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**YELLOWHAWK**  
TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

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## TO MASK OR NOT MASK?

*Mask. We are almost two years into the global pandemic and although it may feel much longer, Yellowhawk has not lifted or relaxed requirements of face coverings inside our facilities.*

*As we embark on 2022 with fresh eyes, plan on the rest of our faces being covered while in our clinic. We have appreciated the cooperation within our community and our staff is assuring patients that we are using all precautions necessary while receiving care at the clinic. We only want the best for our patients and community.*

*Please bring your personal mask with you to all appointments and arrive no more than 15 minutes ahead of your scheduled appointment. Limiting exposure and the spread of COVID-19 and other germs is our goal and will help to return business and life to a more normal atmosphere.*

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## A NOTE FROM THE TRIBAL HEALTH COMMISSION CHAIR

*Welcome to 2022!*

*We are pleased you have chosen Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center as your clinic of choice. The last two years have been a challenging time and we have been focused on demonstrating quality care throughout the pandemic and improving access to services and programs which enable us to enhance community outreach efforts. If you have joined us in pivoting for virtual classes, programs or meetings, thank you for your patience while we navigated these changes! We hope this newsletter will help you better understand Yellowhawk's services and provide our community and patients with important updates to come and updates regarding our services.*

*We strive to ensure you and your family get the care and information you need and that this tool will just be another in your toolbox. Again, thank you for choosing Yellowhawk as your provider of choice!*

# PUBLIC HEALTH



*Our Community Wellness Department was officially accredited as a Public Health Department and we will be making the transition from Community Wellness signage to Public Health in 2022.*

*Yellowhawk is one of only five—out of more than one hundred—self-governed tribal health centers in the U.S. to receive national accreditation from the U.S. Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).*

*Awarded late summer 2020, the clinic went through a multifaceted peer review assessment to prove it meets and or exceeds nationally-set standards and best practices.*

# PATIENT GUIDE

*Our latest Patient Guide to Services is in production and we plan to roll out the new guide in the coming weeks. When you are at the clinic grab one and learn more about services that are offered through Yellowhawk.*



# PHARMACY



*Our Pharmacy offers prescription services to all Yellowhawk patients with a convenient drive-thru window for medication orders. Pharmacists provide clinical services such as medication counseling, diabetes education and management, anticoagulant management, tobacco cessation counseling and management, and medication reminder services.*

# LOOKING AHEAD



Adopted in the 2022 budget is a \$1,000,000 allocation to conduct a feasibility study for a Wellness Center at Yellowhawk. The Wellness Center has been a priority for the Health Commission for many years and after achieving many previous priorities we are excited to see one more dream on its way to fruition.

Also new in 2022, in addition to Recruitment and Retention bonuses implemented at Yellowhawk already, the final recruitment item approved was a new minimum wage of \$20 per hour for all full-time, seasonal and temporary employees. This new minimum wage took effect January 1, 2022.

## COVID-19 INFO

### 5872 TESTS

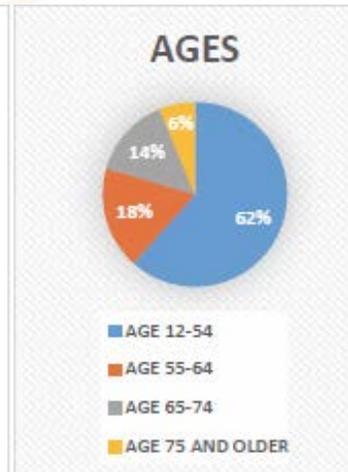
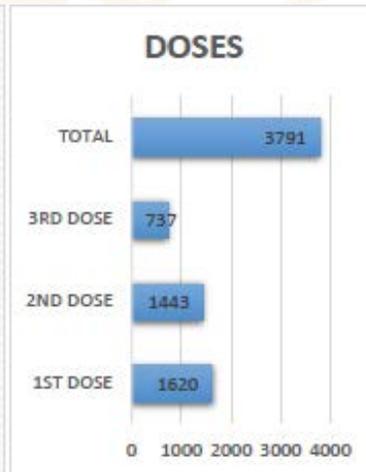
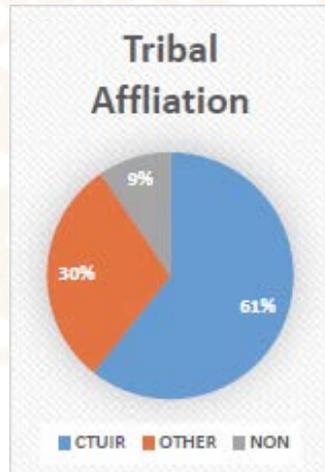
5249 NEGATIVE

623 POSITIVE

128 BREAKTHROUGH

Our current vaccination rate is at 45%. Our current vaccine rates are depicted below (does not include data from children's clinics or mass vaccination clinics completed outside of Yellowhawk). Test numbers are as of mid-December.

Pediatric vaccine became available November 2021 and Saturday vaccine clinics occurred on 11/13 and with 49 children receiving their first dose and on 12/4 receiving their second dose. 41 children were Yellowhawk eligible and 8 were non-tribal.



## PHYSICAL THERAPY IN 2022

Yellowhawk's Physical Therapy program is by provider referral only and is planning on seeing their first patients in early January 2022, located in the Public Health Department (PHD). Physical Therapy provides examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, intervention and care management for a wide variety of physical conditions. Some services being provided by physical therapy:

- o Conservative drug-free pain management
- o Post-surgical rehabilitation
- o Lymphedema management
- o Therapeutic ultrasound, shock wave therapy/radial pressure wave, and class 3b cold laser treatment

**Call our PHD at 541.240.8695 for an appointment.**

# DID YOU KNOW?

- *The original Yellowhawk newsletter was created in the 1970s! Our revamped newsletter is a play off of the original publication, "tá'c tamtáayn", we hope you enjoy it.*
- *Emergency Dental care is available but requires an appointment. Call our dental staff for help!*
- *We are **HIRING!** See our careers page for a list of open positions, our sign-on bonus program and our minimum wage increase - [www.yellowhawk.org/careers](http://www.yellowhawk.org/careers).*
- *Our Pharmacy drive thru is now open full time with construction complete, we are ready to serve you.*



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