Data
Maricopa County has received **1,407,929 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.**

This number is likely to increase as there is a 4 day reporting delay from when specimens were collected.

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13 Schools in Open Outbreak Status

Data updated 8/22/2022
US COVID-19 Community Levels

Time Period: COVID-19 Community Levels were calculated on Thu Aug 18 2022. New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population (7-day total) are calculated using data from Thu Aug 11 2022 - Wed Aug 17 2022. New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) and Percent of inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) are calculated using data from Wed Aug 10 2022 - Tue Aug 16 2022.
COMMUNITY LEVEL FOR MARICOPA COUNTY

Note: Community Levels are meant for use at the individual resident or visitor level. Healthcare providers should continue to use Community Transmission metrics and follow CDC’s Infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers.

The current COVID-19 Community Level in Maricopa County is: **LOW**

This dashboard shows the current COVID-19 Community Level for Maricopa County, as well as the Community Levels within the county by ZIP code, city, and school district. You should use the Community Level for all of Maricopa County when making decisions about what steps to take to protect yourself against COVID-19.

CDC’s Community Level map, which determines Maricopa County’s Community Level, is updated weekly on Thursdays. The [MCDPH map showing Community Levels](#) at the ZIP code, city/town, and school district level is updated weekly on Fridays.

The three metrics which determine the COVID-19 Community Level (low, medium, or high) are:

- 7-day COVID-19 case rate: total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 persons in the past seven days
- New COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 persons in the past seven days
- Percent of staffed inpatient hospital beds occupied by people with COVID-19

[How CDC classifies low, medium or high levels »](#)
## COVID-19 Community Levels

### What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

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People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html).

8/23/2022
Community transmission – healthcare

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION DATA FOR HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

The current COVID-19 Community Transmission Level (for Healthcare Settings) in Maricopa County is: **HIGH**

Determining Transmission Risk

*If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected*

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Healthcare settings should continue to follow CDC’s [infection prevention and control recommendations](https://www.cdc.gov) for healthcare workers based on transmission risk.

School health offices should consider themselves healthcare settings, and follow Community Transmission guidance.
CDC reports during the week of 7/17/22, 79.1% of sequenced samples matched BA.5, 10.0% matched BA.4 and 5.8% matched BA.2.12.1.
Pfizer-BioNTech submits new COVID vaccine booster targeting BA.5 to the FDA for authorization
Monkeypox U.S. Outbreak 2022

International health emergency declared by W.H.O.

MCDPH Monkeypox webpage

Map updated: 8/22/22
Guidance for K-12 Schools and Childcare
Controlling Spread of Disease in School/ECE

• Focus on **general infection control** – COVID and more
• Schools should **create or update internal policies** on HOW they will implement public health guidance
  – Stay home when sick
  – What happens if someone develops symptoms of infectious diseases while at school
  – Masking after exposure to respiratory disease or later part of isolation period
  – Notifying families and staff about exposures
  – Whether, when, and how you will do case investigation/contact tracing
**School/District/ECE policies**

- **MCDPH** makes recommendations about how best to control the spread of infectious diseases in schools
- **Schools** should develop policies outlining how they will implement recommended infection control measures (E.g. COVID, measles, flu, and other infectious diseases).
- **Public health guidance** for isolation and quarantine may include wearing face masks.
  - Schools may wish to consult their legal teams regarding how they incorporate masking into their policies.
- We recommend schools create policies that reference COVID Community Levels and have mitigation policies **adjust to the COVID Community level**
Update: COVID Guidance

• Overall
  – All students and staff should be encouraged to remain up to date with COVID-19 vaccination
  – Schools should continue to base their COVID-19 mitigation strategies on the CDC Community Level in Maricopa County
  – Schools should focus on keeping students and staff who are sick out of school and away from others
Update: COVID Guidance

