

# APS Wildfire Preparedness and Response

April 2021





### The APS Promise

#### Our Purpose

As Arizona stewards, we do what is right for the people and prosperity of our state.

#### Our Vision

Create a sustainable energy future for Arizona.

#### Our Mission

Serve our customers with clean, reliable and affordable energy.

- Provide a **Safe** and **Reliability** product to our customers
  - Consistently **Top QUARTILE** in reliability amongst other US utilities. Last year our customers experienced less than 1 outage a year (SAIFI)
  - Consistently **Top DECILE** in safety performance amongst other US utilities (OSHA)

# Wildfire Season is Unpredictable





## APS has a plan

- APS has robust programs in place in preparation for wildfires, and the **prevention** of overgrowth of fuels, and reduction of possible ignitions
- APS adapts and adjusts our operations to **mitigate** the impact of wildfire in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) during Elevated Fire Conditions
- APS is prepared and ready to **respond** to restore power safely during the high fire risk season.

## APS Wildfire Prevention

- **Vegetation Management Program** executed on cycle per industry standards and best practices
- **Detailed Line Inspections** conducted to identify maintenance items needed
- **Annual Elevated Fire Conditions Patrols** on lines in high fire risk areas—over 4400 miles of overhead line
- **Customer Programs** to help support community firewise preparation and remove vegetation around homes
- **Defensible Space Around Poles** (DSAP)



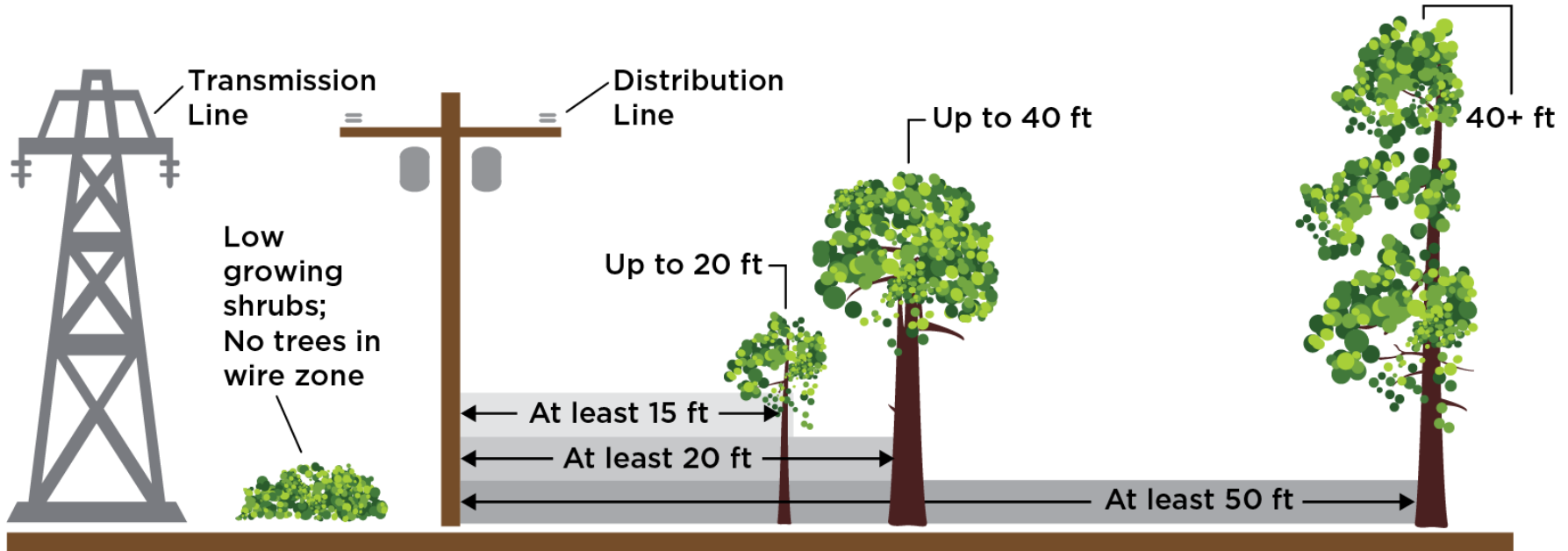
## DSAP

- **Purpose of the program to proactively create defensible space around poles to prevent wildfire ignitions**
  - Based on International Code Council–Wildland Urban Interface Code
- **Intent to clear all vegetation 10' in all directions from equipment poles only**

# Customer Programs

- **Right Tree Right Place Program**
  - Tree recommendations and care instructions for customers landscaping around powerlines
- **Tips on [aps.com/wildfire safety](https://www.aps.com/wildfire-safety)**
- **Please report:**
  - Public Safety Concern: (602) 371-7171 or email [publicsafety@aps.com](mailto:publicsafety@aps.com)

# Right Tree Right Place Program





## [Aps.com/wildfiresafety](https://aps.com/wildfiresafety)

1. Create defensible space around your house – 30'
2. Thin trees within 125' eliminate branches that overhang roof
3. Clean roof and gutters
4. Complete annual maintenance and proper fueling on equipment
5. Remove "ladder fuels" lowest branch should be 6-10' above ground



# APS Mitigation Protocols

- **Increased operations protocols** during outages in high fire risk season:
  - In the event of a power outage, we will not turn the power back on until we can confirm the integrity of the line.
- **Increased use of on-the-line technology** to improve restoration times
- **Notification** sent to **ALL** customers in areas of a higher fire risk that they **could** experience longer than normal outages

