



**Cañon School**  
*Home of the Cougars*

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November 24, 2020

Re: **COVID-19 School Closure and Distance Learning**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Despite our sincere desire to remain open for in-person instruction, Cañon School will resume distance learning effective November 30, 2020.** Based on discussions with the Yavapai County Health Department and review of the weekly benchmarks for Yavapai County as well as Maricopa County, we are following state guidance and closing the school at this time. As of November 23, 2020, the two-week positivity rate for Yavapai County was 18.6%. Anything over 10% is considered substantial transmission (see graphs attached). Additionally, the Yavapai County benchmark from November 1, 2020, our most recent, indicated it had 133 cases per 100,000 and the Maricopa County benchmark shows 212, both at substantial transmission. The Prescott and Camp Verde area hospitals are also nearing capacity for COVID-19 cases. Although the benchmark data will be updated again this Thursday for data from the week of November 8, all data has been trending upward according to the Yavapai County Emergency Operations Center.

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is considering a potential rapid increase in cases if gatherings with family and friends who do not live with you occur over the Thanksgiving holiday. Based on this information and the incubation period for the spread of COVID-19, it has been decided it is in the best interests of our students, families, staff, and community to move to distance learning following the holiday.

We will continue to provide updated information to our parents/ guardians during the closure. At this time, in-person instruction is scheduled to resume on Monday, January 4, 2021. If our predicted return changes, all families will be notified by phone, email, or mail. Please contact the front office if you have made changes to any of these since the beginning of school.

**Official Educational Paper Packets** will be available to pick up at your child's usual morning bus stop/time OR you may pick it up at the lunch pick-up sites on Mondays. All students will return to using instructional packets. Some classes will be bringing the first week's packets home today. Please check your child's backpack.

**INSTRUCTION DURING A SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Special Education services will be coordinated with each family by phone.

**Required student work plans**

Teachers will prepare one week's worth of plans and copies in a packet form that includes a detailed workload of what is expected from students. The focus is ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. These plans may include breakfast/lunch times/breaks etc. and may include items such as P.E. recommendations. This work will be graded and grades will be input into the grading system.

**Hour Requirements to be included in student work plan:**

Kinder:	2.5 hours
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	4 hours
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 hours
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	5 hours

**Communication with Parents/Students:**

Your teacher will be the point of contact with families for the educational program. Teachers will contact the parents at a minimum of once a week. Teachers will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily to support student questions, grades, and complete individual online professional development and daily planning. Monday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. will be blocked out for meetings. Please call your teacher's extension if you have questions.

Jessica Smith	Kindergarten ext 306	jsmith@canonsd50.com
Christine Brown	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade ext 305	cbrown@canonsd50.com
Patty Tiefenthaler	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade ext 304	ptiefenthaler@canonsd50.com
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Ashleigh Ochsner-Nelson	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade ext 302	aochsner@canonsd50.com
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Janice Fortier	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade ext 203	jfortier@canonsd50.com
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Melissa Norman	8th grade ext 205	mnorman@canonsd50.com
Trinka Hall	Principal ext 106	thall@canonsd50.com
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**Please call 623-374-5588 and your teacher's extension to speak with them.**

**Student Meals**

We have a plan in place to distribute grab and go breakfast and lunches for all Cañon students starting Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. We have worked with the Arizona Department of Education on this issue. Canon's distribution sites are at the school parent pick-up area and Harmil Plaza. Food will be individually distributed to students using a curbside method between 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. **Students must be present to pick up the lunch.**

**CALL FRIDAY TO ORDER MONDAY'S LUNCH**

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**Breakfast and lunch must be ordered the prior day by 12:00 p.m.** PLEASE only contact Café Manager Dana Maldonado at 623-374-5588 ext 403 or email her at [dmaldonado@canonsd50.com](mailto:dmaldonado@canonsd50.com). DO NOT CALL PAULA FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH



Please state:

1. Number of breakfast and lunches needed
2. Student names
3. Distribution area- Harmil Plaza or Canon School parent pick-up.

On-Site Services: Students who need a safe place to engage in distance learning away from home may attend school during regular hours of operation (Grades K-4 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Grades 5-8 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday). The students and staff will follow the mitigation safety measures for Cañon School and transportation **will not** be provided. Students will be supervised by a paraprofessional (this is not regular in-classroom teaching or instruction).

