“Across the country there have been 85 rural hospital closures since 2010,” Dr. Derksen explained. “I’d say our most vulnerable hospitals are the smaller hospitals. These are the ones with a federal designation of critical access hospital...25 beds or less... 35 miles or more from another facility... having a 24-hours a day, 7 days a week emergency department. These often form the critical infrastructure in our smallest, most rural communities in Arizona.”