



# 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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## **ADHS: An Appeal from Our Medical Community: 'Help us help you'**

Last week medical leaders joined Interim ADHS Health Director Don Harrington and Dr. Richard Carmona, the 17<sup>th</sup> U.S. Surgeon General and special advisor to Governor Ducey on public health preparedness, to share ways we can work together to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Arizona. Hospitals are stretched thin in dealing with seriously ill COVID-19 patients, while attending to the health needs of others. Dr. Keith Frey of Dignity Health compared the medical community's response to a rubber band that is close to reaching the limits of its ability to stretch. "Exhausted nurse, exhausted doctors," Dr. Frey said. "Please help us help you so we can continue to be here for you. That's what we've been called to do." Dr. Alyssa Chapital of Mayo Clinic in Arizona described a "careful dance" hospitals are following now to help non-COVID-19 patients delay care and as a result having complications later. "But we also are treating those COVID patients that have long lengths of stay and that are filling up our ICUs and they're preventing us from taking care of all of the other patients that have needs," Dr. Chapital said. Arizona can follow the steps below to help our doctors and nurses continue to give everyone the care they need:

- Get vaccinated: [azhealth.gov/FindVaccine](http://azhealth.gov/FindVaccine);
- get kids ages 5 and older vaccinated: [azhealth.gov/VaccinesForKids](http://azhealth.gov/VaccinesForKids);
- get your flu shot: [azhealth.gov/Flu](http://azhealth.gov/Flu);
- mask up, physically distance, keep your hands washed, stay home if sick, and follow other prevention steps detailed at [azhealth.gov/COVID-19](http://azhealth.gov/COVID-19); and
- if you contract COVID-19, get tested early and see if you qualify for monoclonal antibody treatment to reduce the severity of your illness: [azdhs.gov/mAbs](http://azdhs.gov/mAbs)

## **Yavapai County Stats on Vaccinated vs. Unvaccinated COVID-19 Cases since May 1, 2021, thru November 29, 2021**

Vaccination Status	Number	Percent
Vaccinated	1799	4.4%
Unvaccinated	10664	85.6%
Total	11236	100.0%

Outcome	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	% Vacc.
Hospitalized	142	1016	12.3%
Died	20	229	8.0%

Age	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	% Vacc.
13 to 17	22	905	2.4%
18 to 24	84	1126	6.9%
25 to 34	124	1654	7.0%
35 to 44	201	1633	11.0%
45 to 54	224	1430	13.5%
55 to 64	348	1664	17.3%
65 to 74	457	1411	24.5%
75 to 84	256	647	28.4%
85 and older	83	194	30.0%

**Omicron Variant:** No cases of this variant have been identified in the U.S. to date. CDC is following the details of this new variant, first reported to the WHO by South Africa. CDC is continuously monitoring variants and the U.S. variant surveillance system has reliably detected new variants in this country. We expect Omicron to be identified quickly if it emerges in the U.S.

**Yavapai County reports 510 COVID-19 Cases and 6 Deaths since Wednesday, November 24, 2021.** The county has tested 103,299 residents for COVID-19 in the past 6 months, and there have been **32,523** positive cases and **780** deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **77** COVID-patients, VVMC reports **26** patients, and the VA reports **6** patients. The County is still experiencing high transmission of COVID-19 with a **23.9%** positivity rate and **490** cases per 100,000 residents for the week ending November 14, 2021. 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. **ADHS COVID-19 Hotline – (844) 542-8201** (select Option number Eight) – 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](https://azdhs.gov/Boosters).