

## Announcement 8/22/20

On August 21, 2020, Bois Forte Health confirmed that 2 residents of the Bois Forte Reservation tested positive for COVID-19. One of the residents is in their teens and 1 resident is in their 40's. One of the cases resides on the Vermilion Reservation and the other on the Nett Lake side of 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.

If you have any questions regarding the Band's public health efforts, please contact the Band's Community Health Nurse, Teri Morrison, at 218-750-2227. 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.