



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 30th Update - Yavapai County Community Health Services Yavapai County reports 8 COVID-19 Cases

Apache	3,554	Coconino	4,166	Cochise	1,911	Graham	851	Greenlee	59
Gila	1,346	La Paz	544	Maricopa	141,856	Mohave	4,004	Navajo	5,801
Pima	25,628	Pinal	10,642	Santa Cruz	2,849	Yavapai	2,566	Yuma	12,730

1,750,673 Arizonans have been tested for COVID-19 with **218,507** positive results and **5,650** deaths. Yavapai County has tested **43,142** residents with a total of **2,567** positive cases, **1,317** recovered, and **82** deaths. YRMC West is caring for **6** COVID-19 patients with **2** persons under investigation (PUI), the East campus has **2** COVID-19 patients and **1** PUI. Verde Valley Medical Center reports **2** COVID-19 hospitalizations and **2** PUI. The VA reports **1** COVID-19 patient, no PUIs.

New COVID-19 Cases since Yesterday									
Apache	+26	Coconino	+33	Cochise	+6	Graham	+8	Greenlee	n/c
Gila	+18	La Paz	-1	Maricopa	+118	Mohave	+7	Navajo	+18
Pima	+59	Pinal	+15	Santa Cruz	+1	Yavapai	+8	Yuma	+7

Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman urges more communication and transparency about the coronavirus cases on school campuses to help ease community fears. She wrote in a letter yesterday, "Having detailed communications protocols in place – and making them publicly available – can help provide some level of certainty in these very uncertain times." The letter, posted to Facebook, also noted there was genuine fear about COVID-19 present in the community and that transparency was a key to maintaining trust "with our educators, students and families."

Hoffman said she had heard from many people who were alarmed to learn "through the grapevine" of positive cases in their schools. She added, "While we can't control every rumor that goes through a school, we – as school leaders – should prioritize consistent and transparent communication." She encourages all school leaders to utilize the Roadmap for Reopening Schools, particularly the sections on communication procedures and emergency preparedness, to ensure that the communities we serve feel confident in our ability to be focused on transparency and safety.

Roadmap for Reopening Schools (disponible en español) <https://www.azed.gov/cov.../covid-19-roadmap-reopening-schools>. YCHS' COVID-19 School Q&A Guidance is available on our website, as well. For a positive case or an outbreak at a Yavapai County school, a School Staff Member can call Stephen Everett, YCHS Epidemiologist, at 928-442-5486, during the day, or 928-442-5262. If he doesn't answer, please leave the student's name and date of birth. This is a secure line.

- ★ **Get your Flu Shot!** Full schedule of rural community clinics available at www.yavapai.us/chs and click on the flu shot banner.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **COVID-19 information en español:** <https://azhealth.gov/covid-19>