



Yavapai County

Our Mission: "Yavapai County will serve and protect its citizens through efficient management of all its resources to enhance the lives of those we serve."



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August 17th Update - Yavapai County Community Health Services Yavapai County reports 2,167 COVID-19 Cases, another confirmed Death

Apache	3,241	Coconino	3,188	Cochise	1,762	Graham	609	Greenlee	57
Gila	1,002	La Paz	490	Maricopa	129,562	Mohave	3,368	Navajo	5,455
Pima	19,743	Pinal	8,777	Santa Cruz	2,705	Yavapai	2,167	Yuma	11,703

1,349,757 Arizonans have been tested for COVID-19 with **194,005** positive results and **4,506** deaths. Yavapai County has tested **33,432** residents with 721 new tests reported over the weekend, **2,167** positive cases, **775** recovered, and **73** deaths. There is a total of **12** patients with COVID-19 at YRMC and 5 persons under investigation (PUI). Verde Valley Medical Center reports **1** COVID-19 hospitalizations and **1** PUIs. The VA has **2** COVID-19 patients with no PUI.

New COVID-19 Cases since Friday									
Apache	+20	Coconino	+39	Cochise	+11	Graham	+45	Greenlee	n/c
Gila	+20	La Paz	+1	Maricopa	+1,210	Mohave	+74	Navajo	+9
Pima	+579	Pinal	+112	Santa Cruz	+9	Yavapai	+50	Yuma	+183

According to an article in the Arizona Republic In Arizona, the portion of COVID-19 tests that come back positive is one of three key metrics guiding decisions about sending children back to school and reopening bars, gyms and other businesses.

The Arizona Department of Health Services receives the bulk of its test results through an electronic lab reporting system. To submit results electronically, labs need software that allows them to transmit data in a specific format. Some labs don't have the necessary technical systems or programs, according to Dr. Cara Christ, Director of ADHS. Early in the pandemic, some of those labs reported only positive results, she said. For that reason, the department began including those positives in the overall case count but not in the percent positivity calculation. Since the state couldn't access the corresponding negatives, including only the positives would have incorrectly skewed percent positivity upward.

Why is this information important? The state is using percent positivity to inform decisions on reopening schools and businesses, alongside other metrics involving case numbers and hospitalization rates.

For gyms, theaters and bars to reopen, their counties observe, for at least two weeks:

- One hundred or fewer cases for every 100,000 people.
- A positivity rate of less than 10%.
- A hospitalization rate of less than 10%.

In Yavapai County, the Environmental Health department is reporting that bars can now open if they offer food and follow the same guidelines as restaurants. They must fill out the ADHS attestation form for approval. [Attestation Form](#).

For the complete article: <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-health/2020/08/17/arizona-leaves-out-written-faxed-test-results-when-calculating-covid-19-percent-positivity/5587283002/>

- ★ County COVID-19 Data, Testing Sites, School & Business Guidelines & Resources: www.yavapai.us/chs
- ★ Arizona 2-1-1: A resource for all the time, not just during COVID-19. <https://211arizona.org/>
- ★ COVID-19 information en español: <https://azhealth.gov/covid-19>
- ★ #Yavapai Stronger Together - <https://justicementalhealth.com/resources-support/#covid19>