



**YELLOWHAWK**  
TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

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## **Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center Responds to Threat of Facility**

MISSION, OREGON – On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, a Yellowhawk patient made a verbal bomb threat to a Yellowhawk employee, which threatened the safety of other Yellowhawk patients, Yellowhawk employees and to the facility. Per policy, the bomb threat incident was reported to the Umatilla Tribal Police Department. The patient was later arrested off site by tribal police.

In an email, CEO Lisa Guzman reassured Yellowhawk employees that safety is number one priority. “I, as well as the Executive Management Team, take the responsibility of protecting the staff, patients and our community very seriously.”

Yellowhawk enforces a zero-tolerance policy against threats of any kind that jeopardize the safety and well-being of its employees, patients and the community. No distinctions will be made of any person or group who makes such threats or innuendo, jokes or hints of threats. No one was hurt in the incident and there was no damage to the facility.

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Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. It provides primary healthcare and additional services to more than 3,000 American Indian/Alaska Native patients.

*Yellowhawk Vision: Our Tribal community achieves optimal health through a culture of wellness.*

*Yellowhawk Mission: It is our mission to empower our Tribal community with opportunities to learn and experience healthy lifestyles.*