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| April 4th, 2022  **One Additional Death**  **Nine New Covid-19 Cases**  The La Paz County Health Department is deeply saddened to announce one additional death. La Paz County has had a total of 139 deaths, due to Covid-19.  This individual was within the most southern part of the county, over the age of 65 years old, hospitalized outside of the county, with known underlying health conditions.  Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to all the family and friends.  ADHS has transitioned from daily case reporting, to now weekly. Our county has had nine new Covid-19 cases from last week. This brings our county total to 5,172 cases. Two individuals are in the Parker service district and within the age groups of 55-64 and over 65 years old. One individual is in the Buckskin service district and within the age group of 55-64 years old. Four individuals are in the McMullen Valley service district and within the age groups of 20-44, 45-54 and over 65 years old. One individual is in the Bouse service district and over the age of 65 years old. The remaining individual is in the Quartzsite service district and over the age of 65 years old.  It is extremely important to continue to take the necessary precautions, to help slow down the spread.  For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to get tested if experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.  If you are not vaccinated, please protect yourself and others by wearing a mask and practicing physical distancing.  Everyone should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.  Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, avoid close contact with people who are sick, cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.  If you are at[higher risk](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html)for severe illness, you should avoid attending congregate settings. People at higher risk for [severe illness](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/groups-at-higher-risk.html) include adults 65 or older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions  **For more information on La Paz County and the state, please visit the ADHS coronavirus website at** [**www.azdhs.gov/coronavirus**](http://www.azdhs.gov/coronavirus), **the CDC website at** [**www.cdc.gov/COVID19**](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19) **, the La Paz County Health Department website at** [**https://www.lpchd.com/**](https://www.lpchd.com/) **and the Facebook page @LaPazCounty.HealthDepartment.** |