



Yavapai County

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February 1st Update - Yavapai County reports 230 COVID-19 Cases and 5 Deaths

Since the beginning of the pandemic, close to **3.9 million** Arizonans have been tested for COVID-19 with **762,145** positive results and **13,124** additional deaths reported statewide. Yavapai County has tested **95,420** residents with **16,638** positive cases, **6,839** recovered, and **372** deaths. YRMC West has **35** COVID-19 patients, YRMC East is caring for **10** patients. VVMC reports **16** COVID-19 hospitalizations. The VA reports **2** COVID-19 patients.

Apache	9,638	Coconino	15,274	Cochise	10,469	Graham	5,126	Greenlee	525
Gila	6,031	La Paz	2,250	Maricopa	475,261	Mohave	19,641	Navajo	14,565
Pima	101,961	Pinal	42,456	Santa Cruz	7,436	Yavapai	16,638	Yuma	35,184
New COVID-19 Cases since Friday									
Apache	+156	Coconino	+253	Cochise	+104	Graham	+76	Greenlee	+9
Gila	+97	La Paz	+36	Maricopa	+9,386	Mohave	+758	Navajo	+336
Pima	+1,689	Pinal	+404	Santa Cruz	+26	Yavapai	+230	Yuma	+313

COVID-19 Cases have fallen for 2nd week in a row in Arizona, providing 'glimmer' of hope. This, along with other improving metrics, provides some hope that Arizona is turning the corner, even though the pandemic is still considerably worse than it was during the summer surge.

Across the state, week-to-week cases decreased by 20% in the third week of January, dropping to 39,788, while the number of people tested for the virus fell by 13%. The percentage of positive diagnostic tests decreased from 20% to 19%. The COVID-19 variants that are more contagious could threaten this progress as it has recently been discovered in Arizona. It is important to continue to follow the CDC mitigation measures to avoid the spread of this very contagious strain.

An article in *The Daily Courier* on Saturday provides insight into the shortage of vaccine supply for Yavapai County. YCCHS placed an order with the state for 23,000 doses for this week and received only 2,400. Appointments for the Spectrum "Vaccine Station" and YRMC's point of dispensing (POD) at the old Sears Building at Gateway Mall have been paused, and appointments postponed by the snowstorms last week are now in jeopardy. Second doses for those eligible are a top priority, yet even those may need to be pushed back a week or so for lack of vaccine availability. According to ADHS, Yavapai County has administered almost 21,000 doses of vaccine, with a 24-hour delay in accounting.

Arizona Department of Health Services spokesman Steve Elliott said the federal government is solely responsible for supplying Arizona with its weekly COVID-19 vaccine doses. Why that number is less than anticipated is a mystery, he admitted. The supply chain for the vaccine is a "function of the federal government" and he said he has no insight into the trends, or when that might change, Elliott said on Friday. State health officials are seeking more doses to meet demand, but whether those will materialize is unknown, he said.

To Leslie Horton, Director of Yavapai County Community Health Services, this is an equity issue, a fight she expects will require all her fellow rural counties and lawmakers to join.

- ★ **For COVID-19 Vaccine Information:** <https://www.yavapai.us/chs/Home/COVID-19/Vaccine>
- ★ Yavapai Emergency Phone Bank for COVID-19 Info: 928-442-5103 - Monday-Friday, 8:00– 5:00.
- ★ For a COVID-19 test at Community Health Center of Yavapai, call 583-1000. For a flu shot, call 771-3122.
- ★ County COVID-19 Data, Testing Sites, Guidelines & Resources: www.yavapai.us/chs
- ★ COVID-19 information en español: <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/es/COVID-19-19/>