

COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE: April 6, 2020

Social Gathering & Social Distancing

Social gathering is okay only if it is within your own household. If they do not live with you, do not visit them and vice-versa. Remember to practice social distancing of 6 feet apart with anyone who does not live with you.

Masks

The Tribal Council is asking our employees and members of the community wear a mask when you are out and about. We have initiated our Tribal staff to be involved with the making and distribution of masks. We are looking for volunteers to help make masks. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the masks, call Teri Morrison and Angela Wright at 218-757-3295 and Robbie Goggeye at 218-757-3261. We are purchasing supplies and when we have a large number of masks, we will begin distribution to the community. At this time, we are looking at providing two masks per household. We have a few volunteers so far, but it does take a bit to complete a mask – we do not have a date set for distribution.

Easter Holiday

The Tribal Offices will be closed all day on Friday, April 10th and Monday April 13th. Please make sure you have your medications and items you well need for this long weekend. Happy Easter. (Observe Social Distancing).

Waiver for Rent Obligations

Effective immediately the Tribal Council has approved the Bois Forte Housing Department to waive rent obligations or provide rent payment assistance for the month of April 2020 and is for HUD homes only. Individuals as determined by Housing Department who have suffered financial hardship caused by COVID-19 due to the loss of employment, layoffs, furloughs, reduction in hours, reduction in their main source of income, please contact the Housing Director Theresa Morrison at 218-757-3261.

Tribal Nations/Stimulus Fund

We are currently working with all the 11 Nations in the State, so we have a unified voice when it comes to the 8 billion-dollar Federal Stimulus funds. Currently there is no formula on how to disburse the funds, payment is to be made at the end of April 2020. We have a scheduled conference call regarding the funds this Thursday.

Tribal Nations/COVID-19

Everyday we have our 10:30 a.m. call with Tribal Nations to share information regarding the COVID-19.

Community Cleanup/ Environmental

Please watch for information coming out on Community Cleanup. Remember to practice Social Distancing.

Burning Permits/ Forestry

Please watch for information being posted concerning burning restrictions.

State or MN COVID-19 Response Packet

Under the direction of Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan, the State Tribal Liaisons have prepared a COVID-19 Response Guide. This information will make accessing funds and reaching contacts easier during this pandemic. We thank the Tribal Liaisons and all those at the State working with the Tribes to ensure we get a clear and concise resource to refer to.

Please contact us if you have any questions at 218-757-3261.

Remember to practice Social Distancing.

Thank you.

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”