We know that having our students in school is the best option for learning. We appreciate how difficult it is for families to work, arrange childcare, and help their child with instruction and completing required work.

If you have further questions or concerns, please visit the Arizona Department of Health Services website for current information ([www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html) and [azhealth.gov/coronavirus](http://azhealth.gov/coronavirus)).

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Trinka Hall  
Principal

Angela E. Jangula  
Superintendent

## Yavapai County COVID-19 Update

11/23/2020 11:00:00 AM

Yavapai County			Arizona					
Confirmed Cases: 4641    Deaths: 107    Recoveries: 1816			Cases: 302324    Deaths: 6464					
<b>Yavapai Case Locations</b>			<b>Yavapai Tests</b>		<b>Yavapai Case Details</b>			
	Count	Change	Total Tested	60598	Age	Count	Change	Percent
Ash Fork	21	n/c	Negative Tests	55957	0 to 5	54	+3	1%
Bagdad	32	n/c	Positive	4641	6 to 12	140	+12	3%
Black Canyon City	41	+1			13 to 17	323	+32	7%
Camp Verde	383	+38	New Tests Reported**	2055	18 to 24	549	+43	12%
Chino Valley*	224	+15	New Cases Yavapai*	396	25 to 34	645	+42	14%
Clarkdale	115	+19	Positivity Rate (PCR & Serology)**	5.8%	35 to 44	579	+50	12%
Congress	16	n/c	**ADHS#s since Friday		45 to 54	579	+44	12%
Cornville	91	+12			55 to 64	663	+64	14%
Cottonwood	686	+89	Two Week Positivity Rate	18.4%	65 to 74	627	+66	14%
Crown King	5	n/c	*11/9/2020 - 11/23/2020 based on		75 to 84	313	+35	7%
Dewey*	192	+13	# positive cases/# of tests given		85+	167	+5	4%
Humboldt	18	+1			Unknown	2	n/c	<1%
Jerome	9	+1			Female	2560	55%	
Kirkland	8	n/c			Male	2079	45%	
Mayer*	85	+7			Unknown	0		
Paulden	92	+1						
Prescott*	1015	+83						
Prescott Valley*	984	+65						
Rimrock	110	+14						
Sedona	246	+25						
Seligman	12	+1						
Village of Oak Creek	72	+7						
Yarnell	10	n/c						
Other Quad-Cities	14	n/c						
Other Verde Valley	1	n/c						
Unknown	36	+4						
*Mingus Mtn Academy: 123								
			<b>Yavapai Hospitalizations</b>		<b>Yavapai Mortality</b>			
			YRMC	22	0 PUI (West Campus)	Case fatality rate	2.3%	
				11	1 PUI (East Campus)	Females	44	41%
			VVMC	21	0 PUI	Males	63	59%
			VA	5	0 PUI	Cottonwood	24	22%
			* A PUI is an in-patient who has been admitted for care that has been tested for COVID-19 with results still pending.		Prescott	43	40%	
			* These numbers are only COVID-19 related hospitalizations.		Prescott Valley	9	8%	
					Other Quad Cities	15	14%	
					Camp Verde	5	5%	
					Other Verde	11	10%	
					0-54	1	1%	
					55-64	11	11%	
					65-74	32	30%	
					75-84	22	21%	
					85+	41	38%	

Benchmarks	Minimal	Moderate	Significant
Cases	<10 cases/100,000	10 - 100 cases/100,000	>100 cases/100,000
Percent Positivity	<5%	5 - 10%	≥10%
COVID-like illness	<5%	5 - 10%	≥10%
Recommended Delivery Model	Traditional	Hybrid	Virtual (w/onsite support services)

## Reopening Checklist

- Reopening buildings for on site services or in-person instruction is consistent with applicable state and local orders.
- Consulted the local health department to confirm all three benchmarks are within the minimal or moderate spread category for two weeks. LEAs and local health departments may use additional considerations for initial reopening as outlined above.
  - Cases:  $\leq 100$  cases/100,000 or a two week decline in number of cases
  - Percent Positivity:  $< 7\%$  (note: 7% is only for initial reopening)
  - COVID Like Illness:  $< 10\%$
- The adopted mitigation plan includes strategies for traditional, hybrid, virtual, and intermittent models.
- The adopted mitigation plan has been posted on the LEA's website.