• Sick or Exposed
  – Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 should **isolate** away from others for 5 full days after testing positive (with Day 0 being the day symptoms start or the date of positive test if no symptoms) and wear a well-fitting mask or respirator through Day 10
  – There is no recommendation to quarantine exposed persons, except in high-risk congregate settings (homeless shelters, correctional facilities and nursing homes), which means routine case investigation and contact tracing is no longer necessary for most K-12 settings
  – CDC continues to recommend that people with a known COVID-19 exposure **wear a well-fitting mask or respirator for 10 days** following exposure and to test for COVID after 5 full days following exposure.
  – There is no recommendation for Test-to-Stay.
Update: COVID Guidance

• Masks
  – Masking should be encouraged for anyone who wishes to mask and individuals at higher risk for severe disease.
  – Universal masking is recommended when the CDC Community Level is high in Maricopa County
Update: COVID Guidance

• Testing
  – Screening testing is recommended only for high-risk activities (see CDC Guidelines) during high COVID-19 Community Level, or in response to an outbreak
  – Continue to provide OTC tests to families as needed

• Cohorting
  – Cohorting students is no longer recommended
  – Exception – if students are unable to mask, and known exposure
Update: COVID Guidance

- Outbreak
  - Schools experiencing an outbreak should contact MCDPH and consider adding prevention strategies regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level including the following:
    - Wearing well-fitting masks or respirators and/or
    - Improving ventilation (for example, moving school activities outdoors, opening windows/doors, using air filters);
    - Screening testing and/or
    - Case investigation and contact tracing
Update: COVID Guidance

- MCDPH is fully aligned with the CDC's COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools and childcare facilities
- MCDPH will no longer create isolation flow charts
- Please use
  - CDC's Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19, and
  - CDC's What to Do If You Were Exposed to COVID-19
• The risk of children getting infected with monkeypox virus is **low** in the current outbreak.

• Children and adolescents are more likely to be exposed to monkeypox if they live with or have *close contact with a known case of monkeypox*.

• As cases of monkeypox in Maricopa County increase, it is likely that children will be identified as household contacts of cases.

• While children are currently at lower risk of exposure in the current outbreak, they are at **increased risk for severe disease, especially children less than 8 years old**.

• *To maintain a healthy school environment, children, teachers and staff who exhibit symptoms of any infectious disease should be excluded from school, per school policy.*
Interim Guidance for Monkeypox

• If a school or childcare provider receives notice of a suspect case, that suspect case should be excluded per the facility’s normal illness policy.
• Asymptomatic close contacts or household contacts should not be excluded.
• Per CDC, persons diagnosed with monkeypox should isolate until their rash has fully resolved, the scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of intact skin has formed.
• Since this can take several weeks to occur, diagnosed persons with rash or lesions (and no respiratory symptoms or fever) can be allowed to return to work before the rash resolves, as long as they are masked around others and cover their lesions with clothing or a bandage for the full isolation timeframe.
• The decision to allow return to work should be an internal policy decision based on the circumstances of the workplace environment.
Reporting
Reporting COVID

• Reporting COVID-19 cases is not required
• We encourage you to report cases if you would like guidance
• We STRONGLY encourage you to report outbreaks (3 or more cases with an epi-link):
  – Known COVID
  – Respiratory illness
• You can use the online reporting form
  – Report close contacts is no longer required to submit the form
• Home testing results that are verified and reported by schools through the online reporting form are counted as COVID-19 cases.
Concerned about COVID outbreak?

- Maricopa County Department of Public Health's **Cluster Response Team (CRT)** will continue to be available to support schools and daycares for COVID-19 outbreak questions and concerns.

- While schools are no longer required to report COVID-19 cases to public health, you may continue to report suspect or confirmed outbreaks of COVID-19 and any indicated cases using the [online school reporting form](#). The online school reporting form is quick and easy to use. Since its launch, there have been over **95,000** cases and **9,000** suspected outbreaks reported. These reports have been and will continue to be reviewed by our specialized and dedicated team who are able to offer support.

- CRT is available 8am-5pm M-F, but schools can reach out to MCDPH's Cluster Response Team (CRT) at any time via email at [CRT@maricopa.gov](mailto:CRT@maricopa.gov).
Reporting Monkeypox

• Currently, K-12 schools and childcare providers are **not** required to report suspected cases of monkeypox to public health.

