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## **LDF Family Resource Center Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19**

LAC DU FLAMBEAU—July 6, 2020—The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Council announces a Family Resource Center employee tested positive for COVID-19. The employee tested positive July 5 and the Tribe announced the positive test result within 24 hours.

Based on initial investigations, it's believed the risk of exposure to others is minimal. The employee had minimal contact with others. If it's determined other individuals may have been exposed, those individuals will be contacted by local health authorities.

"Please treat each other with respect and dignity during what certainly is a stressful time for this person and their family," LDF President Joseph Wildcat Sr. says. "Our Tribe helps those in need. We care for the sick and frail. We do what we can to make life better now and for future generations. Treating people infected with the virus, like each of us would want to be treated if we were to become infected, is a simple way to live up to our Tribal values."

### **FRC Shifts to Remote Services**

Until further notice, FRC services will be conducted remotely via telehealth. There will be someone present at the FRC building to schedule counselor conversations and answer questions during business hours. This person is available by phone only. No entry will be allowed into the FRC building until further notice.

The entire FRC facility is receiving additional sanitizing beyond the significant safety measures and cleaning procedures already in place and recommended by the CDC and local health authorities.

### **Take action. Slow the spread. Reduce risk of restrictions.**

Health experts recommend acting as if you have COVID-19 to prevent the spread of the virus. With or without symptoms, people can spread COVID-19. Keeping your distance. Wearing face masks. Washing your hands. All of these precautionary measures help keep life moving as normal as possible until there's a vaccine for COVID-19.

"If we don't all work to contain the spread of COVID-19," President Wildcat says, "we all risk going back to a restricted lifestyle to contain the spread. None of us wants that to happen."

The Tribe is taking action to ensure the safety of our employees and community. We will continue to communicate openly and frequently with our employees and community.

Lac du Flambeau community members are invited to contact Community Health at Peter Christensen Health Center with questions. All others are invited to contact their county health department where they reside if they have questions. HIPAA privacy laws prevent disclosure of identifying information about a person's healthcare and/or test results.

Stay informed at LDFTribe.com where there's a dedicated coronavirus page with community updates and resources.

**Our Mission:** To provide leadership for the betterment of tribal membership and descendants in the areas of health, education, welfare, economic/job development and the protection of natural resources.

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