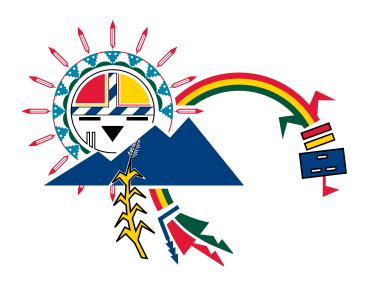




# Annual Report 2021



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# Adapting and Communicating **Public Health**

For Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC) FY21 has been a year of recovery, response and adapting to a post pandemic environment through the importance of public health.

Our staff have gone through an unforgettable era, that continues to evolve into a state of heightened awareness on all fronts as well as outside the boundaries of the Navajo, Hopi, and San Juan Southern Paiute Nation boundaries.

Our Annual Report focuses on how we responded and transformed in delivering outcomes and services throughout the past year. Today I feel comfortable, for this moment, that we have the healthcare professionals to provide quality and expert care for our communities. The implementation of our Public Health team and policy and procedures have addressed this pandemic environment with the care of the community at the forefront of our decisions.



#### SAFETY (SAFE)

This Pandemic era has brought safety into focus for our patients and staff. Our Health Care Board of Directors are involved with decisions to assure we make purchases and provide care with safety at the highest priority.



We have hardwired our processes to access care with our healthcare providers. TCRHCC values the safety of our staff and our patients with safe access established on entry to our facilities, testing procedures and the promotion of a mandatory vaccination policy for our staff. Vaccinations are important in assuring we can treat patients by not being overrun with COVID patients and running out of inpatient beds and access to our emergency services.

Today, we are fortunate to experience a low positivity rate in cases locally and have sufficient supplies of PPE. Staff are continually educated on the use of "donning" (putting on) and "doffing" (taking off) PPE.



#### **ACCESS TO CARE**

In FY20 many health care services were not accessible to the community due to the COVID Virus. This year we were able to open our services safely with new processes in place for accessing care at all sites: the main campus, LeChee Clinic, Sacred Peaks Health Clinic and Bodaway Gap Health Clinic.

TCRHCC received funds for our COVID response which allowed us to renovate the Emergency Room, Sacred Peaks Health Clinic, Same Day Clinic, and Intensive Care Units. The importance of isolating our COVID patients is of high priority and at the center of many renovations within our facilities.

#### **QUALITY**

Many of our quality measures are now extrapolated from the Electronic Health Record. TCRHCC is making the transition to electronic reporting on an ongoing basis. The Federal government mandates these requirements for healthcare organizations.

Our outpatient ambulatory care team has been working to empanel our patients to the American Indian Medical Home. Other mandates are ensuring patients have access to their health data. We have implemented a Patient Portal and are using a Health Information Exchange that will help to improve care for providing information to the patient and information for better care coordination with external healthcare organizations.

We have had turnover within our Quality team, but we continue to keep our customer service focused programs functioning via the Journey to Excellence initiatives. We hold a high priority of recognizing our employees through the Employee to Employee Recognition Program (PEERS), the Daisy Award (for Nurses - Jason Cottrell), the Squash Blossom Award (for Certified Nurse Aides - Myra Nez), and the Tom Drouhard Award (for Physicians - Dr. Sara Jager) awarded quarterly and annually.

## **Employee to Employee** Recognition **Program** (PEERS)



**SQUASH BLOSSOM AWARD** Myra Nez



**DAISY AWARD Jason Cottrell** 



**TOM DROUHARD AWARD** Dr. Sara Jager

#### **CULTURALLY SENSITIVE**

Cultural sensitivity is a natural part of our Mission. Culture sensitivity focuses on having our patients in a place where they feel welcome and comfortable. They see and are treated by staff that are from their own community and speak their native language. We are also thankful we have staff from all over the US to professionally care for our patients.

The Office of Native and Spiritual Medicine has held culturally appropriate sessions for our staff that continue their Traditional practices. They have also sponsored sessions with local Faith groups as we have a very diverse staff that seek solitude and prayer in these times of uncertainty.

#### TRANSITION AND PARTNERSHIPS

TCRHCC has continued to partner with all organizations that promote care coordination, that are like-minded with our mission and can further assist educating and developing our workforce. On a day to day basis we have strong ties with our emergency transport companies, Flagstaff Medical Center and our referring partners such as Hopi Health and Kayenta Health Center.

Throughout the pandemic we had many partners in our response. We recognized our staff and our partners with COVID Warrior Certificates, plaques, and tokens of awards.

Communication is key to all that has been occurring with Public Health. Our strong communication with the Tuba City Chapter and Navajo Nation Health Command has been crucial in getting the word out regarding Public Health messaging.



The pandemic brought about changes locally and opportunities with funding, such as the ability to complete the local Broadband fiber connection for TCRHCC and local schools.

Our Governing Board President Christopher Curley has represented the entire PL 93-638 Self Determination Healthcare Organizations within the Navajo Nation Health Command to assure that our self-governing health partners are included in announcements and decisions that may affect how we deliver care and prevention campaigns for our communities.

TCRHCC and the Navajo Hopi Health Foundation (NHHF) continuously address the needs of our organization. We have had some great projects that improve our services. The NHHF has assisted TCRHCC with thousands of dollars toward medical equipment for our patients and access to care resources for our cancer program.



#### **FY2022-25 SYSTEM PRIORITIES**

Our health system's FY22-25 organizational priorities cover many strategic areas. Collectively, the priorities encompass changes that help address the pandemic, but also long-term solutions to elder care and the future sustainability of our health care system for generations to come.

Immediate issues of focus in FY22 are monitoring the pandemic, responding through our expanded Public Health Department, and keeping a wary eye on supply issues locally and globally.



#### IN CONCLUSION

Our organization has successfully provided quality care through three surges of the COVID pandemic, while maintaining ongoing primary and acute care for our community. Our organization and communities have reaped the value from the COVID vaccines that were received in our TCRHCC Pharmacy on December 15, 2020. We put "shots in arms" the very next day, beginning with our frontline staff.

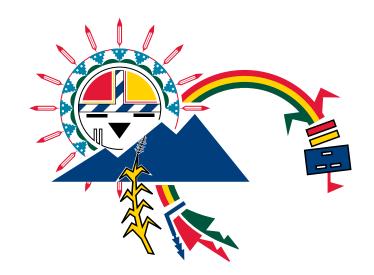
The manufacturing of the vaccines in record time helped TCRHCC catch up in our response to the virus, for now, and is helping us manage the inpatient admissions and emergent response on a day to day basis.