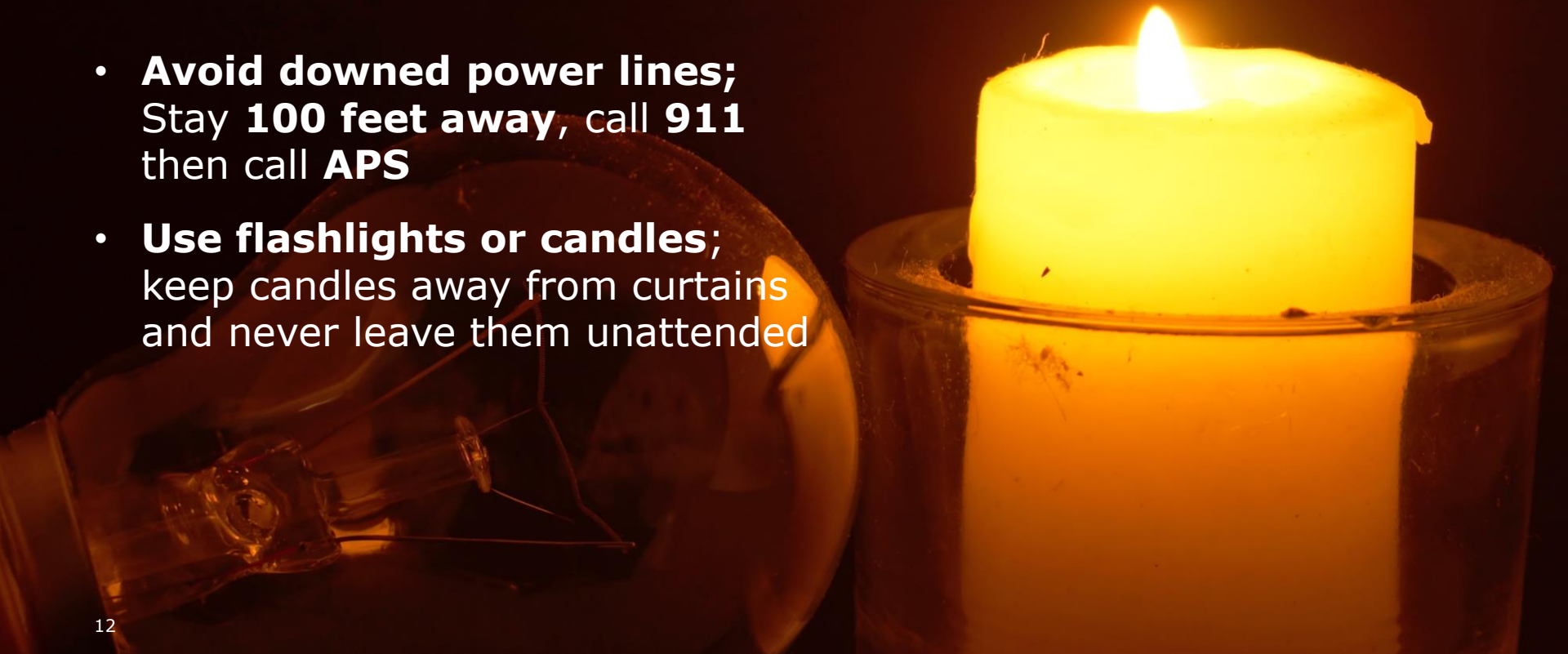
# APS Outage Maps/Notifications

1. Sign up for **emergency alerts** through **Nixle**
2. Download the **APS App**, or **aps.com** for easy access to the outage maps, sign up for text alerts specific to your area, and restoration times
3. Report an outage **24/7** at **(855) 688-2437**
4. Please follow **@apsfyi** on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for additional information regarding widespread outages



## What to do during an outage

- **Avoid downed power lines;**  
Stay **100 feet away**, call **911**  
then call **APS**
- **Use flashlights or candles;**  
keep candles away from curtains  
and never leave them unattended



## What to do during an outage

- **Keep refrigerators and freezers closed**; Food will keep up to 8 hours in a fridge and 24 hours in a freezer if you don't open the door
- **Turn off and unplug** unnecessary electrical equipment to prevent the system from overloading when power returns



## APS Wildfire Response

- A team of **Fire Mitigation Specialists** are on staff and coordinate APS response with local responding agencies
- Prepared local **Troublemens** are available **24/7** to take the call to assess and determine the best course of action in coordination with first responders
- If you see **smoke** or a **fire**, please **call 911**

# Questions?

Thank you







# 65 Brewer Road

- 65 Brewer Road – Residential Lease
- \$1,500 / month
- AMI 80% \$1,354, 100% \$1,693
- Month to month, December 31, 2021
- +6 months, back to council



# 215 W SR 89A

- 215 W SR 89A – Parking Lease
- \$500 / month
- Other parking rates avg. \$123/space/year
- Est no more than 30 vehicles, \$200/space/year
- Month to month, December 31, 2021





# REPORT

Office of the Sedona City Attorney

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TO: Mayor and City Council

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CC: Karen Osburn, City Manager

FROM: Kurt Christianson, City Attorney

DATE: May 24, 2021

SUBJECT: Arizona Legislative Update

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The following is a summary of legislative activity occurring in the Arizona State Legislature that may have an impact on the City of Sedona. This is not an exhaustive list.

### **General Information:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Arizona State Legislature began on January 11, 2021. During the session, 818 bills were introduced in the Senate and 890 bills in the House for a total of **1,708**. The session was originally scheduled to end on April 24, 2021. A majority vote of the Members each week has continued the session to the present. Traditionally, the session has been adjourned before Memorial Day.

### **State Budget:**

Today, Monday, May 24, 2021, 11 Budget Bills were introduced and given a first reading for the 2021-2022 Arizona State Budget:

HB 2891/SB 1819 budget procedures; budget reconciliation;

HB 2892/SB 1820 capital outlay; appropriations;

HB 2893/SB 1821 criminal justice; budget reconciliation;

HB 2894/SB 1822 environment; budget reconciliation;

HB 2895 general appropriations act; page 22, line 25, \$2,522,600 for coordinated homeless services; Line 36, \$1,754,600 for coordinated hunger services

HB 2896/SB 1824 health; budget reconciliation;

HB 2897/SB 1825 higher education; budget reconciliation;

HB 2898/SB 1826 K-12 education; budget reconciliation;

HB 2899/SB 1827 revenue; budget reconciliation;

HB 2900/SB 1828 omnibus; taxation; page 20, line 41 establishes the affordable housing tax credit. Authorizes the Department of Housing to allocate \$4 million in tax credits per year from Tax Year 2022 to TY 2025. Page 77, local government "hold harmless" for the 2.5% flat tax for three years through the new A.R.S. 43-205 Revenue Sharing Stabilization Fund.

HB 2901/SB 1829 transportation; budget reconciliation.

All 11 Bills were referred to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and will be heard on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. The intent is to pass the budget bills through the appropriations and rules committees on Tuesday and then vote on the bills on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

HB2900/SB1828 includes the \$1.5 billion income tax cut that would, reduce State income tax to a flat tax of 2.5% beginning in 2023. Personal income tax amounts would remain the same for 2021 and decrease some in 2022. This represents a 27% cut to Arizona municipalities of voter approved (in 1972) state shared revenue. A 2.5% flat tax would cut Sedona’s shared revenue by \$401,279 annually. This flat tax represents the single largest cut to local revenue in Arizona history. The League continues to ask elected officials to engage their State legislators to ensure this proposal is revenue neutral for cities and towns.

