



# Yuma County HEOC/JIC COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

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\*\*\*\*\*CURRENT SITUATIONAL REPORT\*\*\*\*\*

## Yuma County Public Health District Update

Yuma County Health Officials confirm 4 new cases of COVID-19 bringing the total to 24 (twenty-four). Patients remain in isolation and health officials are conducting contact investigations.

- Arizona currently has 3,962 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 142 deaths
- Yuma County currently has 24 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 1 deaths
- Currently 516 Yuma County residents have been tested

Data is provisional and subject to change:

YUMA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE	
<b>YUMA COUNTY CONFIRMED CASES</b> 24	<b>YUMA COUNTY DEATHS</b> 1
<b>YUMA COUNTY CASES BY GENDER</b> FEMALE 8 33% MALE 16 67%	<b>YUMA COUNTY CASES BY AGE</b> 0-17 0 18-39 9 38% 40-59 8 33% 60+ 7 29%
<b>YUMA COUNTY TESTS</b> TOTAL TESTS 516	#StopCOVID19Yuma #YumanKindness
<b>APRIL 15, 2020</b>	

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) recent updates can be found on the COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard.

- You can access the [COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard](#)
- Puede acceder al reporte del [COVID-19 en español](#)

**University Of Arizona Partnering with the State to provide Antibody Tests for Health Professionals, First Responders**

The University of Arizona will be partnering with the State of Arizona to provide antibody tests for 250,000 health care professionals and first responders who are on the frontlines in the battle against COVID-19. To administer the antibody test, the University of Arizona will collect blood samples from these frontline workers and check for antibodies to determine if they were exposed to COVID-19, had the virus and recovered.

The state and the university are working together to quickly get approval from the federal government to move forward with the testing. "Antibody testing is not a cure-all, but learning more about it is an important step to identifying community exposure, helping us make decisions about how we protect our citizens, and getting us to the other side of this pandemic more quickly," Governor Ducey said. "Our health care workers and first responders are on the front lines, and my top priority is to identify ways to protect them and I am eager to get this underway."

University of Arizona President Bobby Robbins said, "Governor Ducey is taking the next step in this battle by providing important antibody tests for vulnerable frontline workers. The more testing that is done, the clearer the road map to recovery. As a premier research institution in the country, the UofA is ready and poised to provide this service to the state of Arizona."

### **Governor Ducey Announces 3 New Executive Orders**

- **Enhanced Surveillance Advisory-** There will be additional data reporting requirements and enhanced surveillance, most notably sharing COVID info with first responder agencies.
- **Increased Telemedicine Access for Workers' Compensation-** Requires workers compensation plans to provide coverage for all healthcare services, including telemedicine coverage.
- **On the Job Training for Assisted Living Facility Caregivers-** Highlights certification changes for assisted living caregivers.
- [To view all Executive Orders in full](#)

### **Arizona to Light Capitol Blue to Honor Health Care Workers, First Responders**

Governor Doug Ducey today announced the Arizona Capitol building will be lit blue as a symbol of support for Arizona's frontline medical workers and emergency responders battling COVID-19. Many other buildings like the executive tower, Phoenix Children's Hospital, cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Tucson, State Farm at Tempe Town Lake are just a few of who will be participating, along with the hashtag #LightAZBlue.

### **LAST DAY to Make Charitable Contributions for State Tax Credit**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the deadline for filing and paying State and Federal income tax has been extended from April 15th, 2020 until July 15th, 2020. However, the deadline for Arizonans to make charitable contributions and qualify for state income tax credit is today, April 15th.

Arizona provides two separate tax credits for those who make contributions to charitable organizations:

- Donations to [Qualifying Charitable Organizations](#),

- And [Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organizations](#).

Additionally, other credits for which taxpayers remain eligible through today, April 15th are:

- Donations to [Certified School Tuition Organizations](#),
- And donations to [public schools for extracurricular activities](#).

**Question of the Day: How long does the COVID-19 virus last on surfaces?  
(SOURCE: World Health Organization)**

- Studies suggest that coronaviruses (including preliminary information on the COVID-19 virus) may persist on surfaces for a few hours or up to several days.
- This may vary under different conditions (e.g. type of surface, temperature or humidity of the environment).
- If you think a surface may be infected, clean it with simple disinfectant to kill the virus and protect yourself and others. Clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose.

