

March 22, 2020/12p.m. {This will be the only update for Sunday.}



UPDATE: ZERO CONFIRMED CASES OF CORONAVIRUS; 8 TESTS COMPLETED
Virus Testing Update, Transit Limits Schedule, Family Issues Coronavirus Plea

AS OF THIS UPDATE, 12 p.m., Sunday, March 22, 2020: Peter Christensen Health Center continues to assess patients for coronavirus. Those showing symptoms, and deemed potentially infected, are tested for the illness. Based on those assessments, eight tests for coronavirus have been completed. Zero confirmed coronavirus cases at this point.

We continue to plan and prepare—every day—for the virus reaching here eventually. If there is a confirmed case of the virus in Lac du Flambeau, we will announce it.

No need to keep children indoors, Peter Christensen Health Center says. Being outdoors is healthy for children. Avoiding large groups is recommended with other health protocols. But playing outside homes in the yard, walks in the woods, etc., is okay.

Learning From Families Impacted by Coronavirus. This plea from a Fond du Lac, Wis. family who lost a 55-year-old man to coronavirus is offered to help educate all of us about this emergency.

“We ask you to be serious about COVID- 19 (coronavirus). Please do not panic, rather, educate yourself and your family. Please do not blame or shun, rather be supportive and compassionate, especially with the people who have tested positive for this virus,” this family wrote in an online obituary.

“We responded too slowly as a country (United States) and now we are seeing devastating effects in our country, state and community, and for us, our family. Knowledge and mindful, safe practices are what is needed now,” they added.

LDF Transit Offers Limited Service Starting Monday, March 23. Saturday service suspended completely until further notice. Please call ahead: 715-588-4287 (4BUS) or dial 711 on TTY/TDD.

Funeral Insights for Tribal Members. If important events arise, such as funerals and other sacred services, we respectfully offer the following guidance and resources to determine steps to help keep loved ones safe. For additional support, contact Beverly LaBarge Emergency Management Coordinator at (715) 588-4294 or blabarge@ldftribe.com

Each funeral home likely takes a slightly different approach. Please contact the funeral home leading an individual ceremony to understand their procedures. More information is available at the National Funeral Directors Association website <https://nfd.org/> for what’s recommended.

Healthcare needs on the weekend, please call Marshfield Clinic Minocqua Center or Howard Young Medical Center Emergency Room. Peter Christensen Health Center and other phones follow:

- Peter Christensen Health Center 715-588-3371
- Marshfield Clinic Minocqua Center 715-358-1000
- Howard Young Medical Center 715-356-8000

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Respectfully,


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