**LEAGUE RESOLUTIONS:**

**SB 1327 / HB 2562 Tax Credit; Affordable Housing** (Cobb) (SUPPORTS) (SUPPORTS)

This bill would establish an affordable housing tax credit and an affordable housing premium tax credit for qualified projects that would be set at 50% of the amount of the low-income federal tax credit allowed.

Passed the House Appropriations Committee 12-1. Passed House Rules Committee 8-0. House COW approved on 2-18-21. Passed Senate. Still awaiting House third read.

**BILLS OF INTEREST:**

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**HB 2248 / SB 1175 Corporation Commission; Electric Generation Resources** (Griffin/Kerr) (OPPOSES)

Amended to now state that public service corporations must derive at least 15% of kilowatt sales from renewable energy resources by December 21, 2025 and for each year thereafter, but still prohibits the ACC from adopting or enforcing any policy that increases or decreases that percentage. “Renewable energy resources” mean solar, wind, biomass, geothermal and hydroelectric. ACC already set a 15% percent goal in 2006. State likely already produces about 13-15% of its energy from renewable energy resources.

HB 2248 Passed House, 31-28 on 3/3/21. SB 1175 was retained in Senate COW 3/4/21. HB 2248 was retained on the Senate Rules Committee 4/1/21. No additional movement.

**HB 2152 Police; Camera Recordings; Required Redactions** (Kavanagh) (NEUTRAL)

This bill would require law enforcement agencies to redact faces or identifiable body parts of persons in video footage taken in private locations, of persons in a state of undress, or victims. Does not apply if the person provides a written waiver.

Passed the House, 31-29. Passed Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees and is awaiting a Senate COW. No additional movement with this bill.

**HB 2049 Eminent Domain; Existing Contracts** (Weninger) (OPPOSES)

This bill would require the city, when exercising the right of eminent domain to acquire a public utility business or enterprise, to assume all existing assets and contractual obligations associated with providing current and future utility service in the certificate of convenience and necessity that is being condemned, unless all the parties to the contractual obligation agree otherwise. This could cause the city to violate the Gift Clause or prevent the city from condemning the utility.

Passed House 34-24. Passed Senate Government and Rules Committees. Retained on Senate COW calendar on 4/14/21. No additional movement.

**HB 2295 Law Enforcement Officers; Database; Rules** (Payne) (OPPOSES)

This bill would require prosecuting agencies, including the Sedona City Attorney's Office, to notify a law enforcement officer at least 10 days prior to placing the officer's name in a Rule 15.1 database (Brady list). It would also prohibit a law enforcement agency from taking any disciplinary actions based solely on the placement of officer's name in the database.

Passed House. Passed Senate. Signed by the Governor on 5/7/2021.

**SB 1409 Zoning Ordinances; Property Rights; Costs** (Peterson) (OPPOSES) (OPPOSES)

SB1409, as amended, now requires any legislative body of a municipality to "consider the probable impact of the proposed zoning ordinance or text amendment on the cost to construct housing for sale or rent." There is no longer a requirement that the municipality create a report, provide any documentation, commentary, or discussion on the impact of zoning ordinances.

SB1409 passed Senate 16-14 with the amendment. Passed House 39-21. Signed by Governor on 5/11/21.

**HB 2551 Misconduct Involving Weapons; Public Places** (Kavanagh) (OPPOSES)

The bill prohibits cities and towns from banning individuals with a valid CCW permit from carrying a firearm in a public building, unless the city or town provides a security guard and electronic weapon screening device. This would mean that cities could not prevent concealed weapon permit carriers from being armed in city buildings unless the buildings were equipped with proper security such as metal detectors, security guards, etc. A fiscal note provided by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee provided estimates for the cost of implementing this measure in state buildings, noting a single entrance would require \$130,000 annually for staffing in addition to one-time equipment costs. This is a bill that has been introduced several times in previous sessions.

Passed the House. Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee, 5-2. Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on 3/18/21 but has not yet been heard in the Senate Rules Committee or made any additional progress.

**SB 1485 Early Voting List; Eligibility** (Ugenti-Rita)

This bill outlines the eligibility requirements for a voter to be placed and stay on the early voting list rather than the current permanent early voting list. It removes references to the permanent early voting list and renames it the early voting list. Stipulates that the county recorder must remove a voter from the early voting list if the voter fails to vote an early ballot in both the primary and general elections for two consecutive primary and general elections for which there was a federal, legislative or statewide race on the ballot. Will likely purge 100,000 people from the State's early voting rolls. Voters could still go to the polls to cast a ballot.

Signed by Governor on 5/11/2021.

**HB 2190 Vaccinations; Businesses** (Roberts)

This is a strike-everything amendment. The bill now would prohibit local governments from requiring persons to be vaccinated as a condition of receiving services, benefits or incentives. Specifically, it prohibits a local government, county, or state to require a person to receive a vaccine as a condition for entrance into a public building, use of public transportation or receiving various government benefits, services or licenses. It also prohibits a local government, county or state from providing a special privilege, financial benefit or other incentive to a person for receiving a vaccine. Stipulates that violating these provisions is a class 5 felony. It also prohibits a business from refusing a service, product, admission to a venue or transportation to a person because that person has not received a vaccine.

Passed House. Passed the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. After being held for over three weeks it passed the Senate Republican Caucus on 4/27/21. Failed Senate Third Read 13-16 on May 20, 2021.

**SB 1713 Early Ballots; Identification; Mailing** (Mesnard)

Makes changes to the early voter ballot affidavit. Stipulates that the affidavit that accompanies the early ballot must be able to be concealed when delivered or mailed to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections. States that the affidavit must require a voter to provide voter information. Asserts that the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections must confirm the elector's voter information submitted by the elector and provide the same curing period and requirements for inconsistent voter information as for inconsistent signatures.

Passed Senate 16-14 on 3/8/21. Passed House Government & Elections Committee and House Rules Committee. House second read on 3/15/21. Still awaiting House COW.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you are aware of proposed legislation that should be added to this list.

