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The Bad River Tribe has kept a watchful eye on special events held on the reservation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Social distancing was the rule during the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Parade down Maple Street on May 5. Annalee Spencer, right, age 3, the daughter of Amber and Rick Spencer, and her family, took first place for the best decorated vehicle in the parade.



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Bad River sets example for indigenous Wisconsin

For the Bad River Band

The Bad River Reservation has become the model community in the fight against the COVID-19, coronavirus pandemic. Since the first positive case of the virus was reported in Wisconsin on February 5, there have been none in Bad River.

Since then, there have been 56,056 positive cases of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, with 961 deaths.

On March 17, the Bad River Tribe was proactive in declaring a public health emergency.

Tribal members, throughout this pandemic, have followed the advice of the Bad River Health and Wellness Center and its Public Health Nurses, Pam Feustel and Tina Gerovac-Lavasseur.

The Health and Wellness Center has been addressing the lingering issue of COVID-19 by testing all employees before returning to work and with daily temperature screenings of all staffers and visitors to public Tribal venues. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has strongly recommended

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the wearing of masks in public places, the washing of hands and maintaining six feet of social distance whenever possible.

And so far, these safeguards are working.

On May 13, when the Wisconsin Supreme Court overturned Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order, the Tribe not only supported the Governor's plan, but built in more stay-at-home time, clearly showing that the health of Reservation residents was more important than economic concerns.

Then, on Monday, July 20, Tribal Chairman Mike Wiggins, Jr. issued a statement that requires the wearing of face coverings at all Tribal buildings and enterprise areas.

While the Bad River Reservation has earned an A+ grade in combating the virus, Wisconsin's other Native American tribes have earned high marks as well, taking aggressive steps to combat the coronavirus pandemic since January. And recent data show they have fared better than other harder hit tribes across the country, according to a report by Shirin Ali of the Medill News Service, in the Wisconsin State Journal.

Indian Health Service reported 450 Native Americans tested positive for COVID-19 as of Wednesday, July 15 across the Bemidji Area, which includes 11 federally recognized Wisconsin tribes along with reservations in Michigan and Minnesota.

That means as the state approaches 60,000 positive COVID-19 cases, Native Americans account for roughly 1% of the state's caseload, which is about the same proportion of the native population of the state.

Tribes in other states have not fared nearly as well.

CDC data of the coronavirus broken down by race/ethnicity through May 28 show Native Americans make up about 5% of Arizona's population but account for 6% of the state's total number of COVID-19 cases.

In New Mexico, Native Americans make up approximately 10% of the state's population but account for 55% of the state's coronavirus cases, according to The Center for American Progress, a nonpartisan policy institute. Similarly, in Wyoming, Native communities make up approximately 3% of the state population but account

agency order in place, most of the state's tribal communities, such as Bad River do, as positive COVID-19 cases continue to rise on and off reservations.

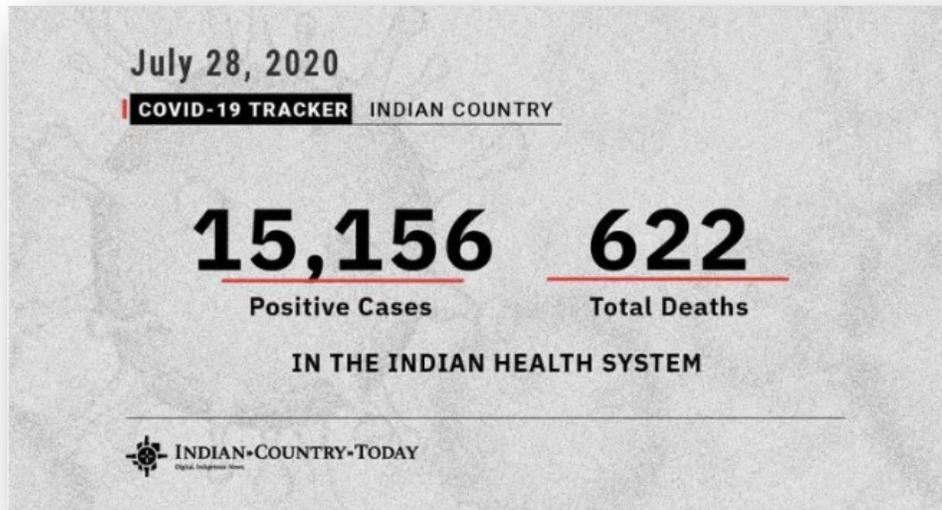
Oneida Nation, one of Wisconsin's largest tribal communities, declared a state of emergency on March 12, on the heels of the World Health Organization declaring COVID-19 an international pandemic on March 11. That was quickly followed by a "safer at home" declaration in conjunction with Evers on March 24.