I look forward to another FY22 leading with our Board and our Staff to our journey to excellence in healthcare.

Ahe'hee' Lynette Bonar, CEO

## **Our Purpose**

# Mission & Vision



#### **Our Mission**

We provide safe, accessible, quality, and compassionate healthcare and promote healthy lifestyles through:

- Courteous and culturally sensitive service;
- Innovative and responsiveness;
- Respect for community needs and values; and
- Shared responsibility for health

#### **Our Vision**

To heal. To respect. To console.

#### **Values Statement**

"We take pride and honor the dignity in all individuals. We promise to uphold a safe environment dedicated to quality and a vision of excellence for today and tomorrow."

## **Four Strategic Pillars**

- Financial
- Information Systems
- Quality
- Services

Certified by the Country's Most Prestigious Seal of Approval

## **The Joint Commission**





**CERTIFIED SINCE 2002** 

# Patient Safety Is Our Priority, High Quality Is Our Standard

Tuba City Regional Health Care takes pride in earning The Joint Commission's **Gold Seal of Approval** for

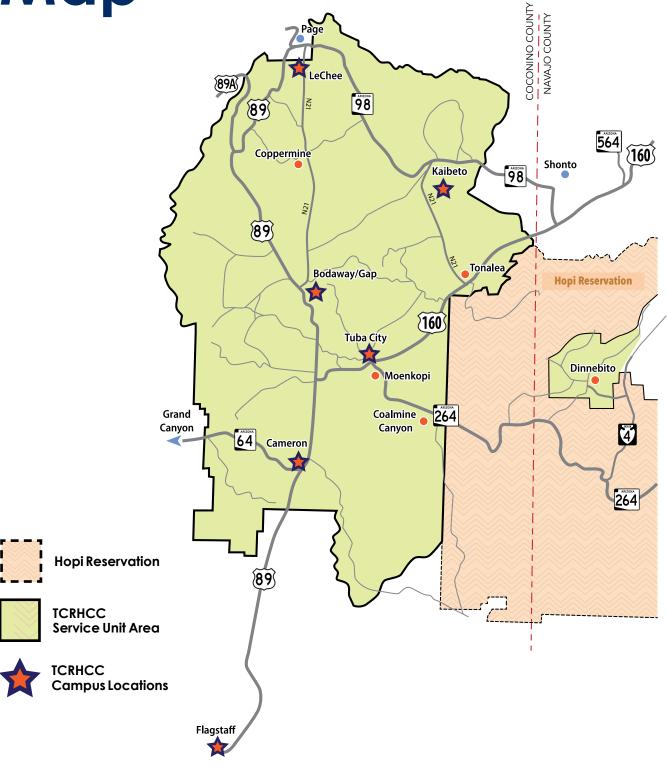
#### Home Care • Hospital • Laboratory • Patient Centered Medical Home

Tuba City Regional Health Care demonstrates compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety in disease-specific care.

This acccreditation stands testimony to our commitment towards patient safety and continuous quality improvement.



Service Area Map



# Our Campuses

#### **Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation**

167 N Main Street P.O. Box 600 Tuba City, AZ 86045

Call Center: 1-866-976-5941

#### Sacred Peaks Health Center

6300 N Highway 89 Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Call Center: 1-866-976-5941

#### LeChee Health Center

3 Miles South Coppermine Road (Located North of the LeChee Chapter House) LeChee, Arizona

Phone: (928) 698-4900 Call Center: 1-866-976-5941

#### Kaibeto Creek Independent Living Center

Kaibeto, AZ 86053

Contact: TCRHCC Housing Manager

Call Center: 1-866-976-5941

#### **Bodaway/Gap Clinic**

Highway 89 North, Mile Post 498 US

Gap, Arizona 86020 Phone: 928 283-1806

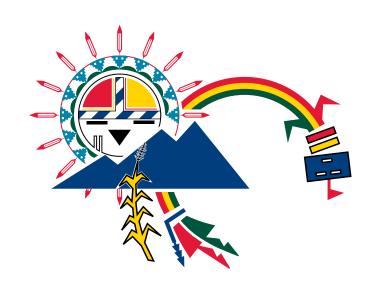
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#### **Cameron Clinic**

Cameron Health Care & Dental Highway 89 North, Mile Post 466 US

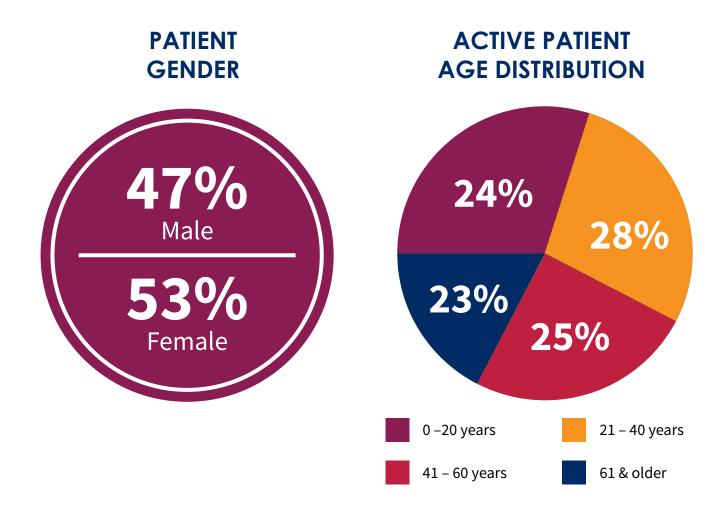
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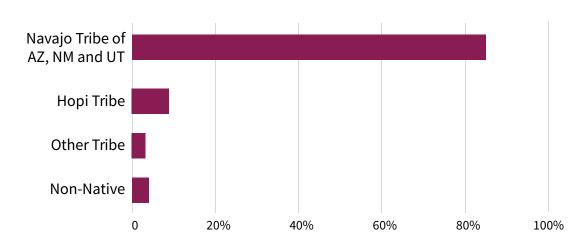


