



# 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."



**For Immediate Release**

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## YCCHS Update:

In Yavapai County, there's been a marked increase in Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) over the last few months and especially during September. This may leave some wondering, "What should I be doing about it?" **Personal hygiene is the best preventative measure** to protect against spreading or being infected with the virus. Keep in mind that normal activities like parents kissing children and children playing closely with each other may spread RSV. The basic facts about RSV and its presence within Yavapai County follows:

- Children ages four and under make up most cases in Yavapai County.
- The remaining cases occur within those aged 15-65 and 65 and older in Yavapai County.
- The symptoms often mimic those of a cold: loss of appetite, runny nose, coughing, sneezing, fever, and wheezing.
- There is not an immunization for RSV.
- Treatment is comprised of rest, hydration, and OTC fever reducers (no aspirin to children)
- RSV poses the greatest risk to premature infants, immunocompromised children and adults, and those with congenital heart or lung defects.
- Most RSV infections last no more than two weeks and resolve on their own.

Keep in the mind that the recent increase is caused, in part, by more social behavior and fewer COVID-19 related restrictions. RSV's return emphasizes the need to regularly apply the preventative measures listed above. Avoiding this virus enables families to live the healthiest lives they can. The [CDC](#) and [Arizona Department of Health Services](#) both have excellent resources to refer to if you or a loved one experience the symptoms of RSV.

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.

**Prescott and Prescott Valley COVID-19 Testing Site:** Prescott Gateway Mall, 3250 Gateway Blvd.

Prescott. Monday-Friday. Time: 9:00am-4:00pm. Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm. Closed: Sunday

**Cottonwood:** Verde Valley Medical Center 300 South Willard St Cottonwood, AZ 86326. PCR test.

Monday-Friday. Time: 8:00am-5:30pm.

**Camp Verde:** Northern Arizona Healthcare Camp Verde Campus 1298 W Finnie Flat Rd Camp Verde, AZ 86322.

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Yavapai County reports 187 COVID-19 Cases and 0 deaths since Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There have been 55,777 positive cases and 1,296 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports 16 COVID patients, VVMC reports 2 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.

COVID-19 Vaccines now available for all persons aged 6 months and older: Call today to schedule your vaccine appointment at any of our locations. Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Cottonwood. 928-771-3122.

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