



March 18, 2020/5 p.m.

UPDATE: CORONAVIRUS CASES ON RESERVATION REMAIN AT ZERO

New Tribal Coronavirus Hotline, Health Clinic Updates, Tribal Department Changes

AS OF THIS UPDATE, 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2020: Zero confirmed Coronavirus 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 and prepare for the virus reaching here eventually.**

Coronavirus telephone recorded updates now available by calling (715) 588-4300. The Tribal Emergency Response Team will record updates with the latest developments.

Updates and closings are posted every day to LDFTribe.com. For the most current information and full listings, please visit LDFTribe.com regularly. The Emergency Response Team is printing and sharing updates around LDF to reach those without digital access too.

Family Resource Center: All FRC groups are cancelled until further notice. FRC clients, if you have flu-like (cough, fever, shortness of breath) symptoms, please call before coming to your appointment. You may reach us at 715-588-1511.

Peter Christensen Health Center: pharmacy, optical, physical and occupational therapy changes can be found at LDFTribe.com Please see full update listed below on page 2.

Water & Sewer Office at 2928 Hwy 47 accessible by PHONE AND EMAIL ONLY. Office building will be closed to the public. Operation Hours: 7am - 3:30pm. Office (715) 588-7887.

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Dave Mayo: (715) 614-6395; **Daniel Allen:** (715) 614-6392; **Falcon Maki:** (715) 892-8793

Aging Administrative Offices CLOSED for walk-ins effective immediately. Contact information to coordinate services you need with staff follows: **Meal Service** Lorraine Wildcat 715-892-4638. **Elder Utilities Program** Leslie Johnson 715-892-1006. **See full Aging Update at LDFTribe.com**

FoodShare, Healthcare (except SeniorCare) and Childcare renewals due by end of March will be extended for 3 months to ensure clients keep benefits through the COVID-19 emergency.

Clients can ignore previously received March communications about losing eligibility. Renewals that have been started must meet verification rules. Deductible (met and unmet) and Senior Care cases will not have their renewal date changed. New communications will be sent to clients with updated information. ACCESS is also being updated and partner/stakeholder communications are being developed. **If clients have any questions, they are to call their caseworker directly:**

Mary Chapman 715-588-4315, **Sarah Pyawasit** 715-588-4320 or **Jamie Wildcat** 715-588-4314.

Wisconsin Gov. Evers announces new One-Stop Coronavirus Resource Website at
<https://govstatus.egov.com/wi-covid-19>



Peter Christensen Health Center Updates

Pharmacy services:

Effective Thursday, March 19th – Due to the threat of COVID-19, Pharmacy is offering medication delivery to those patients who are:

- 60 years of age and older or
- Patients who have a disability or
- Patients who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath)

You may call the Pharmacy at **588-2131** or **588-3371** and request your medications. PCHC Transportation drivers will be delivering *based upon availability* between the hours of 8am-5pm. Patients will be requested to sign an acknowledgement with the driver that they have received their medications.

Optical services:

Effective Thursday, March 19th - Due to the threat of COVID-19, Optical services will be limited until April 6th. We will be calling to reschedule all non-emergencies this week.

This decision to limit operations is in accordance with optometry's governing board (AOA) and the CDC current recommendations. This timeline may be prolonged as more information becomes available.

PCHC Optical will **STILL** be taking urgent/emergency eye care during clinical hours. If you have an eye emergency, please call PCHC.

If you recently ordered glasses or contacts, we will continue to dispense orders at this time. If you have additional questions or extenuating circumstances you would like addressed or any other urgent need, please call PCHC. The health of our patients and staff is our priority and we look forward resuming regular care in a couple of weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy:

PT services will be limited for the week of 3/23-3/27. PCHC will contact you if your appointment needs to be rescheduled.

OT services are continuing at the time; however, any patient who has flu-like symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath) is to contact PCHC before attending your appointment to reschedule.

PLEASE SHARE. Coronavirus Tribal Updates also available on LDFTribe.com Thank you.

Respectfully,

President Joseph Wildcat, Sr.
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians/On behalf of Tribal Council