

March 30, 2020/2pm (This is only planned update for Monday.)



**TRIBE REPORTS ZERO CONFIRMED CORONAVIRUS CASES ON RESERVATION**  
**Eleven tests completed and negative in LDF. One test still at lab for analysis.**

**What to do if you have traveled to a location and now see reports of confirmed coronavirus.**  
As this public health emergency evolves, there will be new reports of confirmed cases. If you discover there's an outbreak at a location you visited with the last 14 days, please contact your healthcare provider to discuss your travels and what to do next.

**Will LOTC re-open on April 3 and how does that work with Shelter-At-Home declaration?**

This public health emergency changes daily if not hourly. When LOTC closed, it assigned a target date for re-opening of April 3. LOTC, along with Tribal Council and the Tribal Emergency Management Team, monitor health resources to inform its decisions. The April 3 re-open date could be extended. Updates will be shared as we know more.

**Some good news to report in the spirit of working together.** Cheryl Hraban and Scott Chapman, Jr., worked with Trig's in Minocqua to purchase essentials for the Food Pantry last week. Trig's assigned a staff member to work with Cheryl and Scott, assembled all the items on a pallet, loaded it on our truck, donated 2,000 bags for food kit assembly by the Food Pantry, and provided a 10 percent discount to the Tribe at purchase. Trig's offered to fill our order three times per week, shrink wrap the order, and load it on our truck to limit the contact between our community members and the outside store location. Thank you to everyone who's working together to see us through this public health emergency. Every effort counts in preventing and slowing virus spread.

**Peter Christensen Health Center continues to prepare for the coronavirus arriving here.** Staff administered 12 tests for coronavirus, after screening determined the patient may be at risk. Eleven tests came back negative. One test remains at the lab for analysis. If there is a confirmed case of coronavirus on the Reservation, we'll announce it. Health Center staff continue to train for worst-case scenarios, readily adapting strategy as needed. Staff work hard on coronavirus prevention, but also provide ongoing patient care for other needs. Please observe operational changes designed to support uninterrupted healthcare beyond coronavirus concerns. **Diabetes appointments with Mary Sikora-Peterson and Nancy Jensch will be done by phone. Patients will be called at scheduled appointment times. No in-office visits. All others canceled until April 30.**

**Tribal Council and Tribal Emergency Management Team continuously monitor infection rates across Wisconsin and the region.** Areas around Chicago, Milwaukee and other "hot spots" expect a surge in infection rates in the coming weeks. This will test health systems in these areas. Please continue to observe the Shelter-At-Home guidelines. It's difficult to sustain this level of prevention in any community, but it is important—if the virus arrives—to help prevent a surge in cases here. The virus spreads quickly, even among people not showing symptoms. Social distancing and healthy hygiene practices help slow the spread. Thank you to everyone in our community for doing your part—now—to help lessen the impact if or when the virus arrives here.

**Ojibwe Market continues to refine store and fuel operations.** As the public health emergency continues to evolve, store leadership is adapting to the situation. The Smoke Shop has closed until further notice, as well as the deli at the market. We will continue to assess and adapt to balance the safety of staff, customers and community with the ability to secure essential items.

**Shelter-At-Home declaration guidelines found at [LDFTribe.com](http://LDFTribe.com)**

Respectfully,

President Joseph Wildcat, Sr.

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