



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."



For Immediate Release
Friday, October 15, 2021

For further information, contact: Carol Lewis, Assistant Director
928.442.5572

Terri Farneti Retiring from Yavapai County Community Services after 16 years of Dedication to Public Health

Terri was hired by Yavapai County Community Health Services as an Administrative Assistant in December of 2005, working with the Assistant Director of Public Health. Over the years, she was promoted to Public Health Coordinator to add Accreditation, public information, convening the Community Health Improvement Partnership meetings, and participating in other coalitions. In those 16 years there was the H1N1 pandemic in 2008, which the team at YCCHS rallied to provide vaccination clinics throughout the county utilizing hundreds of volunteers. In 2012, the department completed its first Community Health Assessment Implementation Workplan which helped lead into applying for National Public Health Accreditation in 2015. This was a huge project with 197 measures to document, submit for review, and then receive official accreditation in March of 2016. The department determined in 2019 to re-apply for Re-Accreditation in January of this year. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in January 2020, all hands were on deck to keep the public informed and establish the Emergency Operations Center and try to keep up with the ever-increasing cases. Finding time for re-accreditation efforts was difficult, but Terri and the team got it done and submitted on June 1, 2021. Terri didn't think she'd be dealing with COVID till the very end of her time at YCCHS, but it isn't ending any time soon. The past two years have been stressful for the department, and the team has been steadfastly dedicated to providing the information, and services – both emergency and regular day-to-day - to the citizens of Yavapai County throughout. She has enjoyed her time working with the County and appreciates the support of the Board of Supervisors, Board of Health, and the Leadership team of YCCHS for all she's been able to accomplish. For the immediate future, Terri's plans are to join the US Tennis Association to play more tennis and get involved in league play – and to travel. She will continue to be involved in the community through the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County.



Yavapai County reports **335** COVID-19 Cases and **12** Deaths since Monday. The county has tested 92,621 residents for COVID-19 in the past 6 month, and there have been **27,286** positive cases and **664** deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **42** COVID-19 patients, VVMC reports **25**, and the VA has **2** COVID-19 patients. The County is still experiencing high transmission of COVID-19 with a 12.7 % positivity and 198 cases per 100,000 residents for the week ending October 9th.

Appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine can be made through www.yavapaiaz.gov/chs or www.vaccine.gov. 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. Testing sites: <https://yavapaiaz.gov/Portals/39/COVID-19/TestingSitesinYavapaiCounty.pdf>.

ADHS COVID-19 Hotline – (844) 542-8201 (select Option 8) – helps in English and Spanish from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, except for major holidays. Information on boosters also is posted at azdhs.gov/Boosters. Information on Monoclonal Antibodies in English: [ADHS - Everyone - Monoclonal Antibodies \(mAbs\) \(azdhs.gov\)](http://ADHS-Everyone-MonoclonalAntibodies(mAbs)(azdhs.gov)), and in Spanish: [ADHS - Todos - Anticuerpos Monoclonales \(azdhs.gov\)](http://ADHS-Todos-AnticuerposMonoclonales(azdhs.gov)).