## **Our Communities**

# Who We Serve



## **ACTIVE PATIENTS (BY TRIBE)**



## **Billable Patient Visits**

# Inpatient and **Outpatient Workload**

INPATIENT	FY 2002	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Hospital Discharges Swing-Bed ACU/PEDS/ICU/OB	3,458 - -	<b>2,370</b> 37 2,269	<b>1,649</b> 10 1,639	<b>2,061</b> 4 2,057
Inpatient Days	14,153	10,288	7,200	10,539
Average Daily Census	38.0	29.9	31.6	28.8
Newborns	512	457	391	334
Newborn Days	946	896	781	668
Total Inpatient Days	15,099	11,184	7,981	11,369
Discharges	3,970	2,791	2,830	2574
Average Length of Stay	3.8	4.0	2.8	<u>5.1</u>
OUTPATIENT	FY 2002	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Outpatient Visits	145,035	600,115	490,629	334,497
Tuba City Regional Health	-	336,157	297,170	195,624
Sacred Peaks Health Center	-	94,838	73,075	64,611
LeChee Health Facility	-	168,409	119,630	73,615
Observations	-	711	754	647
GRAND TOTAL UTILIZATION	FY 2002	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Inpatient Days & Outpatient Visits	160,134	611,299	498,610	345,866

NOTE: BPV (Billable Patient Visits) = Reimbursable Patient Visits Counted per AHCCCS/OMB

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# By the Numbers 2020



**Entered into a Tribal Self-Governance Health Care System in 2002** 

970+ **Employees** 

**73 Beds** 



334,497



**Outpatient Visits Across All Settings in 2020** 

5,131 **Surgeries** Performed in 2020



32,690

**Emergency** visits in 2020 to our Level III Trauma Center

Inpatient days in 2020



**Specialty** 

Clinics



**Satellite Clinics** 



Cameron Clinic **Bodaway/Gap Clinic LeChee Health Facility** Sacred Peaks Health Center

4,417 Total Mobile



**Health Visits** 

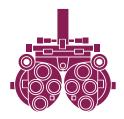
Mobile Medical & Dental Unit

12,595 **Dental Patient Visit** 



6,731

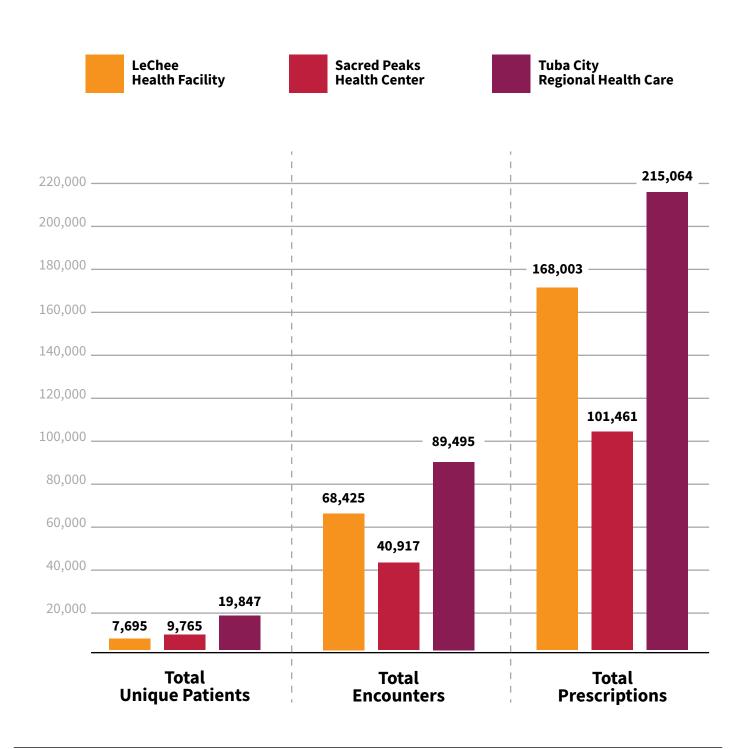
**Eye Clinic** Patient Visit in 2020



**Providing Health Care Services to Meet the Demand** of an Ever Growing Native American Population

# **Pharmacy Services**

# Unique Patients, Encounters, Prescriptions



## **Our Communities**

# **Active Patients** By Tribe

ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHO ACOMA PUEBLO, NM AK CHIN IND COM PAPAGO IND. OF M ALABAMA AND COUSHATTA TRIBES OF ALABAMA-QUASSARTE TRIBAL TOWN IN **ALASKAN INDIAN ALEUT APACHE** APACHE, JICARILLA TRIBE, NM APACHE, MESCALERO TRIBE, NM **ASSINIBOINE** ASSINIBOINE, FT BELKNAP IND RES, ASSINBOINE & SIOUX TRIBE, FT PEC ASSINIBOINE & SOUIX TRIBE, MT, S APACHE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA ARAPAHO TRIBE, WIND RIVER RES. W **BANNOCK** BAY MILLS IND COMM SAULT STE. MA BLACKFEET TRIBE RESERVATION, MT CADDO TRIBE INDIAN OF OK **CAHUILLA CANADIAN INDIAN** CATAWBA TRIBE OF SOUTH CAROLINA CHEMEHUEVI TRIBE RES., CA CHEYENE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHO CHIPPEWA, LAKE SUPERIOR, BAD RVR CHIPPEWA TRIBE OF MN, LEECH LAKE CHEROKEE INDIANS, EASTERN BAND CHEROKEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA CHEROKEE-SHAWNEE DUAL ENROLLMENT CHICKASAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA CHIPPEWA (OBJIBWAY) CHIPPEWA-CREE IND. ROCK BOY RES. CHIPPEWA TRIBE OF MN, FOND DU LA CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA CO RIVER IND. TRIBES RES., AZ AN COCHITI PUEBLO, NM COCOPAH TRIBE OF ARIZONA COEUR D ALENE TRIBE RES., ID COMANCHE INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOM CONF TRIBE OF CHEHALIS RES., WA CONF. TRIBE OF COLVILLE RES., WA CONF. TRIBE OF GOSHUTE RES., NV CONF. TRIBE OF GRAND RONDE COMM.

