

Update from Chairwoman 8-21-2020

Band members. We are in the process of implementing our emergency plans due to the positive cases in Nett Lake and Vermilion. The Tribal Government Bldg was closed due to a positive case. Contact tracing has and continues to be done as this is being written. The DNR, RTC and Fitness Centers were closed. These buildings will be intensely cleaned on Sunday and another emergency meeting will be held Sunday. Individuals are currently being quarantined who have had "direct" contact for 15 minutes or more. The individuals in Vermilion were confined in households and are now quarantined. None of the exposed individuals have been to the casino or were exposed to workers in the casino. The 10 person/group gathering is for those employees after work hours as we have had employees who have travelled and/or participated in large events i.e. Sturgis, Effie Rodeo etc. There was a Facebook post about an outdoor party at an individuals home this weekend and these types of events is what we were talking about regarding groups. People need to remember not to panic. Be safe, wear masks, social distance. There are cases everywhere. I just heard of more in Hibbing and Virginia. These cases did not originate on the reservation or casino.

If people want to be safe please stay home. That is the best way. We knew at some point the virus would come to Bois Forte. Please do not be mean or pointing fingers. We all need to help each other during this time. We will be getting more information out as we can. Please call and ask questions. You can call me if you would like at 218-780-2898. If I do not answer right away please leave me a message and I will get back to you