Melinda Danforth, director of inter-governmental affairs for the Oneida Nation, said early intervention helped the tribe contain the virus among its members. As soon as whispers of COVID-19 began spreading across the country in early January, Oneida leadership began canceling large-scale council meetings that typically attracted 1,200 to 1,500 members. "The (Oneida)

Nation was very clear with our community that we were not going to lift our 'safer at home' order and that we were expecting our community to stay home, and they did, which was amazing," Danforth said.

Oneida Nation reported 56 cases of COVID-19 as of Tuesday, July 14 with six members in isolation and two deaths. The reservation extends across portions of Brown and Outagamie counties, with Brown County experiencing some of the highest concentrations of COVID-19 infections in the state.

Earlier in July, Oneida Nation announced another extension of its emergency order until Aug. 11, recommending members stay home and encouraging businesses within the reser-



for more than a third of Wyoming's positive COVID-19 cases.

The CDC has classified American Indians/Alaska Natives along with other racial and ethnic minority groups as having higher risk for contracting COVID-19 or experiencing severe illness, regardless of age, due to long-standing systemic health and social inequities.

Wisconsin's tribal communities acted quickly to help mitigate the risk of COVID-19 among their members, with most adopting stay-at-home orders similar to what Gov. Evers had in place before the state Supreme Court struck it down in May. They also promoted social distancing and use of masks early on, closely following the CDC's recommendations.

Though Wisconsin does not currently have an enforceable, statewide emer-

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Photo courtesy of AP, Indian Country Today

This photo, provided by Georgia Tech alumnus Andy McNeil, shows a Georgia Tech home game during the 1918 college football season. The photo was taken by Georgia Tech student Thomas Carter, who would receive a degree in Mechanical Engineering. The 102-year-old photo could provide a snapshot of sports once live games resume: Fans packed in a campus stadium in the midst of a pandemic wearing masks with a smidge of social distance between them on concrete seats.

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vation to maintain public health safety protocols as set by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. or the CDC, whichever is more stringent. It had been set to expire on July 12.

Other tribes across Wisconsin have enacted similarly strict policies in order to mitigate COVID-19 infections. Vicki Dantoin, director of the Menominee County Tribe and Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, said those tribes were able to curb the uptick of positive COVID-19 cases because they were more stringent in their approaches than the state sheltering orders and the Badger Bounce

Back reopening program. Menominee County reported nine confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of Tuesday, July 14.

“A small-town community makes a bit of a difference because if you’ve got everybody that knows everybody, I think that helps them, collectively. People are more likely to want to protect others,” Dantoin said.

Kevalin Auland, a research associate for the Center for American Indian Health at Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health, found that many members of Wisconsin’s tribal communities have been supporting their neighbors by providing hand-sewn masks, helping distribute traditional foods to try to assure food security and focusing on support for the tribes’ large elderly population.

“One thing I have noticed as a strength is tribal governments really putting in a great deal of effort and attention into community-level initiatives to protect community members,” Auland said.

Dantoin, of the Menominee County Tribe and Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, also said Wisconsin’s tribes’ strong relationships with the state and federal government helped in controlling and containing COVID-19.

“There’s a lot of (Bureau of) Indian Affairs support and federal support and from what I understand the tribes in Wisconsin work well with the state on a lot of things,” Dantoin said. “Even though some of them are sovereign, they still have that respect for each other.”



NEW EMPLOYEE: WELCOME, ASHLEY STONE

She's at home as FFHV Program Manager

By Richard J. Pufall

For the Bad River Band

Ashley Stone and her husband are raising three young children. And that's enough to keep anyone busy with a fulltime workload of responsibility.

Yes, family is most important to her, but that's just the starting point on her to-do list.

In the beginning of June this year Ashley was hired as Bad River's new Family Foundations Home Visiting (FFHV) Program Manager.

She graduated from Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College in 2010 and is currently enrolled in LCOOC's Bachelor of Science Human Services Program.

"I have worked for the Bad River and Red Cliff Tribes in a variety of positions related to legal, social, and family services," Ashley said. "As the FFHV Program Manager, I am responsible for the day-to-day management of our site in Bad River. I am involved with planning, budgeting, staffing, training, and ongoing program oversight."

She said she also acts as a liaison to collaborate their programs efforts with other agencies and support services.

Ashley said she worked in this position a few years ago before leaving to work in Red Cliff.

"So, I'm familiar with the program goals and objectives," she said.

Ashley is the daughter of Eva



Photo by the Bay City News Service

Ashley Stone, at her office desk in the Bad River Health and Wellness Center.

and Francis Leoso. She was born in Tacoma, Wash. and raised on the Bad River Reservation. She is a 2006 graduate of Ashland High School.

"Working and striving to better our community by helping empower families is what I enjoy best about my position as FFHV Program Manager," she said. "It is extremely rewarding to give our families the strength and confidence by implementing our curricu-

lum into their lives. As a home visiting program, we are able to help clients set and achieve their own goals for their families around their schedule."

