Yuma County Public Health District Update

Yuma County Health Officials confirm 13 new cases of COVID-19 bringing the total to 85 (eighty-five). Health officials are conducting contact investigations.

- Arizona currently has 7,202 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 304 deaths
- Yuma County currently has 85 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 1 death
- Currently 802 Yuma County residents have been tested
- Currently 15 Yuma County Residents are hospitalized AS OF 8 am 04/29/20; please note the hospitalization numbers offer an accurate “snapshot” at the time of our daily update, but numbers may fluctuate throughout the day

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
- You can access the COVID-19 Cases by Zip Code
• Please take note of new reporting data available on the dashboard:
  o Summary
  o Demographics
  o COVID-19 Deaths
  o Zip Code
  o Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Day
  o Hospitalization
  o Hospital COVID-like & Influenza-like illness Surveillance
  o Laboratory Testing
  o Congregate Settings with Positive COVID-19 Cases
  o Hospital Bed Usage & Availability
  o Ventilator Usage & Availability
  o Hospital COVID-19 Specific Metrics

Question of the Day: What is the difference between diagnostic and antibody tests? (SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

• Diagnostic Tests- These types of tests identify the virus in samples from the respiratory system, such as from nasal or nasopharyngeal swabs. Diagnostic tests help medical professionals determine if there is an active infection. A positive diagnostic test is what we use to determine our total COVID-19 case count.

• Antibody Tests- Also known as serology tests, detect antibodies in the blood when the body is fighting an infection. The test does not detect the actual virus; rather, it detects the body’s immune response to the virus. While it can determine if a patient had COVID-19 in the past, it cannot determine if they are currently infected.

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 cover 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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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
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 30
11:47 AM - PHX - 30th
8:07 PM - PHX - April 29th

2 Daily Arriving Flights

11:14 AM - PHX - April 30th
7:37 PM - PHX - April 29th
8:10 PM - DFW - April 29 - 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](#)!!!