

## ARIZONA COVID-19

### January 14, 2022

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Governor signed [Executive Order 2021-21](#), Enhanced Surveillance Advisory. This order is intended to prepare for, prevent, respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, by instituting certain reporting measures and requirements for transporting patients. This Order expires on February 15, 2022.

#### Legislation:

##### **Telehealth:**

- All insurance plans regulated by the Arizona Department of Insurance are required to provide coverage for all health care services provided through telehealth as if provided through in-person consultation. Telephone and video only calls are excluded.
- Telehealth services can be provided by any Arizona licensed health care provider.
- Eliminating any requirement that an in-person examination must be performed prior to the issuance of a prescription.

##### **Liability Immunity During a State of Emergency:**

Arizona [Senate Bill 1377](#), signed by Governor Ducey on April 5, 2021, provides immunity from liability in the event the governor declares a state of emergency for a public health pandemic. Although very broad, the Bill states that a health professional or institution acting in good faith to protect a patient from injury from the public health pandemic is not liable for damages as a result of injury or death. This Bill is retroactive to March 10, 2020.

#### Licensing

##### **Temporary Emergency Licensure for Physicians:**

Any physician actively licensed and in good standing in any state can apply for a temporary license in response to the COVID-19 Emergency. The link to the form can be found [HERE](#).