

COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE: March 30, 2020

The Bois Forte Tribal Council have been participating in various conference calls today which included: Tribal Leaders; Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, Senator Tina Smith, and Representative Betsy McCaughey; and the morning Tribal Emergency Response Committee.

The Tribal Council announced today that they have opened travel to the City of International Falls. They noted that Koochiching County does not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19 and they have adjusted the map to accommodate the change. The Tribal Council will evaluate these boundaries daily.

At the Tribal Emergency Response Committee meeting held this morning, the Tribal Council re-affirmed that no one is getting laid off or fired. They also stated that services would not close as steps are being taken to ensure staff is available to provide services throughout this COVID-19 pandemic.

Stay Safe, Stay Home Order

Effective Monday, March 25, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. the Tribal Council declared that all individuals within the territorial boundaries of the Bois Forte Reservation are un a GENERAL STAY-AT-HOME-ORDER. Individuals are directed to stay home unless performing essential activities.

Essential Activities are:

- Go to the grocery store
- Pick up essentials for a neighbor or loved ones in need of assistance
- Go to medical appointments and the pharmacy
- Get take-out, delivery or drive thru from nearby restaurants
- Walk your dog, ride your bike, be in nature

Remember to maintain social distancing while out doing these essential activities.

The Tribal Government created a COVID-19 Email address to help address public and employee concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus. Please note that the email address is for general questions only, not for patient care. Please email and include the following in the subject line of the email that best addresses your concerns.

COVID-19@BOISFORTE-NSN.GOV

“Public Health” “Emergency Response” “HR” “Behavioral Health” “Medical” “Dental” “Pharmacy”

