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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YCCHS Update:

This week is Fungal Disease Awareness Week. In Arizona and nearby areas in the Southwest, there's a strong likelihood that a person who develops a fungal infection is facing Valley Fever. After all, roughly two-thirds of the nation's Valley Fever cases are diagnosed in Arizona. There have been more than 7,000 cases diagnosed in our state this year.

There are many different types of fungal diseases in our state and across the country, including aspergillosis, ringworm, candidiasis, and histoplasmosis. These fungal diseases can range from mild to life-threatening and can cause many forms of illness, including asthma, pneumonia, bloodstream infections, nail, skin, eye infections, and meningitis.

Valley Fever is inhaled from spores found in desert dust. While most people have mild or no symptoms, others often experience fatigue, cough, fever, chest pain, loss of appetite, or night sweats. If you think you might have Valley Fever, ask your doctor to test you for it.

Take the following steps to minimize your chances of coming into contact with the fungi that causes Valley Fever.

- Know the signs and symptoms of Valley Fever, keeping in mind that Valley Fever and COVID-19 can have similar symptoms (e.g., cough, fever, exhaustion).
- Stay out of blowing dust.
- Wet the ground before disturbing soil.

COVID-19 Free Testing Sites: We ask that you wear a mask at our testing sites and that you only come to be tested if you are symptomatic or have been recently exposed to COVID-19.
Prescott and Prescott Valley COVID-19 Testing Site: Prescott Gateway Mall, 3250 Gateway Blvd. Prescott. Monday-Friday. Time: 9:00am-4:00pm. Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm. Closed: Sunday
Cottonwood: Verde Valley Medical Center 300 South Willard St Cottonwood, AZ 86326. PCR test.
Monday-Friday. Time: 8:00am-5:30pm.
Camp Verde: Northern Arizona Healthcare Camp Verde Campus 1298 W Finnie Flat Rd Camp Verde, AZ 86322. PCR test.
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Yavapai County reports 138 COVID-19 Cases and 2 deaths since Wednesday, September 21st, 2022. There have been 55,118 positive cases and 1,292 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports 11 COVID patients, VVMC reports 4 patients, and the VA reports 1 patient. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or what seems to be a bad cold, please get tested for COVID-19.
COVID-19 Vaccines now available for all persons aged 6 months and older: Call today to schedule your vaccine appointment at any of our locations. Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Cottonwood. 928-771-3122.

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