



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 Frequently Answered Questions

Where can I get a booster shot?

- YCCHS is providing Moderna booster shots at all three of our locations. Call 928-771-3122 and we will schedule an appointment in Prescott, Prescott Valley or Cottonwood for you. There has been tremendous interest in getting the booster shot and the YCCHS schedule is booking up quickly.
- You can call your local pharmacy or your primary care provider.
- You can check azdhs.gov/covid19/vaccines to find a location offering the brand of booster you want.

How long do I have to wait after my initial series of Covid vaccination before I can get a booster shot?

- At least six months for Moderna and Pfizer
- At least two months for Johnson and Johnson

What's the difference between a booster and a third shot?

- A booster shot is for people whose immune response may have weakened over time. A third dose is for people who may not have had a strong enough immune response from the first two doses as diagnosed by a primary care provider. At YCCHS, we will schedule the patient for what they ask for. However, the nurse will discuss the patient history and what is considered best for each patient.

Can we mix vaccine brands for the booster shot?

- Yes, the FDA has approved mixing and matching of vaccine brands. Appointment scheduling staff will ask which brand of vaccine you received in your initial series and when your initial series was completed.

Does YCCHS administer Johnson and Johnson boosters?

- We do not administer Johnson and Johnson vaccine at this time.

Where can I find a provider administering the vaccine brand I am looking for?

- Go to [Vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) or Call 1-800-232-0233
- Text your zip code to 438829 or go to Vaccine finder AZDHS.gov

Please note: Earlier in the week there were issues with the State lab reporting, that were corrected but reflect a higher number of cases for this time period:

Yavapai County reports 534 COVID-19 Cases and 5 Deaths since Monday, October 25, 2021. The county has tested 94,505 residents for COVID-19 in the past 6 months, and there have been **28,463** positive cases and **691** deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **42** COVID-19 patients, VVMC reports **21** patients, and the VA has **3** COVID-19 patients. The County is still experiencing high transmission of COVID-19 with a **14.8%** positivity rate and 223 cases per 100,000 residents for the week ending October 23, 2021.

Appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine and boosters can be made through www.yavapai-az.gov/chs or www.vaccine.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 \(mAbs\)](https://azdhs.gov/ADHS-Everyone-MonoclonalAntibodies(mAbs)) (azdhs.gov), and in Spanish: [ADHS - Todos - Anticuerpos Monoclonales](https://azdhs.gov/ADHS-Todos-AnticuerposMonoclonales) (azdhs.gov)