CONF. TRIBE OF UMATILLA RES., OR COUSHATTA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA COWLITZ (LANDLESS) **COWLITZ TRIBE** CREEK NATION OF OKLAHOMA **CROW TRIBE OF MONTANA** DELAWARE TRIBE OF WESTERN OKLAHOMA ELEM IND. COLONY OF POMO IND, CA **ESKIMO** FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE FT MCDERMITT PAIUTE & SHOSHONE FT MCDOWELL MOHAVE-APACHE IND CO FT MOJAVE INDIAN TRIBE, AZ FT SILL APACHE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA GILA RIVER PIMA MARICOPA IND COM GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OTTAWA & CHI GROS VENTRE-3 AFF TRB FT BERTHOL GROS VENTRE, FT BELKNAP IND RES GROS VENTRE (HIDATSA, MINITARI) HANNAVILLE IND COM WI POTAWATOMI HAVASUPAI TRIBE RES., AZ **HO-CHUNK NATION** HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE, RESERVATION HOPI TRIBE OF ARIZONA HOPLAND BAND POMO INDIAND, CA HUALAPI TRIBE RESERVATION, AZ INDIAN NON-TRIBAL MEMBER INAJA BAND OF COSMIT MISS IND IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA ISLETA PUEBLO, NM JEMEZ PUEBLO, NM KAIBAB BAND OF PAIUTE INDIANS, R KARUK TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA #216 KAW INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA KICKAPOO TRIBE OF IND., RES., KS KIOWA INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND RES., W LAC DU FLAMBEAU BAND RES., WI LAGUNA PUEBLO, NM LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE RES., SD LOWER ELWHA TRIBAL COMM, RES., W LUMMI TRIBE RESERVATION, WA MAIDU MANDAN - 2 AFF TRB FT BERTHOLD R

MESA GRANDE BAND, DIEGUENO MIS. MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA MISS. BAND OF CHOCTAW IND., MS MOHEGAN TRIBE OF CONNECTICUT NAMBE PUEBLO, NM NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBE, RHODE NATIVE VILLAGE OF UNGA NAVAJO TRIBE OF AZ, NM AND UT NEZ PERCE TRIBE OF IDAHO, RESERV NISQUALLY IND. COMM. RES., WA NOMELACKI NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE, RES., M OGLALA SOUIX TRIBE, PINE RIDGE R OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS, RES., W ONEIDA NATION OF NEW YORK ONONDAGA NATION OF NEW YORK OSAGE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA OTOE OTOE-MISSOURIA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA OTTAWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA PAIUTE PAIUTE IND. COLONY, BRIDGEPORT, PAIUTE INDIAN COLONY, BURNS, OR PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH PAIUTE SHOSHONE BG PINE BAND OWE PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE OF ARIZONA PASCUA YAQUI (UNENROLLED) PAUMA BAND LUISENO MISS. IND., C PAWNEE INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO MISS. I PEORIA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA PIMA POMO & PIT RVR IND, BG VAL RANCH PONCA TRIBE OF INDIANS NEBRASKA **POTAWATOMIE** POTAWATOMI IND TRIBE, CITIZEN BA PUYALLUP TRIBE RES. WA PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS, PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE RES.. **QAWALANGIN TRIBE OF UNALASKA** QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA QUECHAN TRIBE OF FORT YUMA IND **QUINAULT TRIBE RESERVATION, WA** RED CLIFF BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR, RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY, NV-SH ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE RES., SD SAC AND FOX TRIBE OF INDIANS OF SALISH & KOOTENAI, CONF. OF MT SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA IND COM SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE RESERVAT SAN FELIPE PUEBLO, NM SAN JUAN PUEBLO, NM SAN JUAN OF WASHINGTON SAN JUAN SOUTHERN PAIUTE TRIBE SANTA ANA PUEBLO, NM

SANTA CLARA PUEBLO, NM SANTA YNEZ BAND CHUMASH MIS IND, SANTEE SIOUX NATION, NE SANTO DOMINGO PUEBLO, NM SAULT STE MARIE CHIPPEWA, MI **SEMINOLE** SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FL, DANIA, RES SENECA NATION OF NEW YORK SENECA-CAYUGA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SHAWNEE TRIBE, OK **SHOSHONE** SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBE RES., ID SHOSHONE DUCKWATER TRIBE, NV SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBE DUCK VALLE SIOUX, CHEYENNE RIVER TRIBE SIOUX, CROW CREEK TRIBE, SD SISSETON WAHPETON OYATE, SD SKULL VALLEY BAND OF GOSHUTE IND SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE RESERVATION, SPIRIT LAKE SIOUX TRIBE, ND SPOKANE TRIBE RESERVATION, WA SOBOBA BAND LUISENO MISS IND RES ST. REGIS BAND MOHAWK INDIANS OF STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE RES ND TAOS PUEBLO, NM TE-MOAK BANDS WESTERN SHOSHONE I **TEWA** THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF FT BE TLINGIT TOHONO O ODHAM NATION OF ARIZONA TOLOWA/TOLOWA-HOOPA TULALIP TRIBES RESERVATION, WA TULE RIVER INDIAN TRIBE RES., CA TURTLE MTN. BAND CHIPPEWA IND RE TUSCARORA NATION OF NEW YORK UMPOUA IND BAND OF COW CREEK, OR UNITED AUBURN IND COMM, AUBURN R UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND CHEROKEE I UTE INDIAN TRIBE, UINTAH, OURAY UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBE, RES., CO, NM WAILAKI WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE RES. WASHOE TRIBE OF NV AND CA WICHITA INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA WINNEBAGO TRIBE RESERVATION NB WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE RES. YAKAMA IND, CONF TRIBE & BAND, W YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE OF SOUTH DAK YAVAPAI-APACHE IND COM CAMP VERD YAVAPAI-PRESCOTT TRIBE RESERVATI YOMBA SHOSHONE TRIBE RES., NV YUKI YUROK TRIBE HOOPA VALLEY RES., C ZIA PUEBLO, NM ZUNI TRIBE RESERVATION, NM

## **Patient Benefit Coordinators**

# Outreach and **Enrollment Services**

TCRHCC Patient Benefit Coordinators (PBC) strive to deliver culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate services to our patients.

Our Patient Benefit Coordinators help people research and enroll in affordable health insurance they qualify for.

They also provide education and consultation about health insurance and assisting with application for the following:

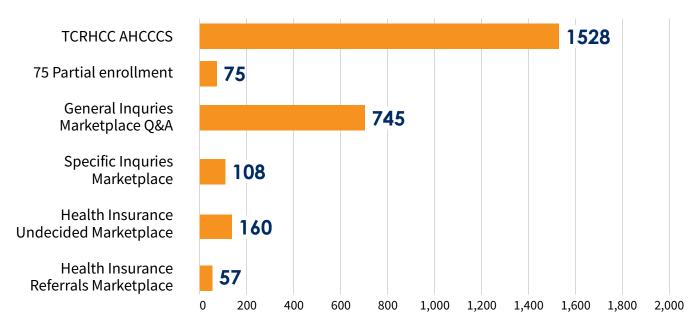
- Arizona Healthcare Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
- KIDSCARE
- Health Insurance Marketplace

Our Patient Benefit Coordinators also provide support in the following:

- Re-applying for health coverage
- Providing assistance with coordination of healthcare needs and maintenance of effective communications with health insurance companies and health care providers, and other health coverage related assistance.

