

Coronavirus Emergency Response FAQs/ March 22, 2020



Questions Received by Tribal Emergency Response Team Answered:

Our casino should've shut down already; yes bond payments but once again the well-being of our tribe was backseat to this deal. The casino is closed. Staff moved quickly to ensure it considered many factors and established a detailed plan to ensure an orderly temporary shutdown process of the casino.

Our grocery store should be an order-ahead and pick up at the curbside deal. We should have surveys going around to gather ideas like this we can implement. The store leadership has implemented health and safety protocols. It is continuing to monitor the situation and planning for potential order-ahead and pick-up procedures. Please submit ideas to the Emergency Response Team at Covid.Inquiries@ldftribe.com The emergency team meets daily and works night and day to implement plans and adapt to this emergency which changes rapidly. Ideas always welcome.

We should have people gathering cedar and other medicines for help with respiratory issues caused by the virus and have those things on stock. Same with sage. I see people posting and calling and asking for sage. Our tribe needs to be there as leaders looking out for them and providing for them in whatever way needed. We are working on getting these medicines and will announce how and where to pick up once we have it in place.

Does the tribe have a plan in place to take/help our elders that are raising their grandkids in case they get sick? We already have a plan in place for Elders who become unable to care for grandchildren. If coronavirus impacts Elders' ability to care for their grandchildren, we will follow our plan we already use to help Elders affected by coronavirus or any other illness.

Does our tribe have a plan in place in case we have sick people and no beds available at the hospital? We are working with Marshfield Clinic and Howard Young to coordinate these efforts. Please call your regular healthcare provider first to determine next steps. If additional support is needed, please contact Beverly LaBarge Emergency Management Coordinator at (715) 588-4294 or blabarge@ldftribe.com

Does our tribe have a list of people with medical training in the area willing to help? Those with medical training, military or first-responder training should contact volunteer coordinator Leanne Valliere at levalliere@pchclinic.com or 715.588.3371, ext. 1912, to help. We've assembled lists already, but want to ensure we have as complete a list as possible.

Has our tribe consulted with the Epidemiology Center at GLITC and put to use that aspect of being in that consortium? Yes. The Tribal Emergency Response Team continues to work with Tribal, Federal, State and Local agencies to ensure as coordinated a response as possible.

Why am I being told to email this non-personal email address [Covid.Inquiries@LDFTribe.com] instead of these basic things already being out there as public statements? Regular daily updates and resources are posted to LDFTribe.com. This emergency e-mail address is set up as one more channel for the Tribal Emergency Response Team to answer questions. We also established an emergency phone hotline (715) 588-4300. The Tribal Emergency Response Team will record updates on the hotline with the latest developments. All channels are designed to give tribal members several ways to get information.



What about funerals? If someone dies from this how do we give them a proper burial? 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 ensure their procedures. More information is available at the National Funeral Directors Association website <https://nfd.org/> to understand what's recommended for funerals.

What about tribal members who live elsewhere? How is our tribe prepared to help off Rez members? Call your normal healthcare provider first to determine next steps if you feel sick. For additional support, contact Beverly LaBarge Emergency Management Coordinator at (715) 588-4294 or blabarge@ldftribe.com She will ask questions of each person to determine specifics of each situation and offer insights on what to do next.

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