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### COVID-19 Business Benchmarks

#### By Arizona County

The following table notifies businesses if they are eligible to reopen or have to remain closed due to their county's transmission category and the actions to take for reopening.

**MODERATE AND MINIMAL** - Can submit attestation form at [azdhs.gov/attestationcovid19](https://azdhs.gov/attestationcovid19)

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County	Business Reopening Status
Apache	Moderate
Cochise	Moderate
Coconino	Moderate
Gila	Substantial
Graham	Substantial
Greenlee	Minimal
La Paz	Moderate
Maricopa	Moderate
Mohave	Substantial
Navajo	Moderate
Pima	Moderate
Pinal	Substantial
Santa Cruz	Substantial
Yavapai	Moderate
Yuma	Substantial

Updated: 8/27/2020

Today's [Business Dashboard](#) update has positive news that extends beyond the state's most-populous counties – Maricopa and Pima – moving to the next phase of safely resuming certain business operations with enhanced mitigation measures. As of today, a total of 8 counties, Apache, Cochise, Coconino, La Paz, Maricopa, Navajo, Pima, and Yavapai, are in the moderate transmission level. Most counties that have yet to reach moderate benchmarks for COVID-19 have metrics moving in the right direction. One county, Greenlee, has reached the minimal transmission level.

This is a credit to all of the things Arizonans have done to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We've worn masks, physically distanced, washed our hands, and so much more. In short, we've made smart decisions for the common good. It's important that we keep that up.

### About the Director



Cara M. Christ, M.D., M.S. became Director for the Arizona Department of

Health Services in May 2015. Dr. Christ has served the agency for more than nine years. Among her many accomplishments at ADHS, Dr. Christ collaborated with health partners and stakeholders to develop strategic plans for infectious disease prevention and control including the Governor's Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response. She was involved in leading statewide efforts during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, and worked with partners to find solutions to improve childhood vaccination programs. In 2012, Dr. Christ managed the



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Local health partners have been collaborating on mechanisms for inspection and enforcement if in the past month, we've initiated agreements with most county health departments to investigate complaints when we learn that a business may not be operating according to the requirements outlined at [azhealth.gov/businessCOVID19](https://azhealth.gov/businessCOVID19) for businesses paused by Executive Orders 2020-43 and 2020-52.



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This partnership will streamline coordination between ADHS and county health, who are the boots on the ground for public and environmental health in Arizona. The state will be coordinating **complaints** received by public health, and these complaints will be investigated by the local or state health department, depending upon jurisdiction. For counties that do not contract with the state, ADHS will investigate complaints and initiate enforcement.

Complaint investigations involve inspectors going onsite to substantiate the complaint through observation and interviews with employees and customers. If a business is found to violate the **COVID-19 prevention requirements**, enforcement action, up to and including the temporary closure of an establishment until health guidance is met, can be taken immediately to protect public health and safety. ADHS, along with county public health and environmental services departments, have many professionals who regularly make site visits and inspections such as health care and child care licensing surveyors, sanitarians, and Smoke Free Arizona investigators. Public health is well-equipped for this task.

We need your help too. If you believe a business isn't following these requirements, which were established for the safety of customers, employees, and the broader public, you can share your concerns so local and state officials can follow up as needed.

There are multiple ways to file a complaint with ADHS, including:

- Submitting a complaint online at [azhealth.gov/complianceCOVID19](https://azhealth.gov/complianceCOVID19)
- Calling our COVID-19 Compliance Hotline at 1-844-410-2157

For businesses to remain open and for Arizona to continue on this promising trajectory, it's critical that establishments and their customers comply with public health requirements. With our county partners and with your help, we all can make that happen.

By **Cara Christ** | August 27th, 2020 | **Preparedness** | **0 Comments**

allowing integration of physical and behavioral health services statewide. Dr. Christ obtained her master's degree in microbiology with an emphasis in molecular virology and public health. She earned her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Arizona College of Medicine. Follow the Director on Twitter @DrCaraChrist.



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