Yuma County Public Health District Update

Yuma County Health Officials confirm 15 new cases of COVID-19 bringing the total to 157 (one hundred fifty-seven). Health officials are conducting contact investigations.

- Arizona currently has 9,945 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 450 deaths
- Yuma County currently has 157 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 1 death
- Currently 1,526 Yuma County residents have been tested
- Currently 24 Yuma County Residents are hospitalized as of 8 am 05/07/20; 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:

Testing Blitzes will Result in More Positive Cases:

During Sunset Health’s Testing Blitz on Saturday, May 2, there were 294 tests conducted. Sixteen (16) new positive cases were identified on just the first day of results after the blitz. More test results will be available in the days ahead, with more positive
cases anticipated.

Yuma Regional Medical Center will host the Blitz at the Yuma Civic & Convention Center, 1440 W Desert Hills Dr, Yuma, Saturday, May 9th AND next Saturday, May 16th, 8 am to 12 pm.

Sunset Health will host the Blitz in their Somerton clinic, 115 N. Somerton Ave, Somerton, May 9th, AND in their San Luis Clinic, 815 E. Cesar Chavez Blvd., San Luis, May 16, 8 am to 12 pm.

Regional Center for Border Health – Offering COVID-19 testing EVERYDAY. Testing available to anyone who may have been exposed or is experiencing the following symptoms: fever, dry cough, difficulty breathing. *ALL insurance accepted & no one denied for inability to pay.

Somerton Location, 950 E. Main Street – Walk up & Drive Thru, Monday-Friday, 7 am – 6 pm.

San Luis Location, 1233 Main Street – Monday-Saturday, 9 am – 9 pm.

These testing blitzes will result in large increases in the number of positive cases in Yuma County. The ADHS website has more information about the Arizona Blitz Testing.

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:
  - Summary
  - Demographics
  - COVID-19 Deaths
  - Zip Code
  - Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Day
  - Hospitalization
  - Hospital COVID-like & Influenza-like illness Surveillance
  - Laboratory Testing
  - Congregate Settings with Positive COVID-19 Cases
  - Hospital Bed Usage & Availability
  - Ventilator Usage & Availability
  - Hospital COVID-19 Specific Metrics

**Question of the Day:** Can I get COVID-19 from wastewater or sewage?
(SOURCE: United States Environmental Protection Agency)

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has indicated that “there is no evidence to date that COVID-19 virus has been transmitted via sewerage systems, with or without wastewater treatment.

- Wastewater “reclaimed water” treatment plants treat viruses and other pathogens. Coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, is a type of virus that is
particularly susceptible to disinfection. Standard treatment and disinfectant processes at wastewater treatment plants are expected to be effective.

- Wastewater treatment plant operations should ensure workers follow routine practices to prevent exposure to wastewater. These include using engineering and administrative controls, safe work practices, and personal protective equipment normally required for work tasks when handling untreated wastewater. No additional COVID-19–specific protections are recommended for employees involved in wastewater management operations, including those at wastewater treatment facilities.

- For more information and questions related to wastewater, recycled water, and COVID-19, please visit the following links:
  - United States Environmental Protection Agency
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - WaterReuse.Org

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

YUMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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.
Beginning May 11th, American Airlines will require passengers to wear face masks while on the aircraft.

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

**Departing flights from Yuma:**

- 6:40 AM - DFW - May 9-31
- 8:00 AM - PHX - May 8, 10-11, 13-15, 17-18, 20-22, 24-25, 27-29, 31

**Daily Arriving Flights to Yuma:**

- 8:04 PM - DFW - May 8-31
- 9:10 PM - DFW - May 7

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

Beginning Sunday, April 12 at noon, The AzDHS [COVID-19 in Arizona webpage](https://www.azdhs.gov/covid-19) 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.

**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)

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!!!!