

## TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION HEALTH CARE



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## **TONHC- A Safe Space for Medical Care**

Good Afternoon,

TONHC would like to thank the TO Nation and the community for their support of the hospital and clinics during the COVID-19 response. Your support means a lot to us. As the world learns more about the virus that causes COVID-19, guidelines for delivery of care are updated frequently. TONHC places patient safety at the highest priority. We want the community to know that we are following the CDC guidelines, and updating our processes as the guidelines evolve. Our goal is to serve our patients and the community as safely and effectively as possible. It has become clear that COVID-19 is going to be a long term issue that TONHC will continue to plan and prepare for. As changes arise, we will keep the community informed.

Many people have placed their medical needs on hold in favor of staying at home. Please be assured that TONHC has created a safe space for you to receive medical care. When you arrive you will be asked to wear a mask and utilize hand sanitizer. Our waiting areas promote social distancing of 6 feet or more. Patients will be placed in a room as quickly as possible to avoid crowding in waiting areas. Your health is important to us. We want to help you achieve good health by continuing to provide patients with regular medical care including vaccines, lab work, eye exams, foot exams, and primary care visits. Some of these items can be accomplished by a telephone visit or a telemedicine visit with your provider. We are happy to be able to offer these types of visits as a new service to meet your needs.

If you have any concerns, please let us know. Your feedback helps our staff improve patient care processes.