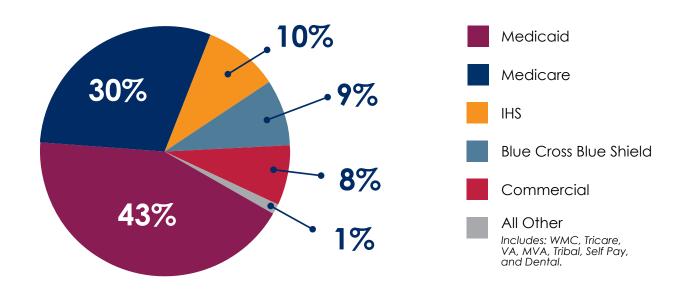
With a great passion in helping the communities we serve, the Navajo, Hopi and San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, our Patient Benefit Coordinators have enrolled 1,528 individuals in AHCCSS.

## July 2020 - July 2021 • ENROLLMENT SERVICES

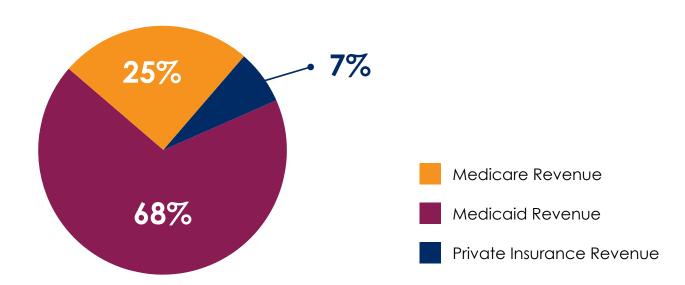


# **User Population** Analysis

#### **Insurance Coverage Distribution**



## **Medical Billing Revenue**



# Hospital and **Health Services**

#### Gap/Bodaway **Health Clinic**

**Family Medicine** 

**Telehealth** 

**Telemedicine** 

**Orthopedic Clinic** 

#### **LeChee Health Facility**

**Dermatology** 

Ears, Nose & Throat

**Family Medicine** 

**General Surgery** 

**Pediatric Clinic** 

**Pharmacy** 

#### Rehabilitation **Department**

**Physical Therapy** 

Occupational Therapy

Speech Therapy

**Telehealth** 

**Telemedicine** 

**Orthopedic Clinic** 

**Pandemic Care** 

#### **Sacred Peaks Health Center**

**Case Management** 

**Dental Clinic** 

**Dermatology** 

**Diabetes Education Clinical Nutrition** 

**Family Medicine** 

Flu Clinic

**Internal Medicine** 

#### Rehabilitation **Department**

Physical Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Ears, Nose & Throat

**Eye Clinic** 

**General Surgery** 

**Immunization Clinic** 

Laboratory

**Mental Health** 

Neurology

**Orthopedic Clinic** 

**Pandemic Care** 

**Patient Benefits** Coordinator

**Pediatric Clinic** 

**Pharmacy** 

**Podiatry Clinic** 

Radiology

Rheumatology

Telehealth

**Telemedicine** 

**Womens Health** 

#### **Tuba City Regional Health Care**

**Anesthesia** 

**Adult Care Unit** 

**Anticoagulation Clinic** 

**Audiology Clinic** 

**Case Management** 

Cardiology

**CHR Pain Clinic** 

#### **Community Health**

**Community Counseling** 

Center

Diabetes Education &

Clinical Nutrition

**Health Promotion** and Diabetes Prevention

Meth & Suicide

**Prevention Initiative** 

Mobile Health Program

Office of Native and Spiritual Medicine

**Dental Clinic** 

Dermatology

**Diabetes Management** 

#### **Emergency** Medicine

**ED Main RED** 

**ED Annex RED** 

**ED GREEN** 

Ears, Nose & Throat

**Eye Clinic** 

**Family Medicine** 

Flu Clinic

**General Surgery** 

**Immunization Clinic** 

**Infusion Therapy** 

**Intensive Care Unit** 

**Internal Medicine** 

Laboratory

**Mental Health** 

Neurology

**Orthopedic Clinic** 

Obstetrics/Gynecology

**Pain Management Clinic** 

**Patient Benefits** Coordinator

**Pediatric Care Unit** 

**Pediatric Clinic** 

**Pharmacy** 

**Pharmacy - Inpatient** 

**Podiatry Clinic** 

**Public Health Nursing** 

#### Radiology

CT Scan

MRI

X-Ray

#### Rehabilitation Department

Physical Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Speech Therapy

Rheumatology

Same Day Appointment

#### **Specialty Care Center**

Hematology

Oncology

**Telehealth** 

**Telemedicine** 

**Urology Clinic** 

**Womens Health** 

# Awards & Accreditations

Tuba City Regional Health Care is honored to receive a wide range of industry awards and recognitions. Every ay we're proud of the affiliations, accreditations, designations and partnerships we have with some of the top health care organizations in the world. Our recognitions measure the quality of care we provide our patients everyday and unwavering commitment to being the best community healthcare system on the Navajo Nation.



#### The Joint Comimission Accreditated

Tuba City Regional Health Care earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Home Care Accreditation, for Hospital Accreditation, for Laboratory Accreditation, and for Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) Certification.



#### **Designated as a Level III Trauma Center** by the American College of Surgeons

Tuba City Regional Health Care is the first and only hospital on the Navajo Nation - and one of just eight total organizations - in Arizona designated as a Level III Trauma Center.



#### **Health Leadership Award for Tobacco-Free Campus Policy**

Tuba City Regional Health Care is a smoke-free environment, both indoors and outdoors. It is an important step toward patients, visitors, and staff to ensure a safe and healthy environment.



#### The Arizona Perinatal Trust Accreditations

Tuba City Regional Health Care Obstetrics Unit and Nursery is one of 41 Perinatal Care Centers in Arizona, and the only Level II Perinatal Care north of Flagstaff and on the Navajo Nation.



#### **Baby Friendly Hospital Certified**

Tuba City Regional Health Care is one of five designated facilities in the State of Arizona.