# COVID-19 Update

Sedona City Council Meeting

5/25/21

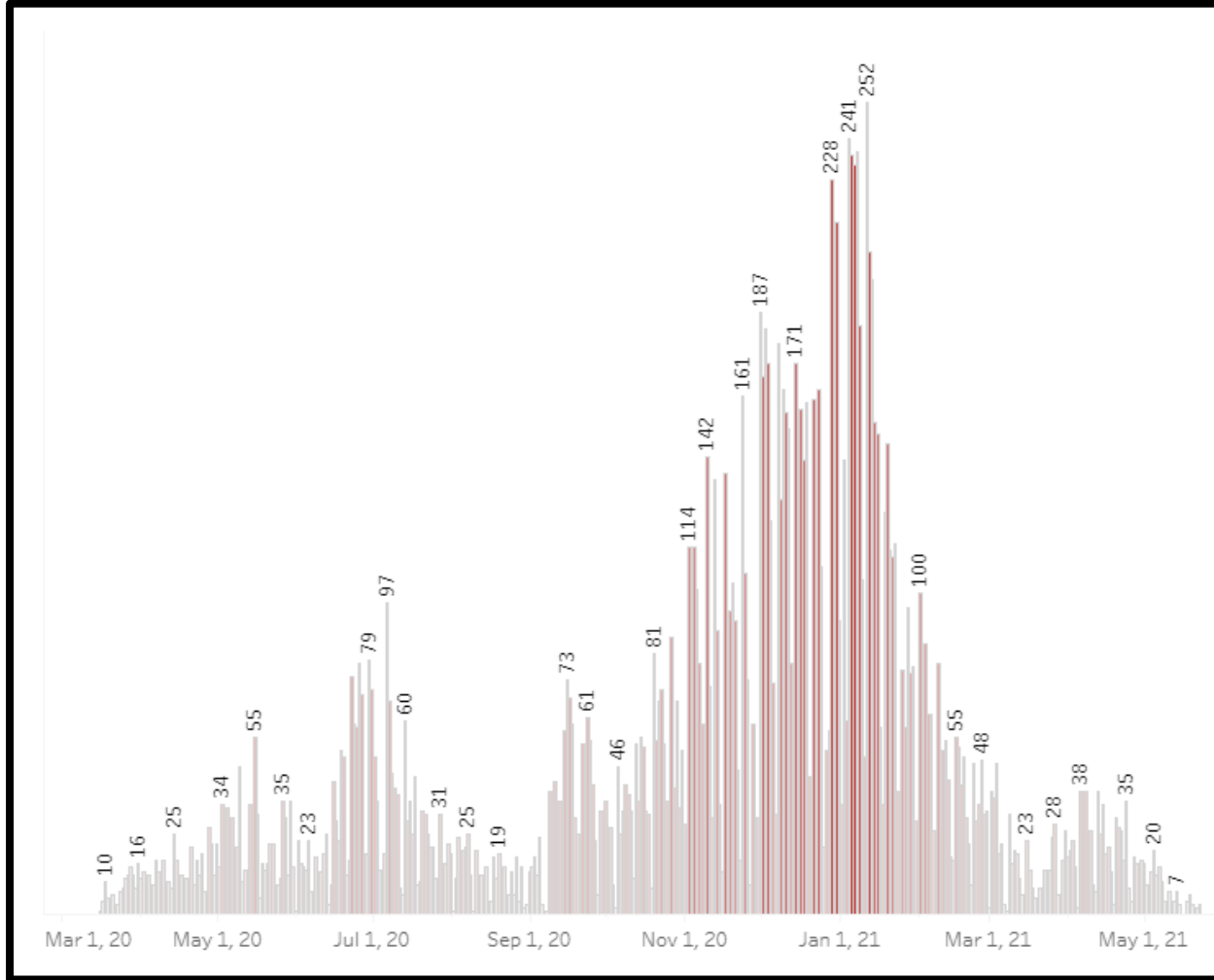
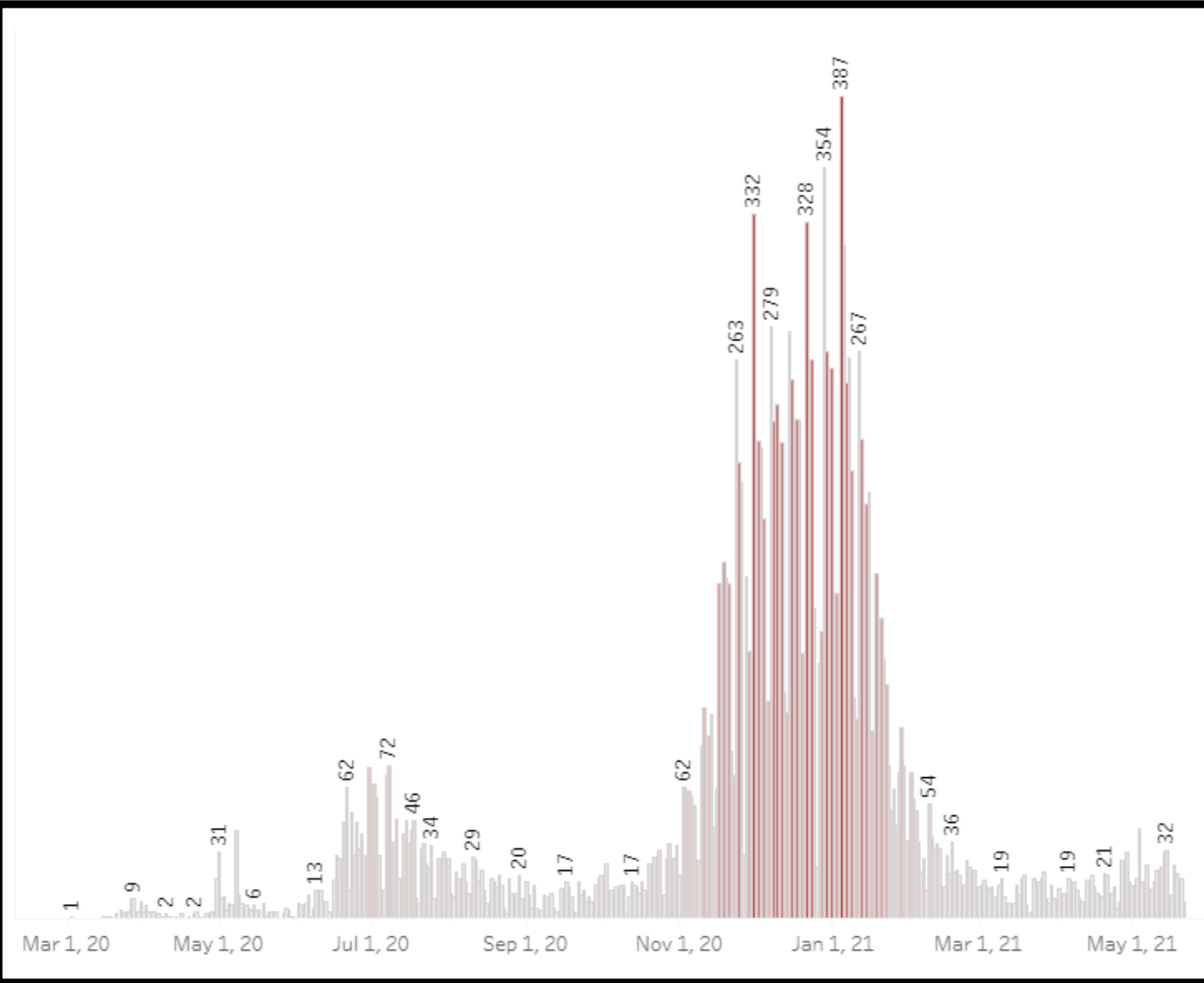


