

March 26, 2020/3p.m. (This is the only planned update for today.)



ZERO CONFIRMED CORONAVIRUS CASES ON RESERVATION
Vilas Co. (not LDF) reports 2nd coronavirus case. LDF virus tests all negative.

AS OF THIS UPDATE, 3p.m., Thursday, March 26, 2020: Peter Christensen Health Center reports we do not have a positive coronavirus case in Lac du Flambeau. We actively test patients via drive-up testing, but only after being assessed by staff by telephone first. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during these extraordinary times. We are all working very hard to continue service that's absolutely necessary.

The Tribe shared on digital channels last evening that Vilas County reported its first confirmed coronavirus case. Moments ago, Vilas Co. reported its second confirmed coronavirus case. While it is not on the Reservation, Tribal Council and the Tribal Emergency Response Team have been working daily to prepare for it reaching here eventually.

There are community members not observing the guidelines. We respectfully urge everyone—for the safety of our entire community—to Shelter-At-Home. If this virus reaches the Reservation, it likely will spread quickly. Limiting travel and interaction—now—can help reduce the spread.

What can we do now to help protect our community? Observe health and social interaction guidelines in our Shelter-At-Home declaration. This includes limiting visits with family and friends. The more we know, the more we follow health guidelines—without panicking—the better we will navigate this emergency together. **Health and travel guidelines posted at LDFTribe.com within the Shelter-At-Home Declaration.**

LDF President Wildcat spoke with Wisconsin Governor Evers. President Wildcat made Governor Evers aware of reports that Wisconsin State Patrol were redirecting Tribal Essential Workers to return to their homes. Efforts are underway to coordinate with State Patrol to ensure Tribal workers are able to get through to their destinations without difficulty.

Peter Christensen Health Center stops unscheduled walk-in visits until further notice. All patients must call (715) 588-3371 before visiting the clinic. Masks, gloves and other protective equipment are in short supply and will be unavailable on request. We only having essential staff onsite. We ask if patients have concerns they call first. We will discuss your situation and arrange care or diagnostics if necessary. If you have chest pain or respiratory distress, dial 911.

CLOSINGS ANNOUNCED: Simpsons temporarily suspends operations at 430pm today until further notice. **Smoke Shop** closing daily at 9pm until further notice. **Country Market** closing at 8pm Monday-Saturday, and at 5pm on Sundays during coronavirus public health emergency.

LDF Tribal Police report residents stopped under the Shelter-At-Home declaration have been understanding when Tribal Police check on people moving around the Reservation during the public health emergency. Please follow the Shelter-At-Home guidelines. The Tribe's No. 1 priority is safety and security of all who live, work and visit Lac du Flambeau.

LDF Transit will stop service starting Friday. Limited service available Thurs., 8-5pm. Please call Transit to ensure pick up (715) 588-4287 (4BUS). Dial 711 on TTY/TDD or home phone.

Respectfully,

President Joseph Wildcat, Sr.

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians/On behalf of Tribal Council