



# 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 10 new cases of COVID-19 bringing the total to 42 (forty-two). Patients remain in isolation and health officials are conducting contact investigations.

- Arizona currently has 5,459 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 229 deaths
- Yuma County currently has 42 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 1 deaths
- Currently 681 Yuma County residents have been tested

Data is provisional and subject to change:

YUMA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE	
<b>YUMA COUNTY CONFIRMED CASES</b> 42	<b>YUMA COUNTY DEATHS</b> 1
<b>YUMA COUNTY CASES BY GENDER</b> FEMALE 16 38% MALE 26 62%	<b>YUMA COUNTY CASES BY AGE</b> 0-17 1 2% 18-39 13 31% 40-59 15 36% 60+ 13 31%
<b>YUMA COUNTY TESTS</b> TOTAL TESTS 681	#StopCOVID19Yuma #YumanKindness
APRIL 22, 2020	

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](#)

**Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Updates COVID-19 Data Dashboard**

Earlier this week ADHS updated their COVID-19 data dashboard. The new dashboard includes a number of improvements such as: Larger graphics, information about hospitalizations and deaths, case counts broken down by zip code and more detailed demographic information about cases and deaths in Arizona. The updated dashboard include 3 sections: Overview, Current Trends, and Key Healthcare Metrics. A breakdown of each section is highlighted below.

### ***COVID-19 Overview***

Dashboard updates to the overview page include buttons that will take you to the major overview sections:

- Summary
- Demographics
- COVID-19 Deaths
- Zip Code Data

### ***COVID-19 Current Trends***

This page covers multiple topics and has a few new sections of data:

- The COVID-19 Cases Confirmed by Day, or “Epi Curve”
- Hospitalizations
- Hospital COVID-like & Influenza-like-illness Surveillance
- Laboratory Testing
- Congregate Settings with Positive COVID-19 Cases

### ***Key Healthcare Metrics***

This section provides key metrics of our hospitals in Arizona, which the state is now collecting as a result of enhanced surveillance advisories ordered by Governor Ducey to allow public health to better track the health of our healthcare system. This section includes:

- Hospital Bed Usage & Availability
- Ventilator Usage & Availability
- Hospital COVID-19 Specific Metrics

### **Arizona Department of Health Services Launches the Arizona Surge Line**

In an effort to prevent Arizona hospitals from being overwhelmed by an increase in COVID-19 patients, Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) will be launching the Arizona Surge Line. The Arizona Surge Line is a centralized statewide system designed to keep hospitals and regions of Arizona from being overwhelmed by facilitating COVID-19 patient admission, transfer, and discharge to appropriate levels of care. This line is managed 24/7 by ADHS staff to help facilitate the transfer of COVID-19 patients to the appropriate level of care needed.

“As we’ve learned from other states, it is critical to protect our healthcare system to ensure that no region of the state is overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients while another region’s hospitals remain empty and ready to serve,” said Dr. Cara Christ, Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services. “Establishment of the Arizona Surge Line is a key initiative to protect Arizona patients and hospitals by making sure Arizonans are transferred to the right level of care at the right time for the best outcome. We greatly appreciate the leadership of our healthcare systems in Arizona who have come together to support this launch.”

For more information please visit the [Arizona Surge Line website](#).

### **Arizona Specific COVID-19 Models and Projections**

In yesterday’s blog, Arizona Department of Health Services Director, Dr. Cara Christ,

spoke about the different modeling and projections related to Arizona's peak resource needs related to COVID-19 cases. In the blog she discusses three different models. The two most prominent models are found at [healthdata.org](https://healthdata.org) and [COVIDActNow.org](https://COVIDActNow.org). The third model for Arizona came from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) based on projection formulas developed by the Johns Hopkins University.

Read the entire blog on Arizona Specific COVID-19 Models and Projections by [clicking here](#).

### **First COVID-19 Home Test Authorized by FDA**

The United States Food and Drug Administration recently authorized the first diagnostic test that can be collected at home, using a home collection kit. To make this happen, the FDA granted emergency clearance to LabCorp to move forward with the test kit. In the coming weeks LabCorp intends to make the Pixel by LabCorp COVID-19 Test home collection kits available to consumers in most states, with a doctor's order. However, the test would first be made available to health care and other front-line workers.

*For more information on the new home test kit visit the FDA website by [clicking here](#).*

### **Question of the Day: Should children wear face coverings when in public?** **(SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)**

- CDC recommends that everyone 2 years and older wear a cloth face covering that covers their nose and mouth when they are out in the community.
- Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on babies or children younger than 2 because of the danger of suffocation.
- Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
- Wearing cloth face coverings is a public health measure people should take to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in addition to (not instead of) social distancing, frequent hand cleaning, and other everyday preventive actions.
- A cloth face covering is not intended to protect the wearer but may prevent the spread of virus from the wearer to others. This would be especially important if someone is infected but does not have symptoms.
- Medical face masks and N95 respirators are still reserved for healthcare personnel and other first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

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**

**Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. To ensure the health of staff and donors, precautions include:**

- Checking temperatures of staff and donors *before* entering a drive to make sure they are healthy.
- Providing hand sanitizer for use before the drive, as well as throughout the donation process.
- Following social distancing between donors including entry, donation and refreshment areas.
- Wearing face masks or coverings for both staff and donors.
- Routinely disinfecting surfaces, equipment and donor-touched areas.
- Wearing gloves, and changing gloves often.
- Using sterile collection sets and an aseptic scrub for every donation.

**Blood donation is essential to ensuring the health of our communities. The need for blood is constant, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.**

- Every day patients rely on lifesaving blood transfusions including those who need surgery, victims of car accidents and other emergencies, or patients suffering from cancer.
- Right now, people are following public health guidance to keep their families safe—and that includes contributing to a readily available supply of blood for hospitals.
- This is the time to take care of one another. If you are healthy and feeling well, please make an appointment to donate in the weeks ahead by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with new CDC public guidance.

Yuma Rural Metro Fire Station  
2029 South Arizona Ave.  
Yuma, AZ 85364  
05/01/2020 09:00 AM - 02:30 PM

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2029 South Arizona Ave.  
Yuma, AZ 85364  
05/02/2020 09:00 AM - 2:30 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 22-April 30

11:47 AM - PHX - April 22-23, 25-28 & 30th

8:07 PM - PHX - April 24 & 29th

### **2 Daily Arriving Flights**

11:14 AM - PHX - April 22-23, 25-28 & 30th

7:37 PM - PHX - April 24 & 29th

8:10 PM - DFW - April 22-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!!!!](#)