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PRESIDENT



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**COVID-19 UPDATE: TRIBE REPORTS ZERO CONFIRMED CORONAVIRUS CASES
LDF Public School Meals, Volunteers Needed & Health Clinic Updates Follow**

AS OF THIS UPDATE, 4:45 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2020: There continues to be zero confirmed COVID-19 cases on the Reservation. If there is a confirmed case of the virus in Lac du Flambeau, we will announce it.

We continue to plan for the virus reaching the Reservation eventually. This is a serious situation. It will take all of us observing hygiene and social interaction protocols to limit its spread.

Testing for COVID-19 on the Reservation at the Peter Christensen Health Clinic follows protocols regarding patients showing symptoms and those who have traveled to endemic areas or come into direct contact with an infected person. At this point, testing will be performed on a case-by-case basis based on healthcare providers' observations and medical protocols for assessing each patient.

Due to the limited amount of supplies, Coronavirus testing is NOT available on request. Similar to testing for other infectious diseases, like the flu, an evaluation will be conducted by your health care provider to determine if testing is to be performed.

People not following instructions when visiting the clinic may result in denying that person service to protect healthcare workers and other patients within the clinic. Please follow the in-take instructions at the clinic. These are designed to protect everyone present. The clinic checks temperatures of clinical staff and providers each day to maintain a safe environment.

If ANY PERSON has a temp of 100 °Fahrenheit or greater, they should NOT go to work or the clinic. They should call their provider for guidance. Additional symptoms include a dry cough.

If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, please call your health care provider for guidance on whether you should seek medical attention. In emergency situations, dial 911.

Any pre-existing condition like diabetes, heart disease, and especially lung disease makes people more vulnerable, according to clinic staff.

LDF Public School will provide meals to students. Packaged breakfast & lunches will be available starting Wed. March 18. A pick-up meal drive-thru will be available at the LDF Public School 9a.m -11a.m. Monday thru Friday. Please call 715.588.3838.

Volunteers are needed to help call our vulnerable Tribal Members. Contact Leanne Valliere at levalliere@pchclinic.com or call 715.588.3371, ext. 1912 if you can help.

Beware of scams during times of crisis. Sadly, there are those who will target people with fake offers on high-demand items and treatments. If in doubt, contact your health care provider if offered treatments. For more information, visit www.ldftribe.com Thank you.

Respectfully,

President Joseph Wildcat, Sr.

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