



## Wassaja Memorial Health Center

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From: John Fedyna, Acting Clinic Director

To: Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Subject: Mask Distribution at Wassaja Memorial Health Center to the Community

Please be advised that the latest CDC guidance does recommend the wearing of a face covering (surgical masks, bandana, buff or similar) to prevent droplet spread in the event the individual has an in-apparent COVID-19 infection. A typical surgical mask also might help with alleviating allergy symptoms if you go outside. Though a surgical mask will offer no real protection from being infected with COVID-19, it certainly is better than no mask at all. Remember social distancing and good personal hygiene are the most important keys to follow to flatten the curve of COVID-19 infections in the community and area. Wearing a surgical mask should also not be interpreted to imply you can be less restrictive of staying home. Please only leave your premises if absolutely necessary reasons such as a grocery store run for food and supplies.

All masks, including surgical masks, have been hard to find due to demand and supply. Wassaja Memorial Health Center has been able to get a supply of surgical masks for adults and youth. **Though they are ideally suited for single use, the supply is one per person per household and to be used repeatedly due to the situation. If you are interested, please come by the clinic this Thursday from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM and follow the car drive through instructions to receive your supply for your family. Ideally, one member from the household should only drive over to pick up the supply to limit theoretical risk of exposure to clinic staff and community members.**