# **TCRHCC Organizational Priorities**

# FY 2022-2025

## **Capital Priorities**

- 1. CRRSAA and ARPA Projects
- 2. Staff Housing
- 3. Health Access Expansion Projects
  - a. Bodaway/Gap Health Clinic (Echo Cliffs Health Clinic)
  - b. Vaccine Clinic Addition
- 4. Long Term Care Design and Construction
- 5. Complete 2nd Floor Cameron Warehouse
- 6. Complete Main Hospital Renovations
  - a. Pediatric Unit renovation
  - b. ED Expansion
- 7. Behavioral Health Services
- 8. Cameron Health Clinic
- 9. Partnerships:
  - a. Association Indians for Self Determination in Healthcare
  - b. Specialty and Tertiary Providers
  - c. Tribal Public Health Programs

## **Operational New & Ongoing Priorities**

- 1. Public Health Response and Education
- 2. Throughput Priorities- Emergency Department and Step-Down Telemetry Unit
- 3. Customer Service Program Initiatives
- 4. Leadership Academy Training
- 5. Succession Planning- Healthcare Leadership Development
- 6. Employee Engagement
- 7. Reinforcing a Culture of Safety Initiative
- 8. Enhance Information Services (Patient Portal and Health Information Exchange)
- 9. Expand Public Relations through expanded Communications Department
- 10. Advocate with Educational Institutions for Staff
  - a. Staff Development
  - b. Establish Clinical Partnerships to enhance Health Careers
- 11. Telemedicine Outreach
- 12. Geriatric Service

#### Organizational Advocacy

- CMS/AHCCCS Tribal Consultation
- Tribal Health Partnerships- Behavioral
- Chapter Relations- community growth
- Public Safety

- Correctional Health
- Elder Care
- PL 93-638 Self Determination
- Affordable Housing & Social Determinants of Health



## **Patient Centered Medical Home**

"You are at the center of your health care."

#### What is Patient Centered Medical Home and is TCRHCC using this model?

The Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is a nationally-recognized primary health care model for children, adolescents and adults.

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC) is moving toward using this new model of care, where we work closely with patients and their families, recognizing the unique needs, cultures and beliefs of each patient.

#### Your Care Team will include:

- Medical Provider,
- Registered Nurse (RN),
- Certified Medical Assistant (CMA),
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA),
- Patient Access Specialist (PAS),
- Client Service Technician (CST),
- and other staff who support you but the most important member of your care team is - YOU.

Your team can help answer your questions and together identify your particular health care needs. When you have a concern, your medical home team will work with you to find the best way to deal with them.

#### What are my responsibilities as a patient under the Patient **Centered Medical Home model?**

- Follow the care plan your Care Team has developed for you.
- Take all your medications as prescribed.
- Attend all of your scheduled appointments.
- Tell us when you don't understand something, ask us to explain it again.
- Tell us when you receive health care from other health care professionals that are not a part of your Care Team, i.e. if you go to Flagstaff Medical Center, or to a Phoenix Medical Center.
- Tell us if you are experiencing any changes in your health.

You are in control of your health. Together, you and your Medical Home Team will work on a plan that is just for you.

For more information about Patient Centered Medica Home, call 1-866-976-5941.



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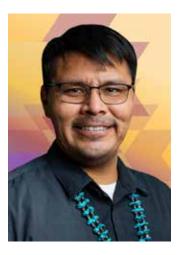
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# **Tuba City Regional Health Care** recognizes

**SEPTEMBER 6-10, 2021** 

Know the Warning Signs of Suicide

- Increased Substance Abuse alcohol or drugs
- Having no purpose in life
- · Anxiety unable to sleep or sleeping all of the time
- Feeling of hopelessness
- Withdrawing from family, friends and society
- · Being a burden to others
- Dramatic mood changes
- Engaging in risky behavior

"You Are Not Alone"

**Need help call:** 

TCRHCC-Mental Health 928-283-2831



**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** 

800-273-TALK (8255)

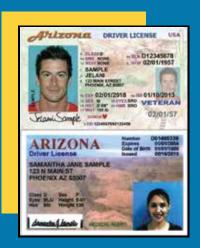




# Bring your ID when picking up Controlled Substances



Patients with prescriptions for pain management and other controlled medication are required to show a government issued identification to pickup prescription medications.



The following Government Issued Identification are acceptable and can not be expired:

- Driver License
- State Identification Card
- Passport



# **Hospital and Emergency** Care During COVID-19

TCRHCC is open and safe for all Hospital and Emergency Care. Our clinics are open on weekdays for treatment of illnesses and injuries, and Emergency Care is 24/7.

It is important that we continue to provide care and treat our patients so that your medical conditions do not worsen.

We require everyone who enters our clinic to wear a face mask and also maintain a 6-foot distance between staff and patients in our waiting areas.

#### View our list of clinics are that here to see you:

- Audiology Clinic
- Breast Clinic
- Dental Clinic
- Dermatology Clinic
- Diabetes Management Clinic
- Ear, Nose, & Throat (ENT) Clinic
- Eye Clinic
- Family Medicine
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Mental Health Clinic

- Orthopedics/Podiatry Clinic
- Pacer Clinic
- Pediatrics Clinic
- Physical Rehabilitation (PT, OT, Speech Therapy
- Renal Clinic
- Reflux Clinic
- Rheumatology Clinic
- Same-Day Appointment
- Specialty Care Center
- Womens Clinic

#### **Elective Surgery**

TCRHCC is open for elective surgery, and we've put many steps in place to make sure that our operating rooms remain safe. Call to schedule an appointment with your provider at 1-866-976-5941.

Please call 1-866-976-5941 to schedule an appointment for any of our clinics.



# What is TCRHCC doing to protect patients in the clinic?

#### **Pre-screening patients**

We're screening all patients and visitors for symptoms of COVID-19 immediately when they drive on to our campus.

It is important to let our outdoor screeners know if you have a cough or fever.

If you have symptoms of COVID or would like to be tested, just ask our screeners and they will direct you to get your COVID-19 test.

Please arrive on time to your appointment. If you are very early, you will be asked to wait outside the building for the purpose of social distancing.



#### Masks required during in-person care

When you visit our Clinics, you will be required to wear a mask. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we require all patients and visitors to wear a mask or face covering while in our clinics and hospitals.

If you don't have a mask, one will be provided at the time of your visit.