Ashley said she and her husband, Jonathon, have "three awesome kids": daughter, Nizhoni, 14, and sons, Taye, 9, and Micah, 3.

"I love spending time with my family outside of work, whether it is lounging around

at home or going outside for a hike," she said. "Self-care is huge in this line of work and I try to be mindful of the stress I may carry and really nourish the healthy qualities I may lack – therefore, I make sure I continue to laugh with my loved ones and walk my dogs."

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NEW EMPLOYEE: WELCOME, DR. SARHA AVENDANO**New dentist to join Bad River staff**

Beginning on September 1, 2020, a new dentist – Dr. Sarha Avendano – will be joining the staff of the Bad River Health and Wellness Center.

To help introduce herself, Dr. Avendano prepared the following statement:

Hi, I'm Dr. Sarha Avendano,

I grew up in Queens, New York and attended college at New York University where I received a bachelor's degree in psychology, biochemistry and an associate's degree in liberal studies.

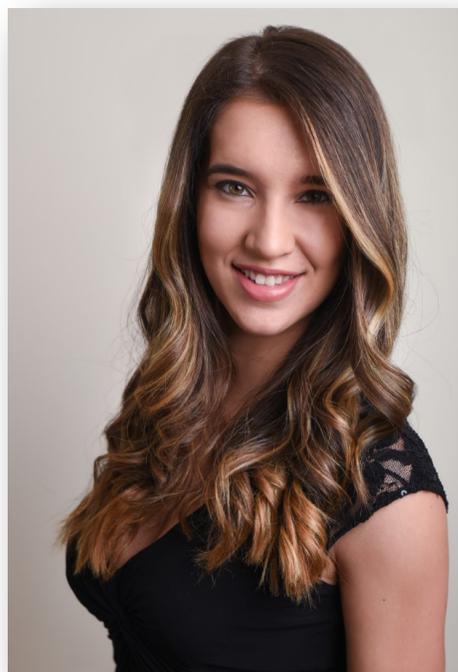
From there I attended dental school at NYU College of Dentistry, completing my degree in 2019. After that I trained at New York Presbyterian – Queens Hospital for one year in the residency program. This summer I am relocating to Ashland to join The Bad River Health and Wellness Center.

From a very young age I always wanted to help people. Over the years I shadowed and worked as a dental assistant in several private practices in New York City. I quickly fell in love with the profession because of the impact you can have on someone's confidence and well-being.

I love the science and the art form behind dentistry, but at the end of the day the most gratifying aspect of the job is building a camaraderie with my patients.

Being a dentist means you see your patients quite often and you get to follow their progress. I want to be part of that process for my patients no matter how big or small my contribution

In my free time I enjoy many different past times. At home I enjoy experimenting in the kitchen, sketching portraits, reading suspenseful novels, and spoiling my little dog. Despite growing up in New York City, I really enjoy snowboarding, hiking and horseback riding. However, my absolute passion is travelling. I love visiting different countries and immersing myself in their cultures.



Dr. Sarha Avendano





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Tribal Mission Statement:

To work toward a more progressive, financially stable government; to maintain Tribal Sovereignty; and enable members to progress individually, toward a more fulfilling life culturally, spiritually, and economically.



'Mino-dibishkaan' to our Elders

Taking the cake, in August

August 1

Edith (Bardo) Leoso

August 2

David Parisian

August 4

Kathleen Crowe

August 5

Leslie (CB) Cloud

August 7

Karen Burns

August 9

Bruce (John Bull) Malouf

August 10

Eugene (Squeak) Bigboy

August 12

Daniel Rufus

August 14

Carl Rose

August 15

Gaylan Heim

August 17

Leola Edmiston

August 19

David Pero

August 20

Esie Corbine

August 23

Robert Wilmer

Ramona Wilson

August 24

Randall Hmielewski

Sandra Kolodziejski

Margaret McBride

August 25

Darla O'Claire

August 28

Arlene Smart

August 29

Francis (Manny) LaGrew

Robert Blanchard

Sandra Smart

August 30

Donald Smart

August 31

Gerald Gordon



(Our apologies if we've missed someone. Please let us know).



‘Mask up!’ A good idea for everyone

The best government is like an excellent parent, making rules that are good for us even if we don’t always agree or understand.

Such was the case on Monday, July 20, when Bad River Chairman Mike Wiggins, Jr., acting as spokesperson for the Tribal Council and the Health and Wellness Center, issued a statement informing all that the wearing of face coverings in Reservation buildings and enterprise areas is now required. (See pages, 10-12. The message field in his email said it all: “Mask up.”

