



# 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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## **Pfizer Boosters Approved – Moderna and J&J Not Quite Yet**

This updated interim guidance from CDC allows for millions of Americans who are at highest risk for COVID-19 to receive a Pfizer, now referred to as Comirnaty, COVID-19 booster shot to help increase their protection. Decisions are pending whether boosters will be recommended for those who received the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccines. The bottom line is, if you got Moderna or Johnson & Johnson, the FDA has not approved getting a Pfizer booster. Moderna has applied for their COVID-19 vaccine to be fully FDA-approved for people at least 18 years old. They've also requested authorization for a half-dose booster shot. Johnson & Johnson has said they expect to apply for full approval later this year.

### **For the Pfizer (Comirnaty) vaccine, the CDC recommends:**

- **People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings** should receive a booster shot of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer primary series,
- **People aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions** should receive a booster shot of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer primary series,
- **People aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions** may receive a booster shot of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- **People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting** may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

For those needing guidance on whether they should get a booster dose at this time, ADHS recommends consulting your healthcare provider. For most people in these groups, getting a booster dose will be as simple as visiting their healthcare provider or visiting one of the hundreds of pharmacies and other providers around Arizona that offer the Pfizer vaccine. ADHS has an interactive map listing providers and the types of vaccine they offer at [www.azdhs.gov/FindVaccine](http://www.azdhs.gov/FindVaccine).

**ADHS COVID-19 Hotline – (844) 542-8201** (select Option 8) – provides assistance 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](http://azdhs.gov/Boosters).

**Yavapai County reports 181 COVID-19 Cases and 7 Deaths since Friday.** The county has tested 144,238 residents for COVID-19 and there have been **25,912** positive cases and **637** deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **32** COVID-19 patients, VVMC reports **17**, and the VA has **2** COVID-19 patients.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the COVID-19 virus and to get vaccinated. Appointments can be made through [www.yavapaiaz.gov/chs](http://www.yavapaiaz.gov/chs) or [www.vaccine.gov](http://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.

**Testing sites:** <https://yavapaiaz.gov/Portals/39/COVID-19/TestingSitesinYavapaiCounty.pdf>.