



COVID-19 UPDATE

September 12, 2020

As of September 12, 2020, Beacon's arms are wide open, and we welcome your return with increased capacity to meet our mission. Many have already returned to Beacon's facilities and are actively working, training, receiving and pursuing employment across all of Beacon's programs and services. If you aren't ready, we will continue to support you and save a place for you when you decide to return. But if you are ready to come back to Beacon, we are here, ready and able to create opportunities for people with disabilities.

Beacon Secure is now open for Drop Off Shredding services at our facility on 308 W. Glenn St. in Tucson. Customers should observe physical distancing while entering the lobby to pay for services, and masks are mandatory. Beacon Secure workers continue to take precautions including masks, cleaning protocols, and safe distancing as described for all of our programs below. Click here for more information on [Shredding](#).

Because COVID-19 will be with us for some time, **we continue to follow protocols and guidance issued by Arizona Department of Health Services and CDC**. Anyone visiting Beacon Group facilities, or working for Beacon Group is expected to follow these guidelines:

- **Masks** covering the nose and mouth are required for staff and clients in Beacon Group facilities at all times. Other PPE, like gloves, will be required when handling shared equipment. Beacon workers are required to wear a mask whenever in a Beacon vehicle with more than one person in it.
- **Temperatures** will be taken for all staff, clients, and visitors at Beacon Group facilities and as required at jobsites.
- **Verbal Screenings** before work shifts are used to check if staff and clients have symptoms or have had close contact. People with symptoms or exposure will be required to return home immediately. Anyone who is sick must get a doctor's release to return to work. For up-to-date information on symptoms refer to the [CDC Symptoms of Coronavirus](#).
- **Social Distancing** of six feet is to be practiced diligently. Please respect the people you are in contact with by maintaining distancing guidelines. Beacon

workers are also required to social distance in Beacon vehicles with a maximum of 2 people per row of seats (no middle seats are being occupied).

- **Hand Washing** with soap and water should be performed multiple times each day by all. Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout Beacon's facilities.
- **Enhanced** Cleaning and disinfecting protocols will continue at all Beacon facilities, especially for workspaces, vehicles, and high touch surfaces.
- **COVID-19 Testing** on a voluntary basis is being provided to Beacon clients and staff every two weeks. Those who test positive are immediately notified, followed by detailed contact tracing. COVID-19 testing is subject to continued funding from the County.

We continue to monitor the situation and will be updating this page as new information and resources become available. We look forward to the time when these updates will no longer be needed. (Note – past updates are provided at the bottom of the page.)