Then on Thursday, July 30, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers declared a Public Health Emergency and issued an Emergency Order mandating the wearing of face coverings when someone is indoors, except when they are in someone else’s home. That order went into effect on Saturday, August 1.

This is a great idea that needed to become part of the law of the land. But even great ideas get mixed reviews.

Chances are there are some Tribal members who don’t understand or agree, but they appear to be a small minority among the clear-thinking residents of the Reservation.

On the national level, the wearing of protective facemasks to slow the spread of COVID-19, the coronavirus, has become a divisive political issue.

From the beginning of this pandemic the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has strongly recommended that everyone wear a protective face covering, especially in areas where it is difficult to maintain six feet of social distancing.

Those who oppose wearing facemasks do so, they say, because being ordered by law to comply is a violation of their personal liberties. To some extent, they make a good point. This is a free country and we want it to stay that way.

And yet most of these same people obey stop signs, posted speed limits, car seats for children, and seatbelts for all in motor vehicles. All of these rules were imposed by government for the general good to protect the safety and health of its citizens.

All of these became part of the growth of our country as we evolved from the horse and buggy to the internal combustion engine. Changes in lifestyle and technology made it necessary to develop rules and laws to keep up with those changes.

Nothing, in recent years, has changed our country or world more than the COVID-19 pandemic. So, it seems logical that laws and rules – such as a face-covering requirement – would be instituted to protect our good health.

Many nationally known businesses, such as McDonald’s, Walmart and Starbucks are requiring their employees and customers to wear facemasks. (But what can we wear to protect ourselves from the Big Mac?).

Enforcing the face-covering order will be difficult because there are no universal rules across all 50 states.

Perhaps to better understand the opposing sides on the facemask issue, an explanation from the world of academia would help.

David Abrams, a professor of social and behavioral sciences at New York University’s School of Global Public Health, said humans long for a sense of belonging in uncertain times — and that applies to people on both sides of the political coin. People who don’t wear masks, Abrams said, might see it as a sign of solidarity, as if they are together making a stand against authority, while those who do wear masks likely see it. “as an act of altruism and a way of helping each other out.”

If many have been slow to embrace the facemask, that puts them in the good company of our President Donald J. Trump. Until recently Trump was cool on facemasks, refusing to wear one in public and frequently poking fun at his Presidential opponent, Joe Biden, for doing so.

But recently, clutching this political football, Trump has reversed his field as positive cases of COVID-19 continue to rise at record levels.

In fact, The President was recently pictured wearing a mask and has now said it is the “patriotic” thing to do. However, Dana Bush reported for CNN that Trump’s flip on this issue was due to his declining poll numbers, as the election approaches in November.

Our President would call that “fake news.” The rest of us would call it disturbing.

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Tribe, State issue mask orders

Strong steps taken against COVID-19

By Richard J. Pufall
For the Bad River Band

The governments for the Bad River Tribe and the State of Wisconsin appear to be on the same page when it comes to fighting the ever-present threat of COVID-19, the coronavirus.

And both have chosen the same weapon to fight the good fight against this lingering and growing pandemic:

Masks.

On Monday, July 20, Chairman Mike Wiggins, Jr., in concert with the Tribal Council and the Bad River Health and Wellness Center, issued an advisory announcing the requirement to wear face coverings at all Tribal buildings and enterprise areas. (See Pages 10-12).

Ten days later, on July 30, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers declared a Public Health Emergency and issued an order mandating the wearing of face coverings when someone is indoors, except when they are in someone else's home. That order went into effect on Saturday, August 1, and is expected to face strong blowback from the State's Republican legislators.

But both announcements drew the attention and endorsement of Pam Feustel and Tina Gerovac-Lavasseur, the public health nurses at the Bad River Health and Wellness Center.

"This was an extremely thoughtful and medically sound decision," Gerovac-Lavasseur said. "I think this decision just demonstrates how Bad River is being proactive to ensure that

For updates on the Bad River Tribe's efforts to combat COVID-19, the coronavirus pandemic, click the link below

[Website](#)

Tracking COVID-19

As of this morning, August 5, there were 4,693,889 cases of COVID-19, the coronavirus, in the United States, with 155,157 deaths. The first coronavirus case in Wisconsin was reported on February 5. There have been a total of 56,056 cases reported in the state and 961 deaths.

Numbers in our 4-county area

<u>County</u>	<u>Reported cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Ashland	20	1
Bayfield	21	1
Iron	72	1
Douglas	139	0

the community is able to combat the virus with all available resources."

Since the first positive case of COVID-19 was reported in Wisconsin on February 5, there have been none on the Bad River Reservation.

Locally, beyond the Reservation, at least 14 people at a kids camp near Mellen tested positive for the virus. Most of those infected were staff members. That

boosted Ashland County's total to 20, an increase of nine from two weeks ago (11), including the first death on August 4.