# COVID-19 Cases by Day

Date of specimen collection is used for day

## Yavapai County

## Coconino County



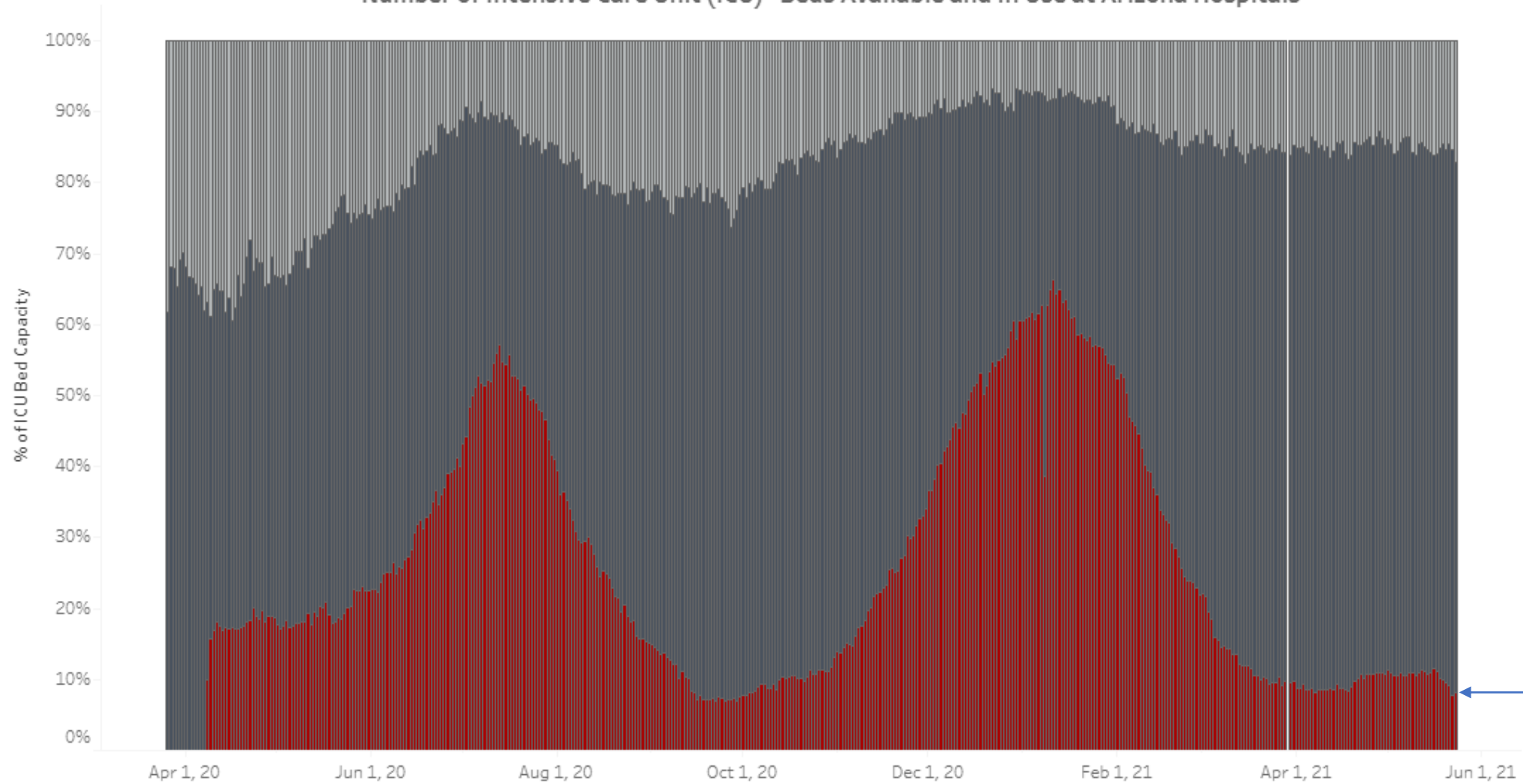
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- Adult Intensive Care Unit Beds Available
- Adult Intensive Care Beds in Use by Non-COVID Patients
- Adult Intensive Care Beds in Use by COVID Patients

