



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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CDC Expands COVID-19 Booster Authorization to 16- and 17-year old's

Even more Arizonans are eligible for booster doses of safe, free, and highly effective COVID-19 vaccine with CDC recommending booster for 16- and 17- year-olds. At this time, only the Pfizer booster is recommended for 16-and 17-year-olds, just as Pfizer is the only vaccine authorized for those younger than 18. "Vaccination and getting a booster when eligible, along with other preventive measures like masking and avoiding large crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, remain our most effective methods for fighting COVID-19," said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D. "As people gather indoors with family and friends for the holidays, we can't let up on all the preventive public health measures that we have been taking during the pandemic. With both the delta and omicron variants continuing to spread, vaccination remains the best protection against COVID-19." YCCHS shares the community concerns about the impact COVID-19 patients currently are having on hospital capacity. Getting vaccinated and making sure you are up to date on your booster dose is one way we can help make sure our hospitals can provide care for all. In addition to 16- and 17-year-olds, boosters are recommended for everyone 18 and older who is at least six months past their primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine and at least two months beyond their Johnson/Janssen shot. As of today, 50% of Yavapai County residents are vaccinated. Total number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered: 239,566. The number reported of fully vaccinated against covid: 98,173. The total number of people who have received at least one dose of COVID 19 vaccine, 116,170. We can all can help preserve hospital capacity by:

- Getting a flu shot: azhealth.gov/Flu
- Masking up, maintaining physical distance, keeping hands washed, staying home if sick, and following other prevention steps: azhealth.gov/COVID-19
- Getting tested if you have symptoms or five to seven days after being exposed to someone who has or who you believe may have COVID-19: azhealth.gov/Testing
- If you or a loved one contracts COVID-19, looking into monoclonal antibody treatments that can reduce the severity of illness and reduce the chances of hospitalization: azhealth.gov/mAbs

Yavapai County reports 264 COVID-19 Cases and 17 Deaths since Friday, December 10, 2021. The county has tested 109,157 residents for COVID-19 in the past 6 months, and there have been 34,697 positive cases and **878** deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **90** COVID-patients, VVMC reports **34** patients, and the VA reports **4** patients. The County is still experiencing high transmission of COVID-19 with a **24.3** positivity rate and 489 cases per 100,000 residents for the week ending November 28, 2021. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or what seems to be a bad cold, please get tested for COVID-19 and/or Flu. **ADHS COVID-19 Hotline – (844) 542-8201** (select Option number Eight) – help in English and Spanish from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, except for major holidays.

**Yavapai County Stats on Vaccinated vs. Unvaccinated COVID-19 Cases since
May 1, 2021, thru December 10, 2021**

Outcome	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	% Vacc.
Hospitalized	164	1200	12.0%
Died	24	295	7.5%

Vaccination Status	Number	Percent
Vaccinated	2175	15.3%
Unvaccinated	12062	84.7%
Total	14237	100.0%

Age	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	% Vacc.
13 to 17	27	971	2.7%
18 to 24	104	1259	7.6%
25 to 34	153	1867	7.6%
35 to 44	246	1822	11.9%
45 to 54	257	1615	13.7%
55 to 64	446	1905	19.0%
65 to 74	526	1642	24.3%
75 to 84	314	755	29.4%
85 and older	102	226	31.1%