

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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COVID-19 Pandemic Prevention Protocol – Bad River Casino/Lodge Closure

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will be temporarily closing all casino/lodge operations to the public on Wednesday, March 18th at 11:59pm for a period of two weeks.

This Bad River Tribal Council decision is a proactive prevention effort meant to keep our dedicated employees, our greater community and valued customers safe as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds in Wisconsin. We appreciate the patience and dedication we have received from our workforce. Our casino employees will continue to be paid. We also commend Casino Management for their diligence, it has not been an easy process to develop and invoke, but these actions are necessary to protect our employees and our community.

The 11 Tribes in Wisconsin will be temporarily closing all casino operations on or before Saturday, March 21st at 11:59pm. Wisconsin Tribes conduct 26 legal gaming operations throughout the State of Wisconsin, all operating with high standards of regulation, oversight and sanitation that govern gaming operations. Safety and prevention of COVID-19 transmission is a shared outcome as we move forward.

This closure decision further demonstrates the Bad River Tribe's commitment to take all precautionary measures that mitigate the exposure risk of the COVID-19 virus. It also aligns our tribal enterprises with the spirit of emergency orders put forth by Governor Evers related to gatherings over ten people.

The Bad River Tribal Council understands the hardship and negative economic impact this decision will have on our operations and we will be monitoring the pandemic on a routine basis as we look to resume operations in the future. Notice will be provided once operations resume.

The Bad River Tribal Administration participates in daily COVID-19 virus briefings with Public Health Officials, including the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Wisconsin Health Department. We encourage our Tribal Nation's families and community members to review their own emergency preparedness plans and ask questions if you have them.

Any Bad River Tribal employees/members within our community who experience any symptoms related to covid-19 must seek medical attention and are directed to call ahead of a visit to the Bad River Health and Wellness Clinic. Pam Feustal our community health nurse can be reached at the following phone numbers; W: (715) 682-7133 ext. 4344 or Cell: (715)292-7368. Pam will also answer any questions related to COVID-19 health concerns.

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