



## 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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### Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Lodging Establishments

Below is a list of precautions that lodging managers and staff can implement to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Switch to and use disinfectant products that have been pre-approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use against emerging viral pathogens. Disinfectants should be applied during routine cleaning of guestrooms, public spaces, health club areas and meeting rooms. The current list of disinfectants with EPA pre-approval is available at <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>
- Linens may become contaminated with the virus, so it is also important to add disinfectant when washing laundry. Bed scarfs and bed spreads should be washed more frequently.
- Train housekeeping staff to use the disinfectants safely and correctly. Staff should wear gloves when cleaning. Many of these cleaning products need to remain on hard surfaces for several minutes in order to work. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper use to get the most virus killing protection. Schedule and perform routine cleaning and disinfection of all contact surfaces in public areas guestrooms, television remote controls, toilet flush handles, door handles, water faucet handles, and flooring.
- Public spaces and the front desk need to be cleaned frequently. If possible, provide disposable disinfectant wipes to front-of-house staff to disinfect surfaces between guests. High touch areas in public spaces include tables in the lobby area and buttons on elevators, water fountains and ice and vending machines. Pens at the front desk and room keys and key cards should also be cleaned with disinfectant.
- Train hotel staff and post signage to remind guests and workers to wash hands with soap and warm water frequently, for at least 20 seconds each time. If possible, provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol in all guest contact areas and to all staff. In addition, staff should be advised not to touch their faces and to practice proper "social distancing" between guests and other workers.
- Implement symptom checks for employees and keep sick staff at home. The most common signs and symptoms of coronavirus infection are fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms typically occur 1-14 days after exposure, though a small proportion of people who are infected don't have symptoms.
- Consider wearing cloth face coverings if it can be safely managed, in public settings where other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Stay informed with updated and credible information on the COVID-19 virus and follow the information listed by the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) at <https://www.azdhs.gov/>

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