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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The Concern behind the Push for Vaccination against COVID-19

With the new Delta COVID-19 variant expected to be dominant in the US in the next few weeks, anyone who has had only one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or who have chosen not to be vaccinated – particularly young adults could be at risk. "Covid-19 vaccines are available for everyone ages 12 and up," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said Tuesday at a White House briefing. "They are nearly 100% effective against severe disease and death - meaning nearly every death due to Covid-19 is particularly tragic, because nearly every death, especially among adults, due to Covid-19 is at this point entirely preventable."

The Delta variant rates have doubled in the U.S. cases in the past two weeks, and while the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines work against it, they don't hold up nearly as well if people only got one of the two doses required. A new study found that having just one of the two doses only gives you 33% protection against the Delta variant. The two shots give you 88% protection.

Many people have made their decision about whether they will or will not get vaccinated. We live in a historic moment where vaccines became available as quickly as they did due to a strong body of existing MRNA science to build on – and the whole world working on it. That is how we have these very effective vaccines in such a short time. The FDA grants Emergency Use Authorization after review of rigorous testing. Not only does the FDA grant the initial EUA, but the FDA and the CDC share the responsibility of active post-authorization vaccine monitoring. Making the right decision to protect you and your family is important and trusting reliable information that sticks to the facts in also important. The CDC, the FDA and your doctors are good sources of information. Consider the evidence with over 120 million people having safely received the vaccines, and their effectiveness. Vaccination is a collective action to prevent the spread of diseases.

Yavapai County currently has 43.4% of the population vaccinated with at least one dose of vaccine. If you are looking to get vaccinated against COVID-19, check out:

- **YRMC:** https://www.yrmc.org/support-and-community/covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations
- **Spectrum Healthcare:** https://www.spectrumhealthcare-group.com/vaccine/ - 877-634-7333
- **Yavapai Community Health Services -** 928-771-3122
- **Community Health Center of Yavapai -** 928-583-1000

Yavapai County reports 56 COVID-19 Cases and 6 Deaths since Monday (with ongoing ADHS death certificate reviews). The county has tested 122,768 residents for COVID-19 with 19,549 positive cases and 527 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports 4 COVID-19 patients, VVMC reports 2, and the VA has no COVID-19 patients.

- **COVID-19 Information en Español:** https://www.azdhs.gov/COVID19/es/index.php
- **Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines:** https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html
- **AZ COVID-19 Sequencing Dashboard (tgen.org)**