



## 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."

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Dear Families,

This week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention discussed possible options for what could happen if there is local person-to-person transmission of the novel coronavirus in the United States, including recommendations for school systems to consider.

At this time, it is important to listen to facts and not respond to fear. Currently there are no confirmed cases of novel coronavirus anywhere in Arizona and the risk to Arizonans remains low.

However, transmission of the virus in other countries as well as a suspected case of local transmission in California has raised our level of concern, and we are preparing for the possibility of person-to-person transmission here in Yavapai at some point in the future. The measures that are put in place should local person-to-person transmission begin will depend on the number of individuals affected and the general severity of illness we experience in our county. Yavapai County Community Health Services is vigilantly preparing for all possible scenarios, and we will continue to monitor and communicate about any possible impact to our school communities.

There are no plans to close schools at this time. This is an extreme measure that can be disruptive to day-to-day life, and the decision to implement will be at the direction of public health experts.

All County residents should continue to practice general flu prevention measures including:

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve;
- Wash your hands regularly;
- Avoid touching your face;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Get your flu shot – it's never too late; and
- Stay home if you're feeling sick. Call your doctor and let them know your symptoms and travel history.

Please visit [yavapai.us/chs](http://yavapai.us/chs) at any time for important updates.

We will continue to clearly communicate with our school communities about ongoing efforts regarding the coronavirus.

Sincerely,

Leslie Horton, Director YCCHS