



## Yavapai County

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### **Keeping Yavapai County Healthy, Smarter, Stronger**

On June 17, 2020, Governor Ducey, during a press conference, announced that ADHS has released updated guidance allowing local governments to implement mask and face-covering policies and determine enforcement measures.

"We remain one hundred percent focused on protecting public health and saving lives," said Governor Ducey. "As we continue to expand testing and prioritize our most vulnerable populations, today's stepped-up actions will help further contain the spread of COVID-19 by requiring enhanced compliance with public health guidelines, expanding contact tracing, and providing additional resources to boost local public health efforts."

Today, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chairman Craig Brown, along with Vice-Chairman Garrison, Community Health Services Director Leslie Horton, and Sheriff Mascher discussed what Yavapai County needs to do in order to maintain our currently low percentage of positive Covid-19 test results.

Chairman Brown said, "We must continue to monitor positive test results as well as hospital and respirator availability. We are not going to mandate mask wearing, but we strongly encourage everyone wear a mask when in public and in enclosed areas."

Leslie Horton, Yavapai County Community Health Services Director said, "People need to understand why we wear masks. It is not just to protect ourselves but those around us. With such a small percentage of those testing positive having no symptoms at all, there is a good chance someone in your family could be sick and not know it. The only way we are going to keep our positive Covid-19 test results down is to follow the guidelines we have laid out."

Guidelines from the state and local governments include:

- Wash your hands often- Wash for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water
- Avoid close contact - Physically distance yourself 6 feet or more from others while in public.
- Where physical distancing is not possible, wear a mask.



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- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect
- Monitor Your Health

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Chairman Brown went on to state, "We know no one likes wearing a mask, however social distancing and masks are a necessary sacrifice we need to be willing to make for the health of those most vulnerable, and those with underlying health risks, in our county. We all have a personal responsibility to protect those around us. Wearing a mask is a small sacrifice we are willing to make for those we care about."

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