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## Bois Forte Public Health COVID-19 Case Announcement Friday, August 28, 2020

On August 27, 2020, Bois Forte Health confirmed that 3 residents of the Bois Forte Reservation tested positive for COVID-19. Two residents are in their teen's, one is in their 20's. One resides on the Nett Lake side of the Reservation and two reside on the Vermilion 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 have tested positive, and no additional details of the case will be released to the public at this time.

Bois Forte Reservation currently has 13 active positive cases of COVID-19, 7 in Nett Lake and 6 in Vermilion. Bois Forte has had a total of 14 active and inactive positive cases of COVID-19, 7 in Nett Lake and 7 in Vermilion. Inactive, means they are no longer contagious and have been released from Isolation. This inactive case was originally from June, 2020 and has not been included in these press releases until now.

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 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.