



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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COVID-19 Update for November 5, 2021

Pediatric Pfizer (5-11) COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized: The CDC now recommends pediatric Pfizer vaccine for ages 5-11. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is over 90% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5-11 years old. Pediatric COVID-19 vaccines are available at the following locations: Cottonwood YCCHS, Phoenix Children's Clinic in the Verde Valley, Ponderosa Pediatrics and Yavapai Pediatrics in the Prescott/Prescott Valley area, and Gila Health in Bagdad.

OSHA Vaccine and Testing Mandate: OSHA has issued a federal rule mandating COVID-19 vaccinations or weekly testing for healthcare and many businesses with 100 or more employees and many other agencies. Employers that will be affected by the new rules can advocate for voluntary vaccination for staff prior to mandates taking place. The county is ordering additional rapid tests to anticipate increase demand. YCCHS encourages business owners to read the new OSHA guidance, and its implications for businesses regards to vaccine mandates and/or weekly testing. www.osha.gov/coronavirus/safework Please visit www.vaccines.gov for COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

Quarantine and Isolation: YCCHS is currently experiencing a high transmission of COVID-19 with a positivity rate of 16.6% of COVID-19 in Yavapai County. YCCHS is reminding residents to wear masks, practice social distancing and to frequently wash hands in the effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. Quarantine and isolation are an important way to keep COVID-19 from spreading in our community. For quarantine and isolation guidance please visit: www.azdhs.gov/covid19/documents/public-health-resources/release-from-isolation.pdf

Yavapai County reports 541 COVID-19 Cases and 13 Deaths since Monday, November 1, 2021. The county has tested 96,147 residents for COVID-19 in the past 6 months, and there have been **29,204** positive cases and **708** deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **52** COVID-patients, VVMC reports **24** patients, and the VA has **4** COVID-19 patients. The County is still experiencing high transmission of COVID-19 with a **16.6%** positivity rate and 267 cases per 100,000 residents for the week ending October 24, 2021.

Appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine and boosters can be made through www.yavapaiaz.gov/chs or www.vaccines.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)