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### Tri-County Health Care Now Offers Video Visits

**WADENA, Minn. – April 23, 2020** – The health and safety of patients, staff and the community continues to be the highest priority during this COVID-19 crisis. Tri-County Health Care understands the importance of having access to health care during this challenging time and is excited to now offer Video Visits.

Video Visits is a new way to receive care for a variety of conditions by connecting new or existing patients with a Tri-County Health Care provider right from the comfort, convenience and safety of the home. This new option reduces the chance of spreading illness, saves on travel time and expenses and increases access to health care while also allowing health care providers to conserve the use of masks, gowns and other essential personal protective equipment.

During these scheduled appointments, Tri-County Health Care providers will evaluate, diagnose and prescribe treatment from remote locations using technology such as a smartphone, tablet or computer. Patients and providers will be able to see, hear and speak to each other throughout the appointment.

“This virtual option offers the convenience of saving people time and gas money while also keeping everyone safe by minimizing exposure for both patients and staff,” said Julie Meyer, M.D. “It’s a great option and opportunity to stay connected to patients and be available to answer questions and reassure them during this time of crisis.”

Patients require a smartphone, tablet, or a camera-enabled laptop or desktop computer, microphone and access to high speed internet. To learn more about Video Visits, please call 218-631-3510 or visit [TCHC.org/videovisits](http://TCHC.org/videovisits).

#### **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](http://TCHC.org).

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