#### **Public Health Emergency Order 2020-007**

On April 17, 2020, The Navajo Department of Health issued Public Health Emergency Order 2020-007, requiring all individuals on the Navajo Nation to wear protective masks in public.

The Public Health Emergency Order defines a mask as a covering designed to filter one's breathing through both the nose and mouth. A mask must snugly cover the face around the nose and mouth to prevent the wearer from breathing unfiltered air. It may be a commercially made face mask, or a homemade cloth face covering.



# A third surge in COVID-19 has TCRHCC gearing up once again, encourages vaccinations

**TUBA CITY, Ariz.** – Tuba City Regional Health Care Corp. is currently experiencing a third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and are working diligently to contain the virus and are highly recommending vaccinations to all eligible individuals.



Dr. Amanda Burrage, a pediatrician and EPI team member at Tuba City Regional Health Corp. (TCRHCC), explained "it appears we're at the beginning of another surge" with the Delta variant circulating in the U.S.

Burrage said the COVID-19 virus arrived early on the Navajo Nation last year with the first case March 17 and the rest of the Tuba City service unit followed closely behind.

"Unfortunately, we didn't have great testing at that time," said Burrage. "It was happening very quickly [and] we responded as quicky as possible to change our systems and develop a contact tracing team."

Burrage also explained they have seen several other surges but only one other big wave since last winter and this current Delta variant is surging everywhere.

"It's hard to say what will happen given the unpredictability of the whole pandemic," said Burrage. "I would say that it is likely... given the rise in Arizona... that we will... unfortunately, surge as well."

Burrage said there is no clear end in sight to COVID-19, especially with this new variant which is



much more contagious than any previous version of the virus. Further spread depends significantly on how the virus evolves and the numbers and density of vaccinations.

"The Delta variant is a form of the virus and there are lots of different variants that have come out in the last year and a half," she said. "This virus is more transmissible... it's more likely that people will be infected... I think the coronavirus, in general, will be endemic or around in the future. I don't think the virus itself is going away, unfortunately."

Burrage further explained the most important weapon for fighting the pandemic at this point is to prioritize the vaccination of as many people as possible.

"I'm worried a lot about unvaccinated individuals. I'm worried it's infecting younger people, the young adult age group and even pediatric patients," said Burrage. "The great news is that the vaccine still seems to be very effective in terms of hospitalization and death. I'm glad we have more than half of our population vaccinated but it still leaves people vulnerable to the virus."

Before the vaccine, there was almost nothing medical professionals could do to prepare for or defend against the virus. If someone got infected, there was no way to know how they would fare against infection. Burrage said once the vaccination rollout began in mid-December, healthcare professionals began to see a drastic decrease in severe outcomes for COVID-19 patients.

"People who got vaccinated are by-in-large not being hospitalized and not dying, so certainly a huge effort by all the staff members getting vaccination systems in place, getting messaging in place, getting people vaccinated... it's been a 24/7 effort," Burrage said.



Burrage said the most important message she hopes to give people is "the vaccine is extremely safe and extremely effective against the coronavirus" and the risks of not getting vaccinated are far greater than any potential risk that vaccines might have.

"The risk [of not getting vaccinated] is that your body has not been primed to respond to the coronavirus if you were to get infected. If your body were infected and not previously exposed to the coronavirus, it makes you more vulnerable to having a severe outcome—whether it's being hospitalized or even death," she said. "We know some people are at higher risks of severe outcome.

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Vaccination helps decrease the risk of those severe outcomes."

#### **CONTACT TRACING**

An important component working alongside healthcare professionals throughout the COVID-19 pandemic is the contact tracing team at TCRHCC. Contact tracers are essential and they work closely with each individual positive case to assist them by advising on how to change behavior to help minimize the spread and to gather important information to use in data analysis.



"We've built an amazing contact tracing team. Our teams are enveloped in the Navajo Nation. We're definitely trained and able to respond to cases and to clusters," Burrage said.

According to Annie Edleman, the contact tracing team lead and director of Public Health at TCRHCC, the largest difficulty for the contact tracing team has been proper communications. Despite the challenges, TCRHCC has maintained a strong leadership standing in contact tracing development across the Navajo Nation.

"Dr. [Anthony] Fauci even recently said the Navajo Nation is an example of how to do the public health response to COVID. The testing, the results notifications, the contact tracing, the outreach, the data, we are all one," said Edleman. "Nothing is perfect but we're pretty well-coordinated and contact tracing has saved lives in our service area and across Navajo."

Edleman said contact tracing across the Navajo Nation has prevented approximately 10,000 cases of COVID-19 which is a monumental number by any standard.

The TCRHCC is offering the COVID-19 vaccine in many different areas right now, including drivethrough locations, at the Sacred Peaks Health Center in Flagstaff, outpatient clinics and the emergency room for patients being seen there.

"We're trying to meet people where they are," said Burrage.

The consensus between Dr. Burrage and Edleman is an urge for people to get vaccinated.

"We're getting into our third wave and we really need everybody to get vaccinated," said Edelman. "Wear masks, avoid travel, limit gatherings [and] please get vaccinated."



## **COVID-19 Vaccines are Safe & Effective.**

**TCRHCC** is working to serve our patients by making vaccinations for COVID-19 available Monday-Friday in our outdoor Triage Tent Drive Up Clinic.

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corp. Campus

Monday - Friday • 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM DST

**Pfizer Vaccine** Age 12 & Older

Moderna Vaccine Age 18 & Older

Johnson & Johnson Age 18 & Older

# Off-site Warehouse for Medical Supplies







On April 16, 2021, the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC), celebrated the opening of the new Cameron Warehouse with a ribbon cutting in Cameron, Arizona.

The new facility provides an office and warehouse space that stocks hundreds of different medical supplies in 10,000 square feet of storage space, with plenty of room for stocking up to 28 feet on larger quantities of items for LeChee Health Facility, Sacred Peaks Health Center, and Tuba City Regional Health Care.

During the pandemic, TCRHCC had a significant amount of donations of PPE, and ordered in larger quanities in medical supplies for patient care.

"What we didn't expect was the impact of the pandemic, which only bolstered the need for more space to store medical supplies - to safely store and distribute these products quickly," Lynette Bonar, CEO at TCRHCC said. "The new warehouse has tremendously increased the floor space of the existing General Service building. Moreover, with high ceilings, we can effectively store medical supplies and Personal Protective Equipment for our staff to deliver care safely."