Nationally, the subject of face coverings seems to have influenced the policy of President Donald Trump. The President, since the pandemic began, has not been a proponent of face coverings. But with positive tests for COVID-19 growing at record numbers, Trump was recently

pictured wearing a mask and has now said it is the "patriotic" thing to do.

Dana Bush, however, reported for CNN that Trump's flip on this issue was due to his declining poll numbers, as the election approaches in November.

But for Bad River's nurses, it's all about sound medical decisions, based on science, with

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health and wellness No. 1, not partisan politics.

“That is a tough question to have an answer to,” said Feustel, when asked if the President’s recent support of masks would help slow the spread of COVID-19. “The real matter at hand is that health should not be political, and we would hope with the science supporting it, people will choose to do the right thing to protect their health and the health of others. We are all in this together.”

According to a recent story in the Wisconsin State Journal, Bad River is not the only Native American tribe in Wisconsin to have taken aggressive steps to combat the coronavirus pandemic since January. And recent data show they have fared better than other harder hit tribes across the country.

“In Wisconsin it has been demonstrated that Tribes have been very proactive in fighting the virus,” Gerovac-Lavasseur said. “It really shows how the communities step up to take care of one another.”

On July 22, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said he doesn’t believe the coronavirus will ever be eradicated — given how quickly the contagion spreads among humans.

“I don’t see this disappearing the way SARS 1 did,” Fauci said. “I think with a combination of good public health measures, a degree of global herd immunity and a good vaccine — which I do hope and feel cautiously optimistic that we will get — I think when you put all three of those together, I think we will get very good control of this.”

And there did seem to be more optimism than pessimism in Fauci’s comments.

“Dr. Fauci does have a realistic view on the virus,” Feustel said. “The flu was never eradicated, but we take serious public health

measures to ensure that individuals can do their best to combat that respiratory illness. We believe Dr. Fauci is looking at the research and science behind what we are seeing to provide honest answers to the public.”

At least 15 new coronavirus deaths and 909 new cases were reported in Wisconsin on July 31. Over the past week, there have been an average of 875 cases per day, an increase of 5 percent from the average two

weeks earlier.

As of Tuesday afternoon, August 4, there have been at least 56,056 cases and 961 deaths in Wisconsin since the beginning of the pandemic.

Those numbers make one wonder if the mask-wearing order alone will bring the pandemic under control. Or will it take another nationwide lockdown of public businesses?

“It is difficult to say if a lockdown will be the answer,” Feus-

tel said. “It seemed to help slow the spread in the past, but we seem to be beyond that point. What we can do is follow the mask mandate set forth by Governor Evers and continue to follow the CDC guidelines of social distancing, hand washing, and avoiding unnecessary travel to help slow the spread of the virus.”

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Bad River Health and Wellness Center Expanded Services beginning June 8, 2020

Hours of Operation (by appointment only):

AODA	8:00-4:30
Behavioral Health	8:00-4:30
Public Health	8:00-4:30
Clinic	8:00-4:30
Dental	8:00-4:30
MAT Program	8:00-4:30
Pharmacy	8:00-4:30 (Drive Thru Only)

Please call (715) 682-7133 with any questions.

Chi Miigwetch for your patience during the COVID-19 crisis.

Stay Safe and Be Well.



Tribal face-covering requirement



Bad River Public Health Release New tribal wide face mask, Face Shield, Face Coverings Requirement

Effective Immediately, Bad River Public Health is issuing a Tribal wide face mask, face shield, face coverings requirement.

This requirement applies Tribal wide to: All Tribal Buildings and Tribal Enterprise Areas

- everyone age 5 and older wear a face covering or mask when in any and all Bad River buildings and transportation vehicles, where others are present. We recognize this is not a standard infection prevention, however, we find ourselves in extraordinary times and given current circumstances, this requirement is necessary.
- Per the requirement, individuals must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when in the public areas of the Tribal work settings (Hallways, restrooms, commons areas), waiting in lines, and while on public transportation, or are in places where the six feet of social distancing isn't possible. Pam Feustel, Bad River Public Health Nurse, states that "social distancing and wearing masks are going to be our most effective tools in slowing the spread of COVID and keeping our community safe."
- If someone is unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition or disability, please ask that Tribal Office or business for reasonable accommodation. For Tribal Employees seeking an exemption, please check with your immediate supervisor, and consult with public health. Children age 2 through 4 are highly encouraged to wear masks in public, children 5 and older are required to wear masks. If your child is not able to wear a mask, please plan ahead and avoid public areas referenced in this memo.

