Yuma County Public Health District Update

Yuma County Health Officials confirm 3 new cases of COVID-19 bringing the total to 45 (forty-five). Health officials are conducting contact investigations.

- Arizona currently has 5,769 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 249 deaths
- Yuma County currently has 45 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 1 death
- Currently 728 Yuma County residents have been tested

Data is provisional and subject to change:

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

**Yuma County Data Reporting Format Change Coming 4/27/20**
Starting on Monday, April 27th, the Yuma County Health District will be altering its reporting format for COVID-19 data. Yuma County will be changing the age groups in its
Governor Ducey Press Conference Recap

Yesterday Governor Doug Ducey, Arizona Department of Health Services Director, Dr. Cara Christ and Major General Michael McGuire held a press conference to provide COVID-19 updates. The most notable change Governor Ducey stated was that of May 1\textsuperscript{st}, elective surgeries can resume in Arizona, provided that those hospitals meet certain criteria and have adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) to do so.

There are currently 1,668 ICU beds available throughout Arizona, with an additional 485 beds available as needed. 1,684 ventilators are available in Arizona, with an additional $10 million in state issued grants for additional ventilators if needed.

The Governor ended with direction on the current Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected executive order that expires on April 30, 2020. Governor Ducey stated that there are three options in regards to the current order:
1. Let It Expire
2. Extend it, in its current form
3. Modify it, with changes and improvements that reflect the situation on the ground.

Governor Ducey stated there will be more to follow as the April 30\textsuperscript{th} deadline approaches.

To view the press conference and slides presented during the press conference click here.

Yuma County Health District Urges the Public to Continue Wearing Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Several weeks ago the CDC changed its stance on wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies, work settings) especially in areas where COVID-19 is community spread.

Why did they do this? We now know from recent studies that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms and that even those who eventually develop symptoms can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

So what does this mean? It means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity. When you go to the store and can't maintain the necessary 6 feet with others, when you speak to others, when someone coughs or sneezes. The fact is that COVID-19 could be spread even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms.

With confirmed “community spread” cases of COVID-19 in Yuma County, we have to assume it could be anywhere. Any one of us could potentially have it and spread it unknowingly, or contract it if we don’t take necessary precautions. So practice good hygiene, wear a face covering while out in public, and stay home as much as possible.

For Do It Yourself (DIY) face coverings and guidance click here


- The time between exposure to COVID-19 and the moment when symptoms start
is commonly around five to six days but can range from 1 – 14 days.

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.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around 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

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 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 23-April 30

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

8:07 PM - PHX - April 24 & 29th
2 Daily Arriving Flights

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

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

8:10 PM - DFW - April 23-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!!!!