



Important Pima County Health Updates

November 23, 2020

Celebrate Thanksgiving Responsibly

Please see Governor Ducey's [Celebrate Responsibly Arizona](#) Thanksgiving message and the enclosed letter from the Pima County Health Department. We strongly encourage you to follow the guidelines of the Arizona Health Department while celebrating the upcoming holiday. Please see their "Thanksgiving Menu to Ensure a Safe Holiday" below.

Students currently in the Hybrid Learning Cohorts may participate online the entire week after Thanksgiving to reduce any potential risk of a COVID outbreak.

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There is reason to be concerned about what is happening in our community related to COVID spread and the health risks. But what PCHD and other health departments are saying very clearly is the risk and the cases are happening in small social groups outside schools, not in classrooms.

Pima County School Superintendent, Dustin Williams, and Pima County Health Department Director, Dr. Theresa Cullen, issued a letter on November 20, 2020 reemphasizing the importance of complying with all COVID-19 protocols in order to keep schools open. They stated, "At this time, **the Pima County Health Department maintains that hybrid in-person instruction is appropriate so that schools can continue to provide services that Pima County children need to succeed.** We believe in the value of in-person instruction activities for educating the whole child."

Possible Return to Online Instruction

However, they also note that the rapid rise in county-wide positive cases may result in a recommendation to close schools. "If the rate of cases continues to trend upward, the Health Department may recommend additional restrictions to curb the current rate of spread, resulting in a recommendation to shift to fully remote learning for all school districts," they stated.

Please read the full letter here: [Pima County Update - COVID-19 Spread in Schools](#)

Here is the link to the Arizona Dept. of Health Services metrics:
[AzDHS Coronavirus Disease 2019 - Schools](#)

TVUSD Information

We have updated our TVUSD metrics and the Board and Superintendent will now consider a school closure if there are two unique outbreaks in a school (previously the number was three).

We will continue to keep our school staff, families and community informed of any new or changing information. Please continue to closely watch your school and district email communications for important information.

We ask everyone to act responsibly and do their part to keep our schools and community safe from transmission.

Please have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving!

THANKSGIVING MENU

to Ensure a Safe Holiday

The recommendations below will make for a safer celebration this year. Picking even one will increase your safety. The more you choose, the more you will reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Recommendations

- ❑ **Celebrate outside** in your yard or at a local park.
- ❑ **Minimize the number of guests**, especially those at high risk.
- ❑ **Physically distance when you can.** Only touch or hug those in your immediate household.
- ❑ **Wear masks** if your gathering includes guests from outside your household.
- ❑ **Celebrate together with your quarantine pod.** You can use a tablet and virtual meeting programs to bring family and friends together without exposing one another.
- ❑ **Wash your hands** before and after preparing, serving and eating food.
- ❑ **Use hand sanitizer.** Get in the gift giving spirit early and provide your guests with their own travel size hand sanitizer.
- ❑ **Avoid self-serve or buffets.** If sharing food, have one person serve food and use single-use options, like plastic utensils.



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