



# 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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## **May 12<sup>th</sup> Update - Yavapai County Community Health Services** **Yavapai County reports 221 COVID-19 Cases, Additional Recoveries**

<b>Apache</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>Coconino</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>Cochise</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>Graham</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Greenlee</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Gila</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>La Paz</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Maricopa</b>	<b>6,219</b>	<b>Mohave</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>Navaio</b>	<b>1,017</b>
<b>Pima</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>Pinal</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>Yavapai</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>Yuma</b>	<b>207</b>

**159,092** Arizonans have been tested for COVID-19 with **11,736** positive cases and **562** deaths. Yavapai County has tested **5,320** residents (4,083 PCR tests, 1,237 antibody tests), **221** positives, **20** recovered, and **4** deaths. The YCCHS staff continue to critically assess test data. VVMC reports **no** hospitalizations from COVID-19, with **10** persons under investigation (PUI). YRMC reports **2** hospitalizations with COVID-19, **7** PUIs on West Campus, **1** on the East Campus. The VA has no COVID-19 hospitalizations or PUIs.

### **New Developments in COVID-19:**

#### **Pediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome – Rare, but Concerning**

The coronavirus has largely spared children. Most confirmed to be infected have had only mild symptoms, but pediatricians across the world have recently started to alert epidemiologists to cases of a new disease preliminarily named Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome, which is likely related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Parents need to be aware of this syndrome; however, they do not need to panic.

Symptoms can include fever, rash, reddish eyes, swollen lymph nodes and sharp abdominal pain. They do not usually include two common hallmarks of Covid-19: cough and shortness of breath. The syndrome can bear some resemblance to a rare childhood illness called Kawasaki disease, but as doctors learn more, they are emphasizing that the two conditions are not the same.

**What is Remdesivir?** Remdesivir doesn't cure coronavirus. The experimental drug, which may speed up recovery from a COVID-19 infection, may be the best treatment we have against a virus that's on a global rampage. Late last week, the FDA authorized emergency use (AEU) of the antiviral drug, however no drugs are currently FDA-approved for treating COVID-19, and Remdesivir will still need formal approval. The move for AEU came on the heels of preliminary results from a clinical trial that found patients treated with Remdesivir had a 31 percent faster recovery than those who received a placebo. Average recovery was shortened to 11 days from 15 days, and the drug also slightly decreased the likelihood of dying from COVID-19.

Supply of Remdesivir is limited, and its currently reserved for the sickest COVID-19 patients — those with blood oxygen levels at or below 94 percent and who require supplemental oxygen. The White House and FEMA have stepped in to help coordinate distribution.

- **For Yavapai County data and COVID-19 Resources for Re-Opening, [www.yavapai.us/chs](http://www.yavapai.us/chs)**
- **The Yavapai Emergency Phone Bank - 928-442-5103 M-F, 8-5. Weekends, call 2-1-1.**
- **COVID-19 information en español: <https://azhealth.gov/covid-19>**