## 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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## Transitioning to 55+ Age Category Stipulated Once 55% of the 65+ Age Category is Vaccinated

In a press release by Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) yesterday, the state adopted a hybrid model for COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization. Governor Doug Ducey and ADHS announced this new approach that provides Arizonans 55 and older eligibility along with the front-line essential workers to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This model launched yesterday in the Phoenix Metro area.

To provide Arizonans with clarity, a range for transitioning the age-based eligibility has been established. Local health departments may transition to the next age category when they reach 55 percent of that age category vaccinated OR feel that there is no longer demand for vaccine. ADHS will be adding data to the AZDHS website showing the percent of the population vaccinated in each age category to provide information for when counties may be progressing to the next age category. This strategy allows everyone in the state to know approximately when they will be eligible to receive vaccine. Those with chronic conditions will be included in their respective age categories.

Yavapai County is at about 44% of the 65+ age group vaccinated. This data from ADHS will be monitored until that benchmark is achieved. **ADHS Vaccine Eligibility Checker:** <a href="https://www.azdhs.gov/">https://www.azdhs.gov/</a>.

Vaccine Points of Distribution (PODs): Spectrum Healthcare changed scheduling information for the Findlay Toyota Event Center POD yesterday. It will be open Saturday - Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and closed on Thursday and Friday. Patients scheduled in Prescott Valley on Thursday or Friday will be contacted by text, email, and phone to advise them of their new appointment time. The Verde Valley Christian Church schedule remains Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For questions regarding appointments with Spectrum call their call center: (928) 414-8884. The YRMC POD at the old Sears building at Prescott Gateway Mall is operating 7 days a week 8:00 a.m. – 4:40 p.m. Currently, 2<sup>nd</sup> doses have been the priority, with first dose appointments reopening beginning March 15<sup>th</sup>. Check the YCCHS Vaccine Information page: https://www.yavapai.us/chs/Home/COVID-19/Vaccine for updates.

Yavapai County averaging 20 New COVID-19 Cases a Day and reporting a total of 5 Deaths since Friday - The county has tested 102,422 residents for COVID-19 with 17,511 positive cases, 7,606 recovered, and 462 deaths. With many cases cross referenced for duplicates, the data will be more accurate. Close to 67,000 doses of vaccine have been administered in Yavapai County, with 18,000 fully vaccinated with two doses. YRMC is caring for 26 COVID-19 patients, 18 on the West campus, and 8 on the East campus. Verde Valley Medical Center reports 2 COVID patients and the VA has 1 COVID patient.

COVID-19 Cases by County									
Apache	10,469	Coconino	16,599	Cochise	11,232	Graham	5,297	Greenlee	560
Gila	6,410	La Paz	2,401	Maricopa	511,636	Mohave	21,242	Navajo	15,657
Pima	109,684	Pinal	46,322	Santa Cruz	7,633	Yavapai	17,511	Yuma	36,458
New Cases Since Friday									
Apache	+28	Coconino	+114	Cochise	+87	Graham	+11	Greenlee	+2
Gila	+18	La Paz	+9	Maricopa	+2,639	Mohave	+132	Navajo	+102
Pima	+547	Pinal	+319	Santa Cruz	+7	Yavapai	+2	Yuma	+66

- **★** For COVID-19 Vaccine Info and Appointment Availability: <a href="https://www.yavapai.us/chs/Home/COVID-19/Vaccine">https://www.yavapai.us/chs/Home/COVID-19/Vaccine</a>
- ★ Yavapai Emergency Phone Bank for COVID-19 Info: 928-442-5103 Monday-Thursday, 9:00-4:00.
- **★** COVID-19 Information en Español: <a href="https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/es/COVID-19-19/">https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/es/COVID-19-19/</a>