Masks will be available at the entrance of each building. They will be issued at the start of each shift, and continued to be worn throughout the day. If

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employees are at their work station/desk and are able to social distance (6ft), it is not required to keep the mask on. In the event that the mask becomes visibly soiled, saturated, or damaged, a new mask must be obtained. We ask all personnel to make every effort to help preserve the supply of PPE and reduce the need for replacement masks whenever possible. In place of a procedural face mask, simply wear a bandana, scarf, or neck gaiter around your nose and mouth. Or you may create a cloth face covering by either sewing one or using a no-sew method on the CDC website. Medical-grade surgical masks or N95 respirators are not required or necessary for general public use. Please see attached procedure on how to Don (apply) and Doff (remove) a face mask.

In addition to wearing a mask, these actions will help protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

- **Stay home if you are sick or feel off.**
- **Stay home if you do not need to go out.** Working from home, virtual gatherings, and using curbside or delivery ordering are still the safest and best options to protect yourself and others.
- **Stay 6 feet from other people.** Respiratory droplets are in the air when other people cough, sneeze, talk and breathe. Staying 6 feet from others will lower the chances of you coming in contact with the virus from those droplets.
- **Assume you have come in contact with COVID-19 if you go out.** Watch for symptoms like fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. If you have these symptoms, call your doctor to be tested.

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(Continued from Page 11)**Infection Prevention Guidance on Donning and Doffing Face Masks****To Doff (remove) face mask with intent to reuse:**

1. Perform hand hygiene
2. Remove mask (remove procedure mask by holding the ear loops. The front is contaminated so remove slowly and carefully.)
3. After removing face mask, visually inspect for contamination, distortion in shape/form. If soiled, torn, or saturated the mask should be discarded.
4. If the face mask is NOT visibly soiled, torn, or saturated, carefully store on a paper towel, or in a bag, exterior side down.
5. Perform hand hygiene.

To Re-Don (apply) Mask:

1. Perform hand hygiene
2. Grasp Mask (pinch procedure mask at the ear loops)
3. Place over face (secure ear loops behind the ears. Secure mask)
4. Perform hand hygiene

A disposable face mask can be worn throughout your shift if not visibly soiled, torn or saturated, and NOT touched while delivering patient care.



First COVID-19 death reported in Ashland County



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August 4, 2020

Contact: Elizabeth Szot, Health Officer, elizabeth.szot@co.ashland.wi.us, 715-682-7028 ext 113

Ashland County Public Health today confirms the first death of an Ashland County resident, associated with COVID-19. Out of respect for the privacy of the individual and their family, we will not be disclosing any additional information.

"It is with great sadness that we announce that one of Ashland County's community members has passed away from complications associated with COVID-19. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and community," said Elizabeth Szot, Health Officer. "We continue to face extraordinary circumstances and continue to urge everyone that this virus is real, it is deadly, and we must continue to follow safer practices including the use of face coverings and social distancing. We are in this together, and together we will overcome these challenges."

COVID-19 is in our community and is likely to be spread by individuals who do not even know they are ill. It is critical that all Ashland County residents keep taking social distancing seriously and follow Emergency Order #1 requiring the use of face coverings. As of August 3, 2020, there have been 55,328 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 949 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19.

Face coverings, social distancing, and staying home are some of the only ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

We continue to encourage the public to monitor the DHS website for COVID-19 updates. Additional information can be found on the CDC website or call 211 for general COVID-19 related questions.

- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>
- <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://co.ashland.wi.us/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/AshlandCountyHealthHumanServicesPublicHealth/>

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Face covering advisory



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 13, 2020

ASHLAND AND BAYFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH RELEASE NEW ADVISORY REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS

Effective Friday, July 17, 2020 at 8:00 am, Ashland and Bayfield County Public Health are issuing an Emergency Advisory which stipulates that everyone age 5 and older wear a face covering or mask when in any enclosed building where other people, except for members of the person's own household or living unit could be present. This advisory applies to all of Ashland and Bayfield County.

"Public health research shows that face coverings are critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19. Given the number of infections in our counties and surrounding area, as well as the multitude of visitors coming to our area, we need to all be wearing face coverings every time we leave the house," stated Elizabeth Szot, Ashland County Health Officer.

"We do not take this advisory lightly. It is on every person in our communities to do better. People should assume that everyone wearing a mask is doing it to protect you and themselves. If someone is not wearing a mask, assume they are genuinely not able to do so," added Sara Wartman, Bayfield County Health Officer.

Per the advisory, people should wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when in public, which includes in businesses, health care settings, waiting in line, and on public transportation. The advisory also indicates that individuals are to wear face coverings when in someone else's home when you are not of the same family group. Exceptions are made for certain activities such as eating at a restaurant, but during those activities, 6 feet distancing of individuals not from the same household or living unit should be followed at all times. Some people may be exempted if they have a physical, mental, or developmental condition that prevents them from wearing a mask.