### Number of Intensive Care Unit (ICU)\* Beds Available and In Use at Arizona Hospitals

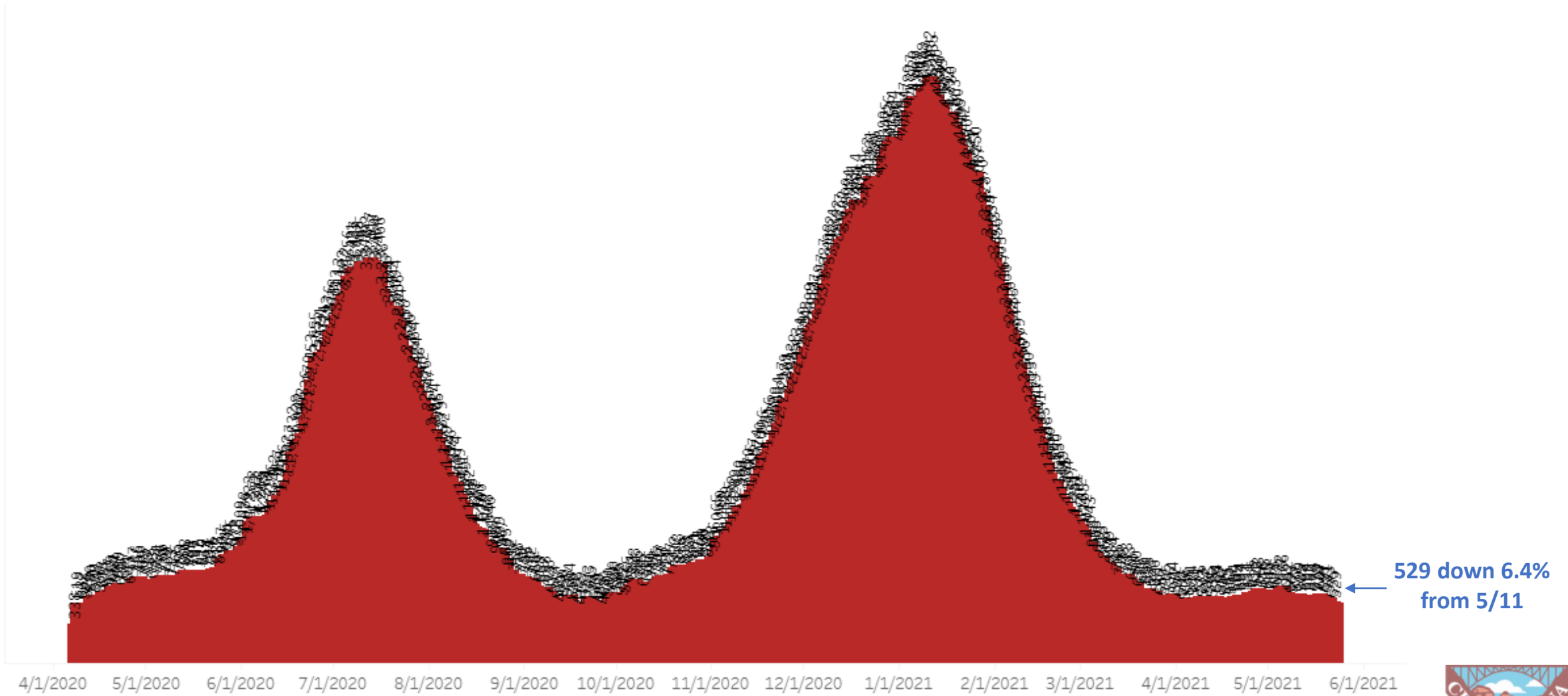


193 = down 24.6% from 5/11

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Number of Positive or Suspected **Inpatient COVID-19 Patients**



<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/covid-19/dashboards/index.php>



## AZ Changes in Total Deaths

| Date     | Total Deaths | Change | Deaths/day |
|----------|--------------|--------|------------|
| 8/11/20  | 4,199        |        |            |
| 9/8/20   | 5,221        | +1,022 | 36.5       |
| 10/13/20 | 5,767        | +546   | 26         |
| 10/27/20 | 5,891        | +124   | 8.9        |
| 11/10/20 | 6,192        | +301   | 21.5       |
| 11/24/20 | 6,515        | +323   | 23         |
| 12/8/20  | 6,973        | +458   | 32.7       |
| 1/12/21  | 10,482       | +3509  | 100.3      |
| 1/26/21  | 12,448       | +1966  | 140.4      |
| 2/9/21   | 14,286       | +1838  | 131        |
| 2/23/21  | 15,650       | +1364  | 97.4       |
| 3/9/21   | 16,326       | +676   | 32.2       |
| 3/23/21  | 16,798       | +472   | 33.7       |
| 4/13/21  | 17,105       | +307   | 14.6       |
| 4/27/21  | 17,208       | +163   | 11.6       |
| 5/11/21  | 17,409       | +201   | 14.4       |
| 5/25/21  | 17,555       | +146   | 10.4       |

