section of the ADHS COVID-19 website.

For point-of-care test reporting:

1. Facilities should complete the online [Facility Registration Form for Reporting COVID-19 Point-of-Care Diagnostic Testing](#) to enroll the facility for reporting results using this process. Further instructions will be provided after registration.
2. This reporting is only required for facilities conducting testing on-site; specimens sent off-site to another laboratory for COVID-19 testing do not need to be reported through this process.

Questions concerning this process can be directed to [reportingquestions@azdhs.gov](mailto:reportingquestions@azdhs.gov). Please do NOT send patient information in your communications.

## **Vaccine Trials Continue to be Promising**

Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for several vaccines for COVID-19 are expected to be filed the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the next few weeks. Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna have already announced a vaccine efficacy rate of 94% based on safety and efficacy data collected to date with two different mRNA COVID-19 vaccines. Janssen is developing a non-replicating recombinant adenovirus and the Novavax vaccine combines spike proteins plus an adjuvant.

Pending approval by the FDA, the vaccine may be available before the end of December and will be administered to front line health and essential services workers. Approximately 20-40 million doses are anticipated in the U.S. by January 2021 and 660 million doses by June 2021.



Pre- and post-approval safety monitoring is identical to all vaccine trials including local reactions (redness, swelling, and/or tenderness and the injection site), systemic reactions (fever, headache, malaise), and serious adverse events. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers have participated in the multi-phase trials.

The coordination of financial resources, public and private sector collaboration, and FDA review and approval of the EUA's has led to record-breaking speed of development and delivery of vaccines for COVID-19.

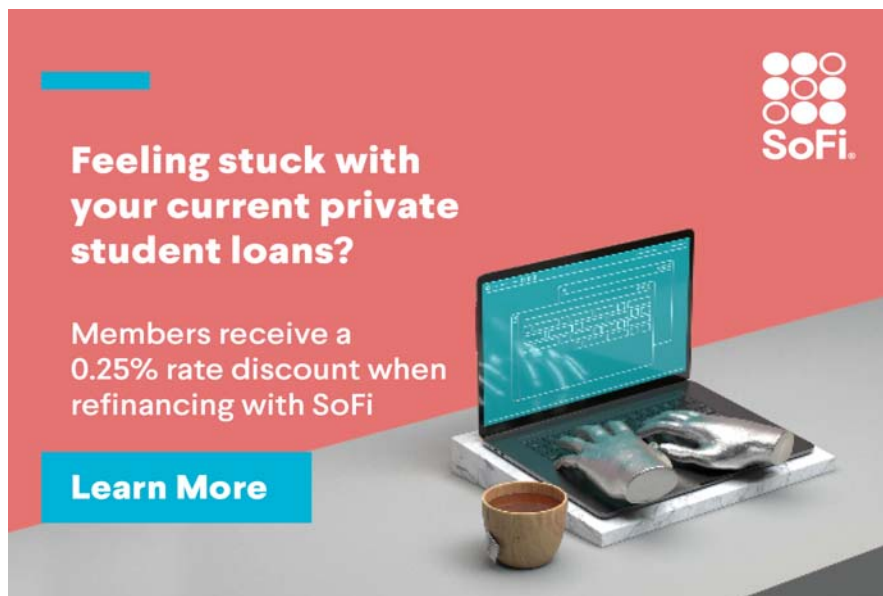
For more information about the COVID-19 vaccination trials and availability, contact the Arizona Department of Health Services [Arizona Immunization Program](#) or your local county health department.

## **Andrea Raby, DO Honored by Phoenix Business Journal**

Andrea Raby, DO, has been recognized as a Mental Health *Health Care Hero* by the Phoenix Business Journal. A board-certified psychiatrist, Dr. Raby is Vice President of Bayless Healthcare in Phoenix.

The *Health Care Heroes* recognize physicians, administrators, and volunteers practicing excellence in the medical community. The honorees are selected and judged based on nominations from those in the profession and the business community.

Congratulations, Dr. Raby!



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The Arizona Opioid Prescriber Education program is available FREE to all prescribers needing continuing medical education hours to fulfill the new requirements mandated by ARS 32-3248.02. Developed by a

multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals led by the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association and presented through an interactive, user-friendly, e-learning system by the Arizona State University, College of Health Solutions, each education module is accredited for all types of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, and optometrists.

Visit [www.azrxed.org](http://www.azrxed.org) to access the modules.

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Missed the AOMA Fall Seminar? Still need CME hours before the end of the year? Earn CME at your convenience! DOCME on-demand provides access to CME whenever and wherever you want it. DOCME offers all categories of AOA CME credit, including 1-A, and boasts a catalog of more than 250 different lectures in a wide variety of specialties. New content is added regularly.

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### [Birdies Mean Bucks for Arizona Osteopathic Charities](#)

You can help Arizona Osteopathic Charities win big bucks by making a pledge in the Birdies for Charity competition during the 2020 Waste Management Phoenix Open. Arizona Osteopathic Charities will receive every penny of collected pledges. To make a pledge online go to [birdiesforcharityaz.com](http://birdiesforcharityaz.com) and be sure to enter **Arizona Osteopathic Charities** in the Organization/Charity name space on the donor contact form.



### [Giving Tuesday is December 1](#)

The spirit of Giving Tuesday is generosity and gives everyone the power to make a positive change in the lives of others. It's a fundamental value anyone can act on.

Please consider supporting the work of the [Arizona Osteopathic Charities](http://ArizonaOsteopathicCharities.org) through an online donation at [www.azdocharities.org](http://www.azdocharities.org).



## Happy Thanksgiving

In this time of gratitude, we give thanks for all the amazing osteopathic physicians and students we are privileged to serve. The AOMA office will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in observance of the holiday.

Please stay safe!





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### Arizona Vaccine News



### AzDHS Vaccine Newsletter

### CDC Immunization Schedules

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[AOMA Calendar of Events-www.az-oste.org](http://www.az-oste.org)

**AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting** - February 6, 2021

**AOMA 99th Annual Convention** - April 7-11, 2021

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