



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: January 10, 2022

Monoclonal antibody (mAb) Treatments for Emergency Use

Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) are directly given to patients either via an intravenous (IV) infusion, or via a series of subcutaneous injections (similar to getting shots). Early evidence suggests that mAb treatment can reduce the amount of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, known as viral load, in a person's body. A lower viral load means you may have milder symptoms thereby reducing the likelihood of you being hospitalized. Treatment with mAbs gives your body the antibodies it needs to protect itself against COVID-19. For this reason, patients who are at high risk of serious symptoms or hospitalization from COVID-19. Criteria for treatment: Being at high risk for having more serious symptoms of COVID-19 and/or getting admitted into the hospital, age 65 years and older, pregnancy diabetes, immunosuppressive disease, chronic lung conditions and other high-risk conditions. How do I schedule an appointment for mAb Therapy? Call your doctor as soon as possible if you are sick and believe you qualify, an order must be sent by your physician to the Infusion Center at Dignity Health, Yavapai Regional Medical Center, a representative from Dignity Health, YRMC will call you to schedule your appointment once the physician order has been received.

Oral Antiviral for COVID-19 Treatments

The COVID antiviral drugs that have been authorized for emergency use are in short supply and the rollout varies from state to state. Pfizer's Paxlovid and Merck's molnupiravir are both oral antiviral pills that are meant to be taken the first few days of having COVID-19 and reduce the risk of hospitalization and death by up to 88% for Paxlovid and 30% for molnupiravir. Currently they are for patients at the high risk of hospitalization or developing severe COVID-19 illness. For example, people with weakened immune systems, including transplant patients and older adults, who are especially vulnerable. Through a federal partnership, the following pharmacies can dispense these pills with a prescription: Walgreens, CVS, and Wal Mart. Given the lack of readily available COVID-19 antiviral supply throughout the nation and the state of Arizona, the Arizona Vaccine and Antiviral Prioritization Advisory Committee (VAPAC) and ADHS have developed criteria to prioritize the limited supply of antivirals to the highest priority patients. These recommendations are to ensure equitable administration for those individuals who might receive the greatest benefit from SARS-CoV-2 antiviral treatment versus other therapeutic options, such as monoclonal antibodies.

Yavapai County reports 486 COVID-19 Cases and 2 Deaths since Friday, January 7, 2022. The county has tested 120,803 residents for COVID-19 in the past 6 months, and there have been 38,222 positive cases and 994 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **55** COVID-patients, VVMC reports **19** patients, and the VA reports **5** patients. The County is still experiencing high transmission of COVID-19 with a **18.4%** positivity rate and 372 cases per 100,000 residents for the week ending December 26, 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) – help in English and Spanish from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, except for major holiday.

**Yavapai County Stats on Vaccinated vs. Unvaccinated COVID-19 Cases since
May 1, 2021, thru January 7, 2021**

Vaccination Status	Number	Percent
Vaccinated	2830	16.4%
Unvaccinated	14481	83.7%
Total	17311	100.0%

Age	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	% Vacc.
13 to 17	41	1085	3.6%
18 to 24	149	1539	8.8%
25 to 34	235	2256	9.4%
35 to 44	308	2161	12.5%
45 to 54	333	1907	14.9%
55 to 64	585	2332	20.1%
65 to 74	677	1985	25.4%
75 to 84	382	937	29.0%
85 and older	120	279	30.1%

Outcome	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	% Vacc.
Hospitalized	194	1402	12.2%
Died	35	400	8.1%

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