



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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YCCHS COVID-19 and Influenza Update:

The Yavapai County Community Health Services has been producing a COVID-19 community update since the beginning of COVID-19 in 2020. It has served as a significant source of information to those who needed to base their decisions on timely COVID-19 community spread information. Based on community feedback and the need for our team to prioritize other important public health issues, the decision was made to end the weekly COVID-19 community update. The YCCHS team understands that this change will require adaptation from individuals and organizations wanting updated information about COVID-19. See below how YCCHS is managing the questions that may arise from this change.

- **Q:** I need up to date COVID-19 information about community spread. Where can I find it?
 - **A:** YCCHS Dashboard [Yavapai County Community Health Services \(YCCHS\) Home \(yavapaiaz.gov\)](https://www.yavapai.gov/CommunityHealthServices/Home) or AZDHS Dashboard: <https://www.azdhs.gov/covid19/data/index.php>
- **Q:** How will YCCHS communicate changes about COVID-19 or infectious diseases that impact Yavapai County?
 - **A:** This press release format will be used to announce COVID-19 changes (variants, greater rates of transmission, etc.), seasonal illnesses, and health issues that significantly impact the county.
- **Q:** Is YCCHS still actively monitoring the status of COVID-19 in Yavapai County?
 - **A:** Yes. COVID-19 monitoring and mitigation will remain as a part of YCCHS' disease prevention strategy. All vaccination and testing resources will continue to be available to all county residents.

Please be aware that COVID-19 will remain in circulation in Yavapai County for the foreseeable future. Here are some suggestions to prevent Covid-19 and Influenza infection:

1. Wash your hands frequently, this helps stop the spread of many illnesses including cold and flu.
2. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or inner elbow, and then wash your hands.
3. Stay home when you are sick! Viruses can be more serious for some people, especially if you are elderly or have a compromised immune system, please try to keep a safe distance from others.
4. Keep surfaces clean, including phones, door handles, children's toys, keyboards and other commonly touched surfaces.
5. Get tested and get vaccinated for flu and COVID-19 when needed. If you are due for a Covid-19 booster or need a flu shot, contact YCCHS to make an appointment at (928) 771-3122.

This will be the last weekly update. Community updates will be provided as needed due to changes in COVID-19, community health issues, and events that are of interest to the community.

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