



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 19th Update - Yavapai County Community Health Services **Yavapai County reports 271 COVID-19 Cases, and a 6th Death**

Apache	1,023	Coconino	943	Cochise	46	Graham	20	Greenlee	3
Gila	22	La Paz	38	Maricopa	7,482	Mohave	262	Navajo	1,320
Pima	1,888	Pinal	720	Santa Cruz	97	Yavapai	271	Yuma	433

220,612 Arizonans have been tested by COVID-19, with **14,566** positive cases and **704** deaths. Yavapai County has tested **7,949** residents, with **271** positive cases, **38** recovered, and sadly we need to report a **6th** death. The death is a male senior citizen in the Quad-Cities area. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **2** hospitalizations with COVID-19 with **1** person under investigation (PUI) on the West Campus. Verde Valley Medical Center reports **no** hospitalizations with COVID and **4** PUIs. The VA has reported no hospitalizations or PUIs for COVID-19, however 8 out of 10 Veterans and 3 staff have recovered as outpatients over the timeframe of the pandemic.

Deciding to Venture Out

While many public places are now open in some capacity, you may be wondering whether it's a good idea to venture out. By taking personal protective measures and planning ahead, you can lessen your risk for exposure to COVID-19. If you, or someone you frequently interact with, are considered higher-risk for severe illness from COVID-19, it's especially important you take precautions and limit your time away from home. Here are 5 questions to consider when making decisions about activities away from home:

- Are you going to a place where physical distancing may be more difficult to maintain?
- What types of safety precautions are in place at the location you're visiting?
- What personal protective measures can you consider taking before leaving home (i.e., bring a cloth face covering, carry hand sanitizer)?
- Is it possible to go alone or to limit the size of your group?
- Are there other ways to accomplish your goal without leaving your house?

The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainably between people. Information from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic suggest that this virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza, but not as efficiently as measles, which is highly contagious.

Considering data about how COVID-19 spreads, along with evidence of widespread COVID-19 illness in communities across the country, CDC recommends that people wear a cloth face covering to cover their nose and mouth in the community setting. This is an additional public health measure people should take to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in addition to (not instead of) social distancing, frequent hand cleaning and other everyday preventive actions. A cloth face covering is not intended to protect the wearer but may prevent the spread of virus from the wearer to others. This would be especially important if someone is infected but does not have symptoms. A cloth face covering should be worn whenever people must go into

public settings (grocery stores, for example). Medical masks and N-95 respirators are reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Drive Through Food Sharing Event in Chino Valley Tonight, May 19th 5:00 – 7:00 pm

The food drive will be held at St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church, 2062 Route 89 in Chino.

Red Cross to hold Blood Drive at Findlay Toyota Center, Wednesday, May 27th 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Red Cross and Findlay Toyota are hosting an appointment only blood donation site. If you would like to give blood on Wednesday, May 27th, you can schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: FINDLAY.

- For Yavapai County data and COVID-19 Resources for Re-Opening, www.yavapai.us/chs
- The Yavapai Emergency Phone Bank - 928-442-5103 M-F, 8-5.
- Arizona 2-1-1: A resource for all the time, not just during COVID-19. <https://211arizona.org/>
- COVID-19 information en español: <https://azhealth.gov/covid-19>
- #Yavapai Stronger Together - <https://justicementalhealth.com/resources-support/#covid19>