

Yavapai County Community Health Services

Our Mission: "Yavapai County Community Health Services will provide leadership, information, and services that contribute to improving the health and well-being of Yavapai County residents."



Date: August 25, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Yavapai County Community Health Services (YCCHS) is working closely with your child's school district, local health providers, Arizona Department of Education and Arizona Department of Health Services to keep our communities safe from the Novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. We recognize the challenging time this is for your family, and want you to know that your child's safety, health, and well-being are our concern and priority. We are following national and state guidance on guidelines to assist Yavapai County Schools on re-opening safely.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, YCCHS recommends the following:

- Keep children/youth home when they are sick. Teach your children to always cover their cough their elbow or with a tissue and throw the tissue away immediately.
- Remind your child/youth to frequently wash their hands with soap and water (or use hand sanitizer if unable to wash their hands).
- Remind children/youth to avoid touching their mouth, eyes, and nose and clean/sanitize frequently touched surfaces and objects.

If a case of COVID-19 is connected with a local school, YCCHS, along with our County Epidemiologist, will work to establish a plan depending on the situation. YCCHS may recommend a school closure to minimize spread among students and staff, depending on severity of the case and how many individuals may have come into contact with the virus.

I encourage you to regularly check <https://www.yavapai.us/chs/> for updated information specific to our County. Additionally, we have implemented a Countywide Hotline for general questions regarding COVID-19, which is open Monday-Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can reach the number by calling:

928-442-5103

Thank you for your patience as we work through these challenging times. It is important that you receive accurate information about what is happening and remain involved. We will continue to work together with your school district to ensure the safety and well-being of your child.

Sincerely,

Leslie Horton
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