



WHITE EARTH RESERVATION

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Emergency Response Team Updates

With the continued safety of our White Earth members, communities and employees remaining our top focus, The White Earth Reservation Business Committee (RBC) consults daily with the Emergency Management Team (EMT) and continues to fully support of the decisions and direction of this trained team of professionals. The EMT continues to collaborate with local, regional and national agencies on protocol regarding the ever-changing COVID-19 situation.

Today, March 18th, 2020, The EMT continued to implement and mitigate up-to-the-minute actions to lessen the potential spread of the of the virus on White Earth Reservation. Preparedness is a top priority, with FIT Testing being administered by our Police Force, EMS and Public Health Staff. A plan of action has also been prepared to assist the Indian Health Service (IHS) to aid in the care of all members, including the most vulnerable. Supplies continue to be ordered and distributed to areas most in need. An increase in coordination and collaboration with Community Councils remains a key priority in order to reach members in all of our communities.

Most importantly, the RBC, EMT and Shooting Star Casino Management have planned and implemented a temporary suspension of operations of Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen and Bagley. This decision was made in the best interest of the employees, guests, and communities as we remain committed to doing our part to flatten the curve. A plan was also discussed and approved today to ensure employees at both casinos are compensated throughout the initial temporary shutdown to alleviate any additional financial burden.

We remain vigilant in the prevention and protection of our people against the spread of COVID-19 and are confident in the collective expertise of our Emergency Management Team. Please be sure to like and follow our Facebook page, and keep checking whiteearth.com for all of the latest updates from the RBC.

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Michael Fairbanks, Chairman