



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: Wednesday March 16, 2022

A recent CDC [study](#) of COVID-19 vaccination rates showed the nationwide gap between urban and rural areas increased dramatically in the past year, with larger urban counties beating smaller rural counties in every state except [Arizona](#).

First-dose vaccination coverage stayed close to 59% in rural counties nationwide with 75% in urban counties, and the largest gaps among children and adolescents. This was not the case in Arizona, which had higher rural rates than urban.

Dr. Dan Derksen, Director of the University of Arizona's Center for Rural Health said, "Once the vaccines became available, we actually did pretty well as a state as far as getting those eligible to be vaccinated in our rural communities." Derksen referenced cross-border collaborations, efforts by the Navajo Nation and county successes in bringing vaccinations to rural laborers. "They were very creative about ways to get vaccinations out to the harder-to-reach populations."

Overall no. (%) with available county-level data	Six-level urban-rural classification						Two-level urban-rural classification	
	Large central metropolitan	Large fringe metropolitan	Medium metropolitan	Small metropolitan	Micropolitan	Noncore	Urban	Rural
4,902,381 (70.1)	2,893,327 (67.2)	278,396 (61.2)	815,028 (81.1)	628,677 (70.1)	203,258 (85.9)	83,695 (86.7)	4,615,428 (69.3)	286,953 (86.1)

YRMC Community COVID Vaccine Walk-In Center: Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm Frontier Village Center, Suite 49, 1781 E Hwy 69, Prescott, AZ 86301. Offering COVID Moderna primary series and booster vaccines to adults 18+, no appointment necessary. Visit yrmcvax.org or call 928-708-4556.

Please visit testing sites:

Prescott Days: Monday-Thursday **Time:** 8:30 am-4:00 pm, Friday **Time:** 8:30-1:00pm. **Location:** Pioneer Park Front Parking Lot, 1200 Commerce Dr, Prescott. PCR test. Drive through testing.

Prescott Valley Days: Monday-Thursday. **Time:** 9:30 am-5:00 pm. **Location:** Humboldt Unified School District Office, 6411 N. Robert Road, Prescott Valley. PCR test. Drive through testing.

Cottonwood Days: Monday-Friday. **Time:** 8:00am-5:30pm. **Location:** 300 South Willard St Cottonwood, AZ 86326. PCR test.

Camp Verde Days: Monday-Friday. **Time:** 8:00am-5:30pm. **Location:** 1298 W Finnie Flat Rd Camp Verde, AZ 86322. PCR test.

COVID-19 Free Testing Sites: We ask that you wear a mask at our testing sites and that you only come to be tested if you are symptomatic or have been recently exposed to Covid-19.

Yavapai County reports 53 COVID-19 Cases and 13 Deaths since Wednesday, March 9, 2022. There have been 47,625 positive cases and 1,173 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **9** COVID-patients, VVMC reports **5** patients, and the VA reports **0** patients. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or what seems to be a bad cold, please get tested for COVID-19. **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 holidays.

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