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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Friday, January 7, 2022, COVID-19 UPDATE

Testing UPDATE: YCCHS is expanding the Covid-19 testing program to offer free testing on **Thursdays as well as Tuesdays**. Testing will take place from 1:00pm to 5:30pm both days at the Humboldt Unified School District Office, 6411 N Robert Rd in Prescott Valley. Testing will no longer be at Glassford Middle School. This new program is intended to be long term. YCCHS is also supporting a free testing program being put on by Cottonwood Fire Department at their station located at 199 S. 6th Street on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-12pm. Now through February 1, 2022. Testing will be done on a first come first serve basis. Drive through testing will be set up at the entrance of the parking lot off East Aspen Street and exiting onto S. 6th Street. We ask that you wear a mask at our testing sites and that you only come to be tested if you are symptomatic or have been recently exposed to Covid-19. Please check our Facebook page for cancellations due to extreme weather.

5-11 YEAR OLDS COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE: CDC recommends that people ages 5 years and older who have a moderately to severely weakened immune system can get an additional dose of the Pfizer vaccine at least 28 days following their second dose. This includes recipients of organ or stem cell transplants, people receiving active cancer treatment, people with advanced or untreated HIV infection, people who are taking medications that weaken the immune system, and others. **12-17 COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE:** CDC has expanded recommendations for booster shots. Adolescents and teens ages 12 - 17 who received a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine should get a Pfizer booster. They can get their booster at least 5 months after completing their primary Pfizer series. **COVID-19 BOOSTER UPDATE:** CDC now recommends that anyone who is eligible for a booster and initially received the Pfizer vaccine receive an mRNA booster shot at least 5 months after completing their primary series. There is no change to the booster timeframe for Moderna (6 months after completing the primary series) or J & J (2 months post vaccination). We can all help preserve hospital capacity by:

- 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 905 COVID-19 Cases and 26 Deaths since Monday January 3, 2022. The county has tested 119,598 residents for COVID-19 in the past 6 months, and there have been 37,736 positive cases and 992 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **51** COVID-patients, VVMC reports **15** patients**,** and the VA reports **3** patients. The County is still experiencing high transmission of COVID-19 with a **18.4%** positivity rate and **372** cases per 100,000 residents for the week ending December 26, 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 holiday.

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