

Incident Command Center Notes from Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:30 a.m. | Eagle Room

Notes for the Community

Teri Morrison

- The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), updates their website every day at 11 a.m. They only count the information from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m., if there is anything reported after 8 p.m. that will go on the following days report. They are also 3 to 5 days behind, so the information updated today was the count from a few days ago.
- This morning (before 11 a.m.) there were 115 confirmed cases in Minnesota.
- Please limit your children from going places, even if they say they are just riding to town with friends to drive-thru. This is not a good idea as you are confined in a closed area of the vehicle and you really do not know who their parents/family have been. Stay Home.
- We are working on getting information out quicker, Louise does have a helper now.
- The clinic in Nett Lake is collecting samples, then sending that out for testing.
 - o Sue Larson -The clinics are screening health care calls to limit people from coming into the clinics. Letting people know they need to call in etc.

Cathy Chavers

- Pertaining to elections, we still do not have a decision yet. Until we meet on Tuesday the elections are on as usual. We are meeting Tuesday on this issue.
- Preparing staff to work from home, starting Monday, March 23, 2020; we will implement staff to work from home. If they have everything they need to do so, they can begin WFH on Monday. If they are not quite set up yet, they can come in on Monday and get the things they need and then they can begin WFH on Tuesday.
- There has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Douglas County and St. Louis County.
- At this time, we are looking at anything past Duluth for a radius of safety.
- We have set up an email account for staff and community members to send in any questions they may have regarding COVID-19. We will do our best to answer questions, and we will compile a FAQ from the emails submitted.
 - Share this with everyone: COVID-19@BOISFORTE-NSN.GOV
- Notices were sent out, including door to door, announcing that the Tribal Buildings will be closed to the general public. This does not include the Clinics, Y-Store, and the C-Store. They will be open as usual.
 - If you need to make a payment on your Utilities, Rent, or purchase TABS/License Plates both the Vermilion and Nett Lake front desk areas will be open. They do emphasize that you need to call before just showing up. There will be areas set up to ensure physical distancing – to protect staff and guests.
- We approved the purchase of Doc-u-Sign. This is for instances where something requires immediate signature.

- Homelessness: We looked into using Fortune Bay for a shelter for the homeless, we are not able to do so at this time, but we are looking at purchasing supplies they may need to get them by.
 - Pam – We are asking our funders to be flexible with spending money. Right now we are setting up to utilize Oversons in Orr until Fortune Bay re-opens.
- We can apply for FEMA funds individually, instead of going through the state.
- Unemployment, we are working behind the scenes on the “Emergency Leave Prevision,” and until further notice continue to apply for Unemployment as usual.
 - Kim – You have to use up your leave before you apply for unemployment. We have full intention of keeping staff at their jobs. If they have to go on leave because of the COVID-19.
 - Patient Benefits will assist staff with applying for unemployment.
- We are postponing hiring people; unlet it is a critical position.

Other:

- We will get some healing songs out sometime, to help people feel better. We will sing and post it on the radio’s Facebook page and the KBFT’s website.
- We are setting up Zoom for those working remotely.
- We are working on getting meeting notes out sooner.
- We had staff go Door-to-Door delivering information to the community. In Nett Lake it took 4 hours with 4 staff. I have not received numbers from Vermilion yet.

Cathy Chavers

- Will not meet on Sunday unless something really big changes, please use this day as a Self-Care Day.
- I will do the video today as soon as we are done here today.
- See you all on Monday.

End of notes 3/21/2020