The new Warehouse has led the General Services department to a more efficient distribution system from the storage facility to the clinics and medical center. Ultimately, this translates into better and more consistent care for patients.

## Sacred Peaks Health Center

# **Expansion essential** for healthcare access during pandemic



Expansion at the Sacred Peaks Health Center is priority to help address the COVID-19 pandemic. The expansion has been on the project list of the Leadership Committee of Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC) for months. The expansion includes more exam rooms, a laboratory point of care room, and a new dental department.

In September 2019, two of three pods at Sacred Peaks were completed and a third pod was left unfinished. In early 2020, the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic created challenges for Sacred Peaks and plans were quickly put in place to address rapid changes in the Flagstaff community. To ensure the safety of patients, guests, and staff, free entry into the building stopped and extra measures were taken to monitor visitors.

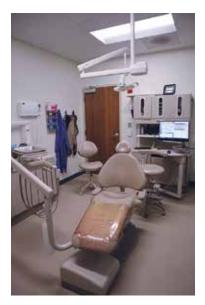
As a remedy to not interrupt care at Sacred Peaks, two temporary outdoor tents were erected to test and triage COVID-19 patients. The outdoor tents were also used to screen patients arriving for appointments before entering the clinic.

Sacred Peaks took every precaution including universal masking, providing adequate personal protective equipment for staff, heightened safety protocols, and enhanced screening processes during the pandemic. Although the outdoor tents helped, they were not meant for long term usage. With no end in sight for the pandemic, the Leadership Committee sought out COVID-19 relief funding and prioritized the completion of the third pod.









The Pandemic Care Clinic expansion now features a new entrance lobby, four new clinic exam rooms with a negative pressure room, a patient registration area, a nursing station for certified medical assistants and physicians, a laboratory point of care room, three dental exam procedure rooms, and a dental Pano X-Ray room.

The medical and dental clinic design includes the use of negative air pressure in the exam rooms, which helps to prevent airborne diseases, such as tuberculosis, influenza, or COVID-19 from escaping the room and infecting other people. The negative air pressure is designed to pull air into the room and then filters the air before moving it outside.

Roselyn Riggs, the director of Sacred Peaks Health Center, explained the exam rooms are designed very well and they meet the needs of patients who require out-patient care or dental care.

"The Pandemic Care Clinic has relieved anxiety of the medical personnel while treating patients," said Riggs. "We are committed to serving our community and keeping our staff safe, especially in this unprecedented pandemic." "Our staff were able to adapt and make changes to continue to deliver quality care for our patients," added Riggs. "I am very proud of our team that continues to put our patients first."

The Pandemic Care Clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. The Dental Clinic is open limited days per week and patients can call to schedule an appointment at 1-866-976-5471.

#### **SPHC Expansion Includes**

- Four primary care exam rooms with negative air pressure
- One laboratory point of care room
- Two dental exam rooms with negative air pressure for patients with a negative COVID-19 test
- One dental exam room with negative air pressure for patients with COVID-19 symptoms or has had an exposure to someone with COVID-19
- Dental Pano X-Ray room
- Patient Registration and Nurses station area

# Hospital's Laundry **Facility**









On May 14, 2021, the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC), celebrated the opening of the new laundry facility with a ribbon cutting.

The facility has the capacity to service over a thousand pounds of health care linens - scrubs, bed sheets, pillowcases, blankets, towels and scrubs for inpatient and outpatient use - every year for TCRHCC.

The laundry facility has achieved both significant savings from more efficient operations and better meet the needs of the Hospital.

"Our laundry facility is a true model for how to achieve efficiencies and spur economic renewal in our community," said Lynette Bonar, TCRHCC CEO. "Laundry service is critical to our everyday operations for our patients and in-patient units, and this investment will have meaningful impact for years to come."

# Same Day Appointment renovation completed









After months of construction that affected nearly all of the Same-Day Appointment clinic on the first floor of the out-patient building at Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC), renovations are complete and all areas is now open since July 8, 2021.

On July 15, 2021, TCRHCC celebrated the completion of the new Same-Day Appointment Clinic with a ribbon cutting.

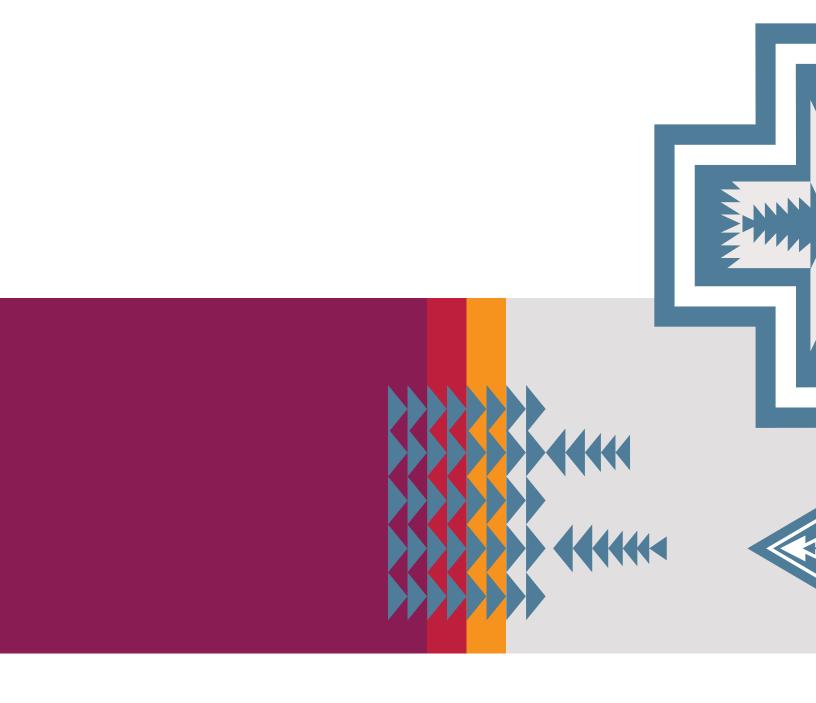
The renovation of the Same-Day Clinic at TCRHCC focused on efficiency and the environment.

The finished project includes a waiting area with space larger and more open, a new secure main entrance, a space for triaging patients, a medication room, more storage space, eight private exam rooms, and providers have their own work station.

"We began the renovation project in March of 2020 to improve services and provide greater comfort and privacy to our patients," said Lynette Bonar, FACHE, CEO of TCRHCC. "We're very proud of the enhanced space in our Same-Day Apppointment Clinic."









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