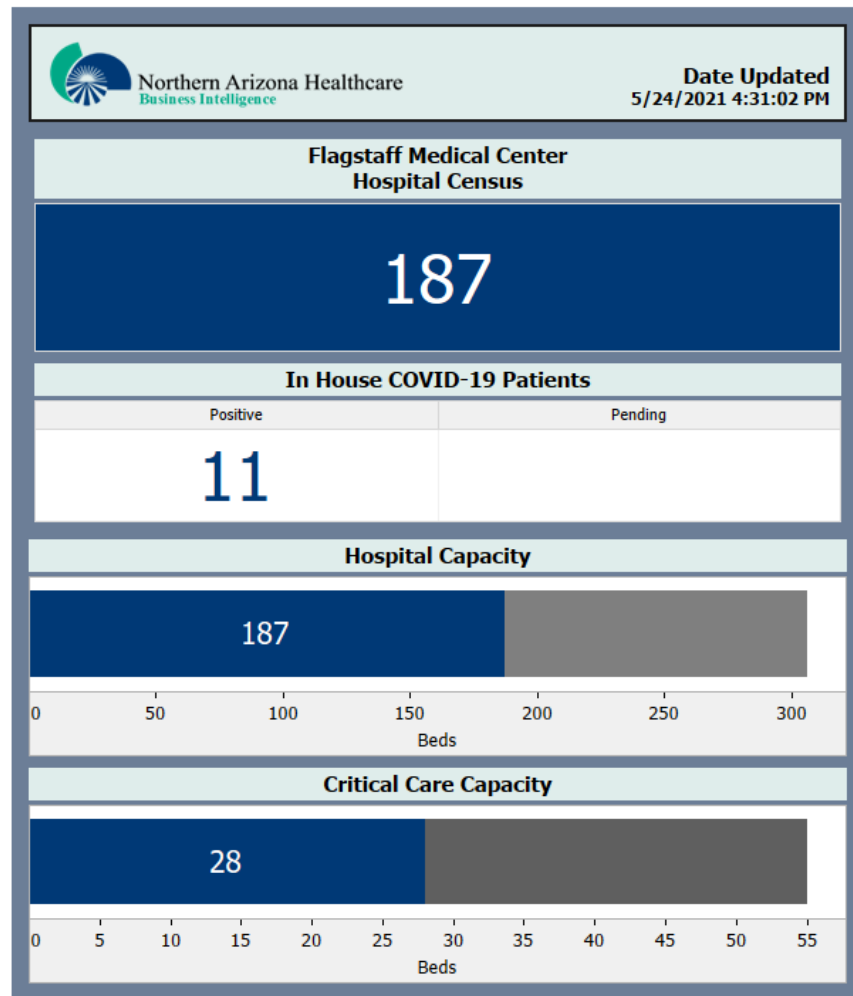
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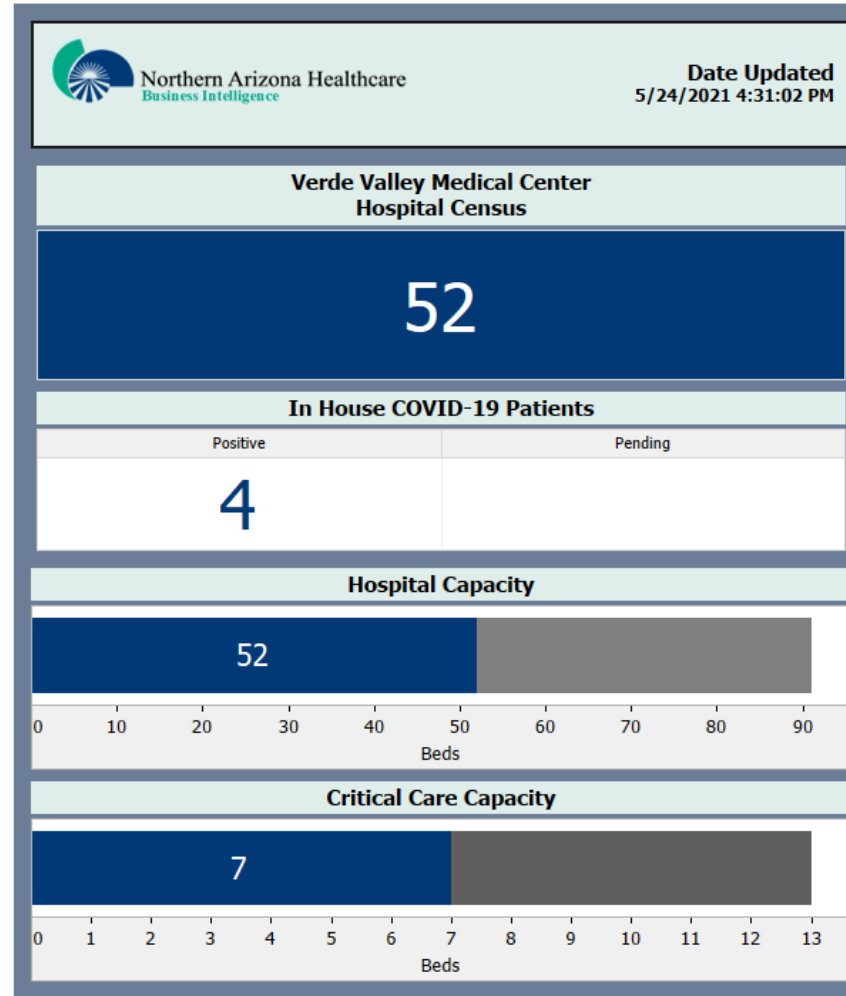
# Local Data

- **Coconino:** Cases as of 5/24: 17,872 - up from 17,851 on 5/11 (+0.1%)
- **Yavapai:** Total cases as of 5/24: 19,156 - up from 18,891 on 5/11 (+1.4%)

Flagstaff Medical Center



Verde Valley Medical Center



# Yavapai and Coconino County Vaccinations

- On May 10, the FDA expanded the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the **Pfizer** vaccine to include those 12 to 15 years old. It is also the only EUA for populations 16 to 18 years old.
- EUAs for **Moderna** and **Johnson & Johnson** allow distribution to populations 18 years old and older.

## Statewide:

- 45.4% of population has had at least 1 dose of vaccine
- 5.78 million doses distributed

## Yavapai:

- 41.5% of total population has had at least 1 dose of vaccine (96,366)
- 34.0% of total population has been fully-vaccinated (78,885)

## Coconino:

- 48.5% of total population has had at least 1 dose of vaccine (71,375)
- 43.0% of total population has been fully-vaccinated (63,280)



# Newly Updated CDC Guidance for Fully-Vaccinated Individuals

The CDC released new guidance on May 13 that apply to non-healthcare settings.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

**CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.**



# Arizona Governor Doug Ducey Issued [Executive Order 2021-09](#) on April 19, 2021

In [this announcement](#), Ducey stated:

- This Executive Order bans "vaccine passports" and prevents state and local governments from requiring Arizonans to provide their COVID-19 vaccination status to receive service or enter an area.
- State agencies, counties, cities and towns cannot issue a measure that requires an individual to provide documentation of their COVID-19 vaccination status in order to enter a business, building or area or to receive a government service, permit, license, or other work authorization requirement. Businesses contracting with the state to provide services to the public also cannot require documentation.



# City Operations

- Mask requirement still in effect for government buildings and on public transportation
- City Hall campus and other City facilities, walk-in public hours expanded to 7:30 am – 3:00 pm
- Planning and Zoning Commission went back to in-person meetings on May 4th