Szot states, "masks and distance are really the two most effective means of slowing the spread of COVID-19." Wartman adds, "given the recent rapid increases in cases in our counties, which has happened even before school and college classes resume this fall- it is imperative we take this step now to try and slow the spread of COVID through our communities."

If someone is unable to wear a mask or face covering in a business due to a condition or disability, people should ask that business for reasonable accommodation, like a curbside pickup or delivery option. Children ages 2 through 4 are highly encouraged to wear masks in public,

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children 5 and older are advised to wear masks. If your child is not able to wear a mask, only bring them to places where it is necessary they be so that your child does not get or spread COVID-19 to others.

People can cover their faces a variety of ways to comply with this advisory. Simply wear a bandana, scarf, or neck gaiter around your nose and mouth. Or you may create a cloth face covering by either sewing one or using a no-sew method on the CDC website. Medical-grade surgical masks or N95 respirators are not required or necessary for general public use.

In addition to wearing a mask, these actions will help protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

- **Stay home if you are sick or feel off.**
- **Stay home if you do not need to go out.** Working from home, virtual gatherings, and using curbside or delivery ordering are still the safest and best options to protect yourself and others.
- **Stay 6 feet from other people.** Respiratory droplets are in the air when other people cough, sneeze, talk and breathe. Staying 6 feet from others will lower the chances of you coming in contact with the virus from those droplets.
- **Assume you have come in contact with COVID-19 if you go out.** Watch for symptoms like fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. If you have these symptoms, call your doctor to be tested.

CONTACTS:

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Bayfield County Health Department
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Photo courtesy of LCOOC

Monica Chase, left, and Mic Isham present the checks to Jessica Wagner-Schultz, Director of Institutional Advancement at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College, to fund the Isham-Chase Scholarship at LCOOC.

Isham-Chase Scholarship announced at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College

For the Bad River Band

HAYWARD – Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College (LCOOC) is excited to announce the creation of the Isham-Chase Scholarship, a contribution from Mr. Mic Isham and Mrs. Monica Chase. The family has committed to \$8,000, supporting a \$1,000 scholarship each fall and spring semester over a course of four years.

“As the first person in my family to attend College, I credit LCOOC for most of the success that I’ve had, from my GED to supporting through completing my bachelors degree at Northland College, and setting my children on a path to success. The College is part of the solution to many issues that our community faces,” said Mic Isham, Executive Director of GLIFWC.

Increased scholarship offerings reduce the barriers of tuition and textbook costs for Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College students. This reduction

in barriers supports the College’s mission to provide Anishinaabe communities with post-secondary and continuing education while advancing the language, culture, and history of the Ojibwe

“The growth that LCOOC has had over the past two years – developing bachelors programs, launching a capital campaign, athletics, and more is a part of how we support student success in our community. My dad and I decided to collaborate our backgrounds and provide this scholarship to students who are interested in the natural resources or legal fields,” Monica Chase, Attorney for LCO Child Support Services, and LCOOC Board of Regents Vice Chair said.

The scholarship application will be available on the college Website, www.lco.edu/scholarships and open to Native American undergraduate students to apply. For further questions, call 715-634-4790 ext. 186 or email advancement@lco.edu.



**You Matter.
Your Story
Matters.**

Call 715-682-7151

By Your Side

Support for Sexual Assault
Survivors in Wisconsin



It's a good sign

The billboard above was recently put on display in two locations on U.S. Highway 2. The billboard in Ashland County is located on Highway 2 E and Sum Road and will run from July 20 through September 13.

The billboard in Iron County will be located on Highway 2 and Town Park Road and will also run from July 20 to September 13.

The billboards were the result of the combined work

efforts of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) and Affirm Marketing last summer, as a part of their Wisconsin Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (WiSAKI) sub-grant, to develop the customized billboards.

"I'm so excited we're able to get some of them up around the state," said Keeley J. Crowley, SAKI Site Coordinator for the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services.



**NATIVE BREASTFEEDING COALITION
OF WISCONSIN**

The Big Latch On



Join us for our first Big Virtual
Latch On Event!

Wednesday August 12, 2020

Strong. Resilient. Latched.



Native Breastfeeding Coalition of Wisconsin



Native Breastfeeding @NBCofWisconsin

#StrongResilientLatched

We are here to protect, promote and support breastfeeding in our
Native American Communities, one latch at a time.

On August 12 please post your favorite nursing picture and/or your
breastfeeding story via our Facebook or Twitter page with
#StrongResilientLatched. We would also like to acknowledge those of you
who exclusively pump or donate milk by joining in as well.
Dad's are also encouraged to post and share!





Tribal policy means daily screening for all employees

COVID-19 Temperature and Screening Policy and Procedure DAILY SCREENING OF ALL EMPLOYEES

The purpose of this procedure is to define the Bad River Tribe's policy with respect to daily screening and temperature administration for all Tribal Employees during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Defined:

Pandemic: A disease prevalent over the whole country or the whole world.

