

TERC Meetings Review for the week of April 20 – 25, 2020

Minnesota Department of Health Positive Cases and Deaths

Monday, April 20, 2020

MN Cases: 2356 Deaths: 134

St. Louis County Cases: 48 Deaths: 10 Koochiching County: 1/0 Itasca County 2/0

Friday, April 24, 2020

MN Cases: 290,042 Deaths: 200

St. Louis County Cases: 58 Deaths: 10 Koochiching County: 1/0 Itasca County 2/0

Community Health Response Team

Teri Morrison: We are cross training and providing certifications necessary to staff who are assisting with preparing Elders lunches in both Nett Lake and Vermilion. We are planning on increasing the Elder meals from one to three a day and we are looking at implementing this on May 4, 2020.

Incident Command

Council:

- We are continuing participating in daily conference calls with local, state, federal, and tribes.
- Submitted the application for the 8-million-dollar stimulus. Soon after the deadline passed for application submissions Tribes became aware of a data breach. Payments are to be done by April 30, 2020. Tribes are preparing for lawsuits.
- We are eliminating the Red Zone on May 1st, but keeping the Stay Safe, Stay Home order.
- Tribal leaders have been discussing the opening of golf courses and steps needed to be taken to open safely.
- MDH; with laboratory confirmed cases – we will be notified if a case is on the reservation.
- We are now able to bill for telephone calls and e-visits.
- Mille Lacs Band has 40,000 pounds of hams and are donating some to Bois Forte.
- Any COVID-19 relief funds will not be counted as income for programs such as SNAP and other types of assistance.

Safety Officer – Fire Chief

Robbie Goggeye: We have been cleaning and disinfecting the buildings. The special cleaning machine has been ordered but we do not have a delivery date yet.

Lance Hill: It has been business as usual; we are preparing for the fire season.

Kevin Strong: Masks were delivered to Vermilion homes, but we ran out of masks, I will get that information to Nikki Irving.

Planning / Director of Emergency Management

Nikki Irving: Most of the masks were delivered to home, though a few did not get them yet. I will get them out soon. It was close to 400 masks, there were smaller sizes that would work for children. I have not received many calls with household counts, and internet access. I did receive a few comments on what people are wanting/need: hand sanitizers, wipes, masks, and gloves.

Logistics Chief

Angela Wright: Delivering information and masks door to door, some homes do not want the information. Working with Nikki Irving on masks.

Finance Chief

Kim Greiner: Working on Per Capita notice. Materials to make masks have been ordered and picked up. BIA received money from the CARES Act, no information on how and what is allowed for the grant. Brooklyn Isham and Mari Barto are providing trainings through Zoom for DocuSign and TimeTrak.

Sidra Starkovich: Received the award letter for the \$50,000 Blandin Foundation Grant. Doris Isham and I are working on locating and securing grants.

Liaison Officer

Acting Executive Director - Randy Long, Joel Astleford: We appreciate all the telecomputing and grant reports that are coming in. Thank you to Kevin Strong and Robbie Goggeye's crew, Nikki Irving, and IT for getting the hams out. It went smoothly.

Cultural

Jaylen Strong: Cathy Chavers mentioned to that we should hold a 4-day spirit fire each month beginning April 27th until sundown on April 30th.

Security Officer / Chief of Police

Jamie Burdick: The Domestic Violence calls and crime rates have increased.

Operations Chief

Dan Milbridge: The Clinics will be receiving a shipment of PPE this week.

Sue Larson: We are scheduled to receive three test kits a week and each kit contains 24 in a box.

Melissa Wright: We have setup a Pandemic Support Group, it will meet every Wednesday via Zoom.

Public Information Officer

Louise Isham: Working on the May issue of the Bois Forte News, updating the website and social media outlets. Keeping the TERC meeting minutes organized, thank you to Amanda Jackson for all her hard work and quick typing fingers.

Nett Lake Elementary School

Jim Varichak: We are currently delivering 78 meals a day, breakfast, and lunch. Families are struggling across the state on distance learning; students not turning in their homework, we are addressing the issue.

Fortune Bay

Jenna Lehti: We are working on opening the RV Park and the Wilderness will open on May 8th. The Marina will open May 9th. The hotel will open on a limited basis for golfers who purchased Stay and Play. Boat rentals will be open on May 25th. We do not have a date for opening the casino. We will need 225 masks for the month of May. We did get Payroll Protection for the Y and C Stores. Tribal Government programs funded by Fortune Bay revenue; payments have been postponed two months.

DNR

Josh Sherman: The Netting notice was sent out.

Housing

Theresa M. Morrison: Keeping in touch with Sidra Starkovich on grants.

Education

Vondalee Carr: We have received a lot of positive comments on our educational packets and the resources on our webpage.

Other Topics in General Discussion

- Food Shelf, Care Packages
- Behind the scenes medical billing and options
- Providing hams on and off reservation Elders, opening it up to all after the Elders received their hams
- Safety steps and logistics needed to open RV, Marina, Wilderness, etc.
- Netting
- Looking for grants to assist homelessness programs
- Options for providing off reservation Band member information