• Cases are reported to public health by healthcare providers and laboratories for individuals who test positive only.

• MCDPH investigates those positive cases, including identifying close contacts.
  – If we learn of a facility exposure during our investigation, MCDPH will notify that school or childcare facility and will guide the facility on any needed notification or exclusion.

• If a school or childcare provider learns of a laboratory confirmed case of monkeypox, you may report it to MCDPH to receive guidance.
Reporting Other Communicable Diseases

- Schools **MUST report certain diseases** to MCDPH
- Reporting deadlines vary by disease
  - COVID is not on this list
  - Monkeypox is not on this list
Other Public Health Support
Our **Immunization clinics** are open by appointment only. Call **602-506-6767** to schedule.

MCDPH operates three childhood immunization clinics for children ages 0 years up to their 19th birthday. Immunizations are provided free of charge. Vaccines are also available for uninsured or under-insured adults at our clinics. Please call the clinic ahead of time to check on vaccine availability. Vaccines for foreign travel are not available at the clinics.

All clinics are open Monday-Friday from 8 AM-4:30 PM (Closed from 12-1 PM). See the clinic locations:

**Central**
- **Roosevelt Clinic**
  1645 E Roosevelt St, Phoenix, AZ 85006

**East**
- **Mesa Clinic**
  635 E Broadway Rd, Mesa, AZ 85204

**West**
- **West Clinic**
  1850 N 95th Ave, Suite 184, Phoenix, AZ 85037
Provisional Staffing for K-12 School

ONGOING REGISTRATION

Contact us at 602-372-7999
Mon. - Fri. 7:00AM - 3:30PM
24/7 Voice Mail System
ProvisionalStaffing@maricopa.gov

Please register at any time during the 2022 – 2023 school year

- To guarantee IVP clearance, there is an approximate 6-week processing period
Schools Provisional Staff Program

- Provisional school staff provide non-clinical operational support to school health offices.

- **Schools Staffing – August 23, 2022**
  - Central Region (Staffed) - 49
  - Central Region (Pending) - 21
  - East Region (Staffed) - 17
  - East Region (Pending) - 10
  - West Region (Staffed) - 39
  - West Region (Pending) - 13

- **Total Staffed Schools - 105**
- **Total Pending Schools - 44**

- Schools can submit request for provisional school staffing support through an online form on the Maricopa County K-12 Schools and Childcare page. [K-12 Support Request (maricopa.gov)]

- Schools are prioritized for staffing based on a weighted “risk score.” The rubric that makes up the Prioritization Matrix is based on measures of vulnerability and need for the school and its surrounding community.
Order OTC Test Kits and MORE!

• [https://ppe.maricopa.gov/](https://ppe.maricopa.gov/)

Resources are available:

- Rapid Antigen Test Kits
- PPE
- Surface cleaners/sanitation supplies
- Hand sanitizer
- Cloth masks, pediatric face masks

CLIA-waived tests can be ordered through ADHS.
2022-23 School Year – Public Health Communications

- MCDPH Community Partners webinars continue with bi-weekly schedule
  - Public health communications, including COVID, Monkeypox, Influenza and other timely topics
- School and childcare-specific MONTHLY webinars will start in September.
  - Topics - infectious disease control, inhaler program, medical emergencies that happen at school, and MORE!
Climate and Health Champion Recognition

Know someone who is a Climate and Health Champion? Nominate them!

We’re seeking those taking steps toward implementing sustainable solutions, eco-friendly practices, or policies aimed at improving health and/or improving health equity (through the elimination of economic or social barriers to health) that are at risk of climate-sensitive hazards.

• Individuals
• Youth
• Organizations
• Businesses
• Research

Nominations close August 31, 2022. Go to Maricopa.gov/climatechampion
Questions? Maricopa CARES Team

- Schedule COVID and routine immunizations and COVID-19 testing
- **(602) 506-6767**
- [SchoolHealth@maricopa.gov](mailto:SchoolHealth@maricopa.gov)
- [Form for Webinar Questions](#)
- Vaccine Events
- Testing Events
- [Order CARES Team bookmarks](#) – EN/SP