# City Staff Mask Survey

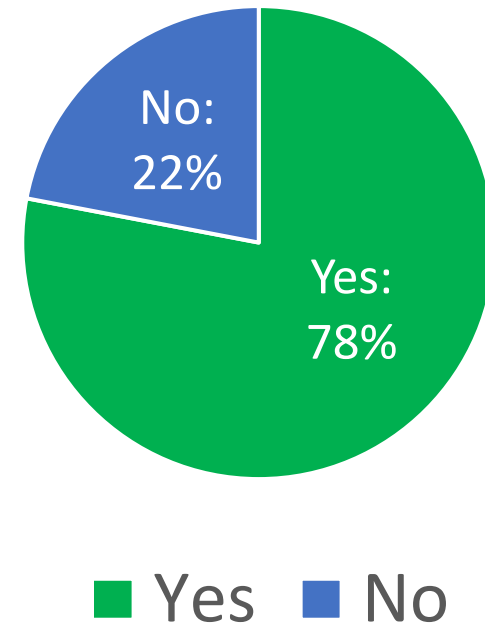
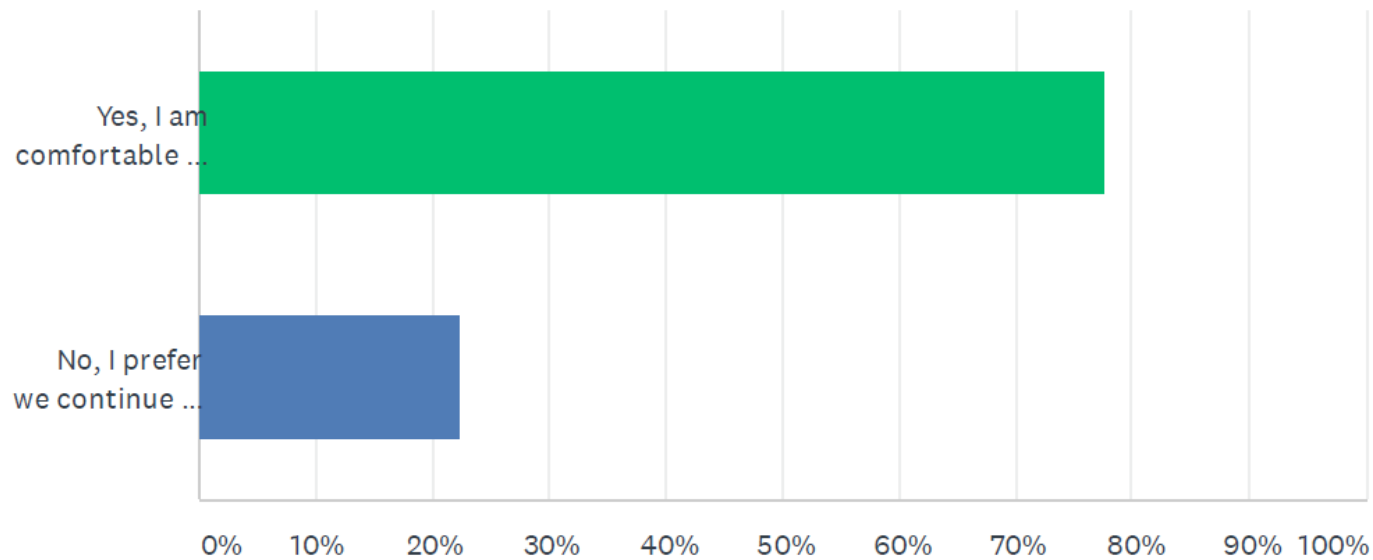
- City staff issued a one-question survey to all employees regarding mask policy at City facilities
- Are you comfortable working on site at City Hall if masks are not required?
  - Yes, I am comfortable at work without masks required.
  - No, I prefer we continue to require a mask wearing policy.
- 103 responses were received May 11 to 17



# City Staff Mask Survey Results

Q1 Are you comfortable working on site at City Hall if masks are not required?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 1



# Arizona Agency Mask Policy Survey Responses

| Agency          | Policy Summary                                                                                            |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yavapai County  | As of May 24, 2021, masks will no longer be required in County buildings.                                 |
| Coconino County | Decided May 25, 2021: put out the CDC guidance and have employees follow the honor system.                |
| Cottonwood      | We aren't requiring masks and we aren't asking about vaccinations.                                        |
| Goodyear        | Masks are now optional for all employees.                                                                 |
| City of Yuma    | No masks required for employees or in our public buildings. Mask mandate was optional as of May 10th.     |
| Gilbert         | Use the CDC guidance as the recommended approach, but no longer require masks for anyone.                 |
| Chandler        | We put out a city-wide message with the CDC guidance and encouraging employees to be kind to one another. |
| Sahuarita       | Not mandating masks for anyone – employees or the public – regardless of vaccination status.              |
| Florence        | Mask-wearing is voluntary.                                                                                |
| Fountain Hills  | Put out the CDC guidance and have employees follow the honor system.                                      |
| Kingman         | Put out the CDC guidance and have employees follow the honor system.                                      |
| Marana          | Put out the CDC guidance and have employees follow the honor system.                                      |
| Mesa            | Put out the CDC guidance and have employees follow the honor system.                                      |
| Eloy            | Put out the CDC guidance and have employees follow the honor system.                                      |

# City Facility Mask Recommendation

- Rescind Mayor's Emergency Proclamation requiring masks in government buildings.
- Employees will be expected to wear a mask if requested by a co-worker or member of the public.
- City Court will continue to follow Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-79.
- Council to determine any revisions for protocols for City Council public meetings (masks, distancing, etc.).



# Arizona Agency Public Meeting Protocols

| Agency          | Policy Summary                                                                 |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yavapai County  | Primarily in person, no masks, plexiglass dividers, virtual attendance allowed |
| Coconino County | Virtual                                                                        |
| Cottonwood      | On dais, no masks, no plexiglass                                               |
| Goodyear        | On dais, no masks, no plexiglass                                               |
| City of Yuma    | Hybrid, primarily in person, no masks, some social distancing                  |
| Gilbert         | On dais, no masks, no plexiglass                                               |
| Chandler        | On dais, no masks, no plexiglass                                               |
| Sahuarita       | On dais, no masks, no plexiglass                                               |
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# Financial Condition

- Through March sales tax collections were up 22% and bed tax collections were up 36%. Despite the pandemic, this represents the highest first nine months of a fiscal year that the City has seen.
- Compared to budget, March sales tax exceeded estimates by 39%, and March bed tax exceeded estimates by 77%.
- The March budget was based on occupancy of 77% (increase of 85%) and ADR of \$255 (increase of 5%). Sedona's actual experience was occupancy of 81% (increase of 95%) and ADR of \$335 (increase of 39%).
- Revenue projections for FY22, based on local data and other economic indicators, reflect continued increases.



# Questions?



# Parks & Rec Upcoming Events & Programs:

- Yappy Hour – Thursdays 8 to 9 am
- May 29, Pool opens
- Thursdays May-July, Summer Reading Program in the Park - Partnership with the Sedona Public Library
- June 4, Puppet Show at the Pavilion - Partnership with Sedona Public Library
- June 7-11, Sedona MTB Academy Bike Camp
- June 21-25, British Soccer Camp
- July 16, Dance Party at the Pavilion - Partnership with Sedona Public Library
- July 4, Free Rec Swim (sign-up required) includes DJ, Free Food, Festive atmosphere
- Tennis lessons