Yuma County health officials confirm “community spread” of COVID-19 throughout Yuma County. We encourage all residents to take the necessary precautions including physical distancing and staying home if you are sick. Remember to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid people who are sick, and avoid groups of 10 people or more.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces like light switches, door knobs, electronic devices, etc.
- Stay home if you are sick so you do not expose others

Practice physical distancing, staying 6 feet away from others

**JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC) UPDATE**

**NOTE, some of the below information has been updated from previous releases. Please be sure to read all segments.**

Questions from the public can be emailed to: [COVID@yumacountyaz.gov](mailto:COVID@yumacountyaz.gov)

These questions will be collected, categorized and answered through the DAILY UPDATE and a future DAILY LIVE program on YUMA 77 & Yuma County Government FACEBOOK LIVE

**American Red Cross – Blood Drives**

Yuma Family YMCA  
1917 W 32nd Street Suite 2  
Yuma, AZ 85364  
05/01/2020 10:00 AM - 03:30 PM

Homewood Suites Hilton  
1955 E. 16th Street  
Yuma, AZ 85365  
05/02/2020 08:00 AM - 01:30 PM

Yuma Foothills Branch Library  
13226 S. Frontage Road  
Yuma, AZ 85367  
5/05/2020 01:00 PM - 05:30 PM

Foothills Assembly of God  
12831 E 41st street  
Yuma, AZ 85367  
05/06/2020 09:00 AM - 02:00 PM

## **Arizona Department of Health Services – Communications Division**

Beginning Sunday, April 12 at noon, The AzDHS [COVID-19 in Arizona webpage](#) will include the following #COVID19 information: race and ethnicity on confirmed cases, location of confirmed cases by zip code, ages & gender of related deaths, number of hospital beds & ICU beds available, & other data points.

## **City of Yuma**

Remaining aligned with the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected" order from Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, the City of Yuma will extend closure of public buildings through May 3.

The Household Hazardous Waste collection event originally scheduled for April has been cancelled; the next one will be held in July.

## **Marine Corps Air Station Yuma**

Effective April 6, 2020 and until further notice the Trusted Traveler Program is cancelled. This is an additional safety measure that #MCASYuma is taking in order to help stop the spread of #COVID19.

What this means is that essential personnel that do not have common access card (CAC) and Department of Defense (DOD) identification cards are not authorized to come aboard the base without going to the Pass and Registration office and obtaining a base access pass. Essential personnel may obtain base access by providing the appropriate paperwork to the Pass and Registration Office during working hours.

ALL VISITORS will be required to provide justification for needing access to the installation and will not be granted access to the base simply because they know someone that has a CAC or DOD identification card who will be sponsoring/escorting them aboard the base.

As of April 6, 2020, sponsoring a visitor aboard MCAS Yuma that does not have a CAC or DOD identification card is strictly prohibited unless approved at the Pass and Registration Office.

## **YUMA PROVING GROUND**

Although certain access restrictions directed by the Department of the Army are in

place, Yuma Proving Ground's essential test mission in support of Army modernization priorities continues. Access to Yuma Proving Ground is currently restricted to the following:

- \*YPG residents, including Travel Camp residents
- \* YPG employees
- \* Civilian contractors who work at YPG
- \* Other personnel who come to YPG for an authorized purpose (including personnel on official orders to YPG, DoD retirees/ID card holders, and delivery drivers)

## **YUMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Airports, Rental Cars and Airlines are considered essential businesses. There are no travel restrictions to or from any nonstop destination served by American Airlines at Yuma International Airport. American Airlines may adjust their flight schedules and will contact ticketed passengers if a change is required.

Everyone's health and safety is important to the Yuma International Airport team. Therefore we have placed hot buttons in the upper left corner on [Yuma International Airport website](#), with COVID information specific to air travel and COVID updates from Yuma County.

Brewers is open from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm for pick up, curbside pick-up and deliveries from their airport location East to 9E.

Hertz, Avis and Budget rental car agencies at the airport are open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily. Enterprise is available by appointment.

The following flight schedule is tentative and subject to change. The airline will contact ticketed passengers if there is a change to your travel itinerary.

### 2 Daily Departing flights

0500 AM - DFW - April 9-April 30

11:47 AM - PHX - April 9-13, 15-17, 19-23, 25-28 & 30th

8:07 PM - PHX - April 14, 18, 24 & 29th

### 2 Daily Arriving Flights

11:14 AM - PHX - April 9, 11-12, 15-16, 19, 21-23, 25-28 & 30th

11:26 AM - PHX - April 10, 13, 17, 20

7:37 PM - PHX - April 14, 18, 24 & 29th

8:10 PM - DFW - April 9-April 30

**ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE** - Remote working is now a priority for all employees except essential staff. All classes are entirely online through the end of the Spring semester.

PUBLIC is urged to follow on [FACEBOOK](#) & [TWITTER](#) as well as sign up for [Yuma County eNOTIFICATIONS](#)

DON'T FORGET!!!! THE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER REMINDS EVERYONE that while you're at home REMEMBER it is easy to respond to the [CENSUS ONLINE!!!!](#)