



# 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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## October 28<sup>th</sup> Update - Yavapai County Community Health Services

### Yavapai County reports 25 COVID-19 Cases and 1 Death

Apache	3,934	Coconino	5,165	Cochise	2,150	Graham	1,185	Greenlee	101
Gila	1914	La Paz	618	Maricopa	155,951	Mohave	4,340	Navajo	6,340
Pima	27,962	Pinal	11,873	Santa Cruz	3,004	Yavapai	2,956	Yuma	13,689

**2,048,252** Arizonans have been tested for COVID-19 with **241,165** positive results and **5,905** deaths. Yavapai County has tested **49,468** residents with **2,956** positive cases, **1,578** recovered, and **89** deaths. YRMC West is caring for **9** COVID-19 patients with **2** persons under investigation (PUI), East campus has **0** COVID-19 patients and **4** PUIs. Verde Valley Medical Center reports **5** COVID-19 hospitalizations and **3** PUI. The VA reports **no** COVID-19 patients.

New COVID-19 Cases since Yesterday									
Apache	+44	Coconino	+44	Cochise	+25	Graham	+23	Greenlee	-2
Gila	+7	La Paz	+2	Maricopa	+493	Mohave	+27	Navajo	+33
Pima	+259	Pinal	+41	Santa Cruz	+9	Yavapai	+25	Yuma	+19

**October is the perfect month for getting vaccinated since flu season typically picks up in November and peaks in late January or early February.**

Everyone 6 months and older who has no contradictions for the vaccine should get their flu shot now. Typically, children and older people are most at risk of getting sick with influenza. The best way to protect babies who are too young to be vaccinated is to make sure people around them are vaccinated.



An annual vaccination to prevent flu is the best way to reduce the risk of getting the flu and spreading it to others. When more people get vaccinated, it is less likely that the flu viruses will spread through a community. The flu vaccine will trigger your immune system to produce antibodies that can protect against influenza disease — it will not make you sick with the flu. It can take about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body, which is an important reason to get your flu vaccine before flu activity starts.

Flu viruses can change from year to year, so the vaccine is updated to protect against new virus strains that are expected to circulate in the United States. The vaccine needs to include influenza virus strains that most closely match those in circulation for the influenza season. In addition, the protection provided by the flu vaccine a person received in the previous year will diminish over time and may be too low to prevent influenza disease into next year's flu season.

The effectiveness of influenza vaccines varies depending on several factors, such as the age and health of the recipient, the types of circulating influenza viruses, and the degree of similarity between circulating viruses and those included in the vaccine.

- ★ **Get a Flu Shot! To schedule an appointment in YCHS clinics, call 771-3122.**
- ★ **Yavapai Emergency Phone Bank for COVID Info: 928-442-5103 - Monday-Thursday, 8:00– 5:00.**
- ★ **County COVID-19 Data, Testing Sites, School & Business Guidelines & Resources:** [www.yavapai.us/chs](http://www.yavapai.us/chs)
- ★ **COVID-19 information en español:** <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/es/covid-19/>