



# 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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## The New Phase in COVID-19 Vaccinations in Arizona

Most Arizona counties are now vaccinating in what is known as Prioritized Phase 1B, while Phase 1A groups can still get vaccinated. The new hybrid model is an age-based distribution model, versus the numbered phases. Once 55% of the people in a targeted age group receive at least one dose of vaccine, currently 65+ in Yavapai County, the jurisdiction will move to the next age group. The age-based system will be a more efficient way to reach Arizonans with serious underlying health conditions who weren't scheduled for vaccines until Phase 1C of the rollout, state health director Dr. Cara Christ told The Arizona Republic.

The state's new age-based approach will no longer target high-risk groups specifically, but with this distribution most Arizonans with underlying medical conditions should be able to get vaccinated earlier in the process. The state will also start working with employers of certain essential workers, including restaurants, to accelerate the vaccination process for them.

More than 1.9 million Arizonans have been vaccinated with their first dose of vaccine, or 17.5% of the population, and over 645,000 people are fully vaccinated with two doses. Over **69,000** doses of vaccine have been administered in Yavapai County, with close to 20,000 residents fully vaccinated with two doses.

**Vaccine Points of Distribution (PODs):** Yavapai County Community Health Services is now taking appointments for individuals in Phase 1a and Phase 1b. Call 928-771-3122 to make an appointment.

Spectrum's POD Hours: Findlay Toyota Event Center Saturday - Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., closed on Thursday and Friday. The Verde Valley Christian Church schedule: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Spectrum Call Center: (928) 414-8884.

The YRMC POD at the old Sears building at Prescott Gateway Mall is operating 7 days a week 8:00 a.m. – 4:40 p.m. Currently, 2<sup>nd</sup> doses have been the priority, with first dose appointments reopening beginning March 15<sup>th</sup>. Check here: <https://www.yavapai.us/chs/Home/COVID-19/Vaccine> for updates.

**Yavapai County reports 16 new COVID-19 Cases Overnight and 1 Less Death** - The county has tested **102,603** residents for COVID-19 with **17,434** positive cases, **7,606** recovered, and **461** deaths. One death was found to be in an assisted living facility in another county, and many duplicated entries were found for a net case count of negative 77. YRMC is caring for **20** COVID-19 patients, 14 on the West campus, and 6 on the East campus. Verde Valley Medical Center reports **2** COVID patients and the VA has **1** COVID patient.

COVID-19 Cases by County									
Apache	10,503	Coconino	16,635	Cochise	11,252	Graham	5,296	Greenlee	560
Gila	6,409	La Paz	2,406	Maricopa	512,286	Mohave	21,266	Navajo	15,679
Pima	109,941	Pinal	46,528	Santa Cruz	7,637	Yavapai	17,434	Yuma	36,458
New Cases Since Yesterday									
Apache	+34	Coconino	+36	Cochise	+20	Graham	-1	Greenlee	+0
Gila	-1	La Paz	+5	Maricopa	+650	Mohave	+24	Navajo	+21
Pima	+257	Pinal	+206	Santa Cruz	+4	Yavapai	+16	Yuma	+66

- ★ **For COVID-19 Vaccine Info and Appointment Availability:** <https://www.yavapai.us/chs/Home/COVID-19/Vaccine>
- ★ Yavapai Emergency Phone Bank for COVID-19 Info: 928-442-5103 - Monday-Thursday, 9:00– 4:00.
- ★ COVID-19 Information en Español: <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/es/COVID-19-19/>