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# **Tri-County Health Care seeing high patient volumes**

**WADENA, Minn. – Oct. 15, 2021** – Tri-County Health Care continues to see a high volume of patients and calls. Healthcare systems throughout the state are similarly experiencing a high volume of patient traffic due to the spike in COVID-19 positivity.

As a reminder, ReadyCare patients should be entering the building through the north emergency room entrance. This change has been in place for over a year and helps clinic staff more safely care for patients.

Currently, appointments for third doses of the Pfizer vaccine are being scheduled. Guidance has not been received for subsequent doses of any other vaccine. It is anticipated that instructions for pediatric doses will be received soon.

The COVID hotline has been inundated with calls about testing and results. To facilitate efficient communication, medical staff are instructing parents to wait for two days after the first signs of COVID-19 symptoms before testing. Doing this will prevent false-negative results. It is also strongly recommended to use MyChart to access results faster.

To schedule an appointment, please call 218-631-3510. For more information, please visit TCHC.org and follow Tri-County Health Care on social media.

### **ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE**

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system based in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Tri-County Health Care operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, and serves the counties of Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail through five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics in Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit TCHC.org.

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