



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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September 24th Update - Yavapai County Community Health Services Yavapai County reports 14 COVID-19 Cases, 1 Additional Death Confirmed

Apache	3,495	Coconino	3,918	Cochise	1,889	Graham	811	Greenlee	59
Gila	1,268	La Paz	538	Maricopa	140,584	Mohave	3,947	Navajo	5,770
Pima	25,140	Pinal	10,462	Santa Cruz	2,830	Yavapai	2,504	Yuma	12,609

1,705,003 Arizonans have been tested for COVID-19 with **215,862** positive results and **5,559** deaths. Yavapai County has tested **41,824** residents with a total of **2,504** positive cases, **1,160** recovered, and **80** deaths. YRMC West is caring for **7** COVID-19 patients with **no** persons under investigation (PUI), the East campus has **2** COVID-19 patients and **1** PUI. Verde Valley Medical Center reports **1** COVID-19 hospitalizations and **3** PUIs. The VA reports **no** COVID-19 patients or PUIs.

New COVID-19 Cases since Yesterday									
Apache	+19	Coconino	+99	Cochise	+3	Graham	+3	Greenlee	+1
Gila	+23	La Paz	+2	Maricopa	+175	Mohave	+17	Navajo	+7
Pima	+136	Pinal	+40	Santa Cruz	+7	Yavapai	+14	Yuma	+15

Pandemic Halloween will be different than regular Halloween. Many traditional ways of celebrating are now considerably more frightful than usual, because now they bring the risk of spreading the coronavirus. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween.



Some lower risk activity suggestions by the CDC are:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them.
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends.
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space.
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance.
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest.
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with.
- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house.

Moderate risk activity suggestions are:

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard).
- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart.

- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart.
 - A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
 - Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends with people spaced at least 6 feet apart - If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.

Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door.
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors.
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming.
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.

★ **Get your Flu Shot! Call 771-3122 to make an appointment at YCCHS.**

★ **County COVID-19 Data, Testing Sites, School & Business Guidelines & Resources:** www.yavapai.us/chs

★ **Yavapai Emergency Phone Bank: 928-442-5103 - Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

★ **#Yavapai Stronger Together -** <https://justicementalhealth.com/resources-support/#covid19>

★ **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>