

8/21/2020 Bois Forte Community Health COVID-19 Case Announcement

On August 20, 2020, Bois Forte Health confirmed that 3 residents of the Bois Forte Reservation tested positive for COVID-19. Two of the residents are in their teens and 1 resident is in their 40's. All 3 cases reside on the Vermilion Reservation. All of these cases are tied to a single exposure off the Reservation. The individuals are currently under isolation at their homes. Bois Forte Health must protect the personal health information of the individuals who tested positive, and no additional details of the case will be released to the public at this time.

Rest assured that Bois Forte Health is doing everything in its power to keep the Reservation community safe while also providing support for those who have tested positive for COVID-19. Bois Forte Health will maintain regular contact with the isolated individuals and will monitor their compliance with isolation instructions. Bois Forte Health is engaged in contact tracing and will follow up with those suspected of having recent contact with the individuals who tested positive. Finally, the Band is coordinating with the Minnesota Department of Health regarding positive cases on-Reservation to ensure a robust and thorough public health response.

We are requesting that all employees and Bois Forte Residents refrain from attending any inside or outside gathering with more than 10 people. If you do choose to attend a gathering of this size, we are requiring all employees to self-quarantine on their own leave for 14 days after attending. If a Bois Forte Resident chooses to attend a gathering of this size, we are asking that you self-quarantine at your home for 14 days also.

If you have any questions regarding the Band's public health efforts, please contact the Band's Community Health Nurse, Teri Morrison, at 2187502227. To the extent permissible under the law, Bois Forte Health will keep the public apprised of any developments regarding positive cases. Stay safe and be well.