Scope of this Policy:

This is a mandatory procedure and shall be followed daily by all Bad River Tribal employees upon entering the Tribal facility in which they work.

The Policy:

Effective Monday, June 15, 2020, all employees reporting to work will be screened daily for respiratory symptoms and have their body temperature taken as a precautionary measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Every employee will be screened, including having his or her temperature taken, when reporting to work. Employees should report to their work location or a central screening location upon arrival at work and prior to entering any other Bad River Tribal community facilities.

Each employee will be screened privately by a designated screener, using a touchless forehead/temporal artery thermometer. The employee's temperature and answers to respiratory symptom questions will be documented, and the record will be maintained as an employee data log.

An employee who has a fever at or above 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or who is experiencing coughing or shortness of breath will be sent home to follow the Return to Work Following Screening Temporary Policy. The employee should monitor his or her symptoms and call a doctor or use telemedicine if concerned about the symptoms.

Each Tribal Department will manage their own screening process. For departments with a population of more than ten (10) employees, the Department Head is responsible for designating and scheduling employees to conduct screening in their location. In cases of facilities housing multiple departments (Blackbird Center, Health & Wellness Center), Department Heads will work together for the designation and scheduling of screener employees.

Employees designated as screeners will be trained by the Health & Wellness Center Medical Team.

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54881

MEDIA STATEMENT

Bad River Statement on Prevention of COVID-19 within the Reservation

In a decision May 13, 2020 the State Supreme Court decided almost all of the State's Safer-at-Home Order, Executive Order 28, is not enforceable. In response Michael Wiggins Jr., Bad River Chairman, issued the following statement:

"The Bad River Tribal Council closed the gaming facility and limited other activities in Odanah, Wis. with the outcome of protecting our tribal community and surrounding areas.

"Regardless of the State Supreme Court decision, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will continue to follow the 'Safer-at-Home' guidance with the outcome of protecting the safety and health of the community while relying closely on the guidance of our public health and medical staff.

"We encourage other governments and municipalities or the broader public to voluntarily follow the safer-at-home guidelines to ensure the long-term safety and health of our communities."

For more information please read the Coronavirus Updates page at <http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/news/> and the attached Flyer. Miigwech!



BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

Date: Monday, June 15, 2020
To: All Bad River Employees
From: Mike Wiggins Jr. Tribal Chairman / Executive Director 
Subject: Travel Guidance

As we begin our return to the workplace full-time, I wanted to share key guidelines. To date our Tribe has been very pro-active in preventive practices, which have resulted in zero positive COVID 19 cases on the Bad River Tribal Reservation. For that, I thank each of you. Together we have made a positive and collective difference.

The following guidelines apply to all Bad River Tribal employees when traveling outside the area. You should interpret this as travel to areas other than home and work, and regular weekly routines in your residential area.

- You should discuss all travel plans with your Supervisor in advance of that travel.
- If your work-related travel is essential, your Supervisor may approve your travel. Your Supervisor also may deny that travel request. Approved essential travel will see employees undergoing a rapid test for covid-19 upon return, prior to returning to your job site. The rapid test will determine if self isolation/quarantine is needed. In the event of a positive test as a result of work-related travel, time off will be covered under administrative leave time.
- Non-essential work travel is highly discouraged until further notice.
- For personal, non-essential travel into areas of great activity or higher populations (metro areas, cities, high levels of human activity), you will be required to take a COVID 19 test prior to returning to work. Please call the Bad River Health & Wellness Center ahead to schedule your test. Upon request, the clinic will provide you with a written copy of your test results. Self isolation/quarantine that is necessary due to personal travel will be covered with the employee banked leave. If in the event there was no leave bank, administrative leave could be considered for public health and safety. Communication with supervisors prior to travel is key.
- Depending on each circumstance of travel, you may be expected to self-quarantine upon return for a period of 14 calendar days and use the appropriate paid/unpaid leave.
- If, in the process of tracing and tracking, you have been identified as having been exposed to a positive COVID 19 citizen, you are expected to be COVID 19 tested and quarantined 14 days. Administrative leave would be provided.

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BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. BOX 39

ODANAH, WI 54861

COVID-19 tests a must before returning to work

June 8, 2020

To: All Bad River Employees

From: Ron Teliszczak

Subject: COVID 19 Testing

It was requested that this memo be sent to all employees. During the Tribal Council Meeting on June 3, 2020, the Tribal Council voted unanimously that COVID 19 testing shall take place. That is, before you return to work next week, you must be COVID 19 tested at the Bad River Health & Wellness Center. This is mandatory.

Please call the Health & Wellness Center as soon as possible to schedule your test. The phone number to call is (715) 682-7133. You will not be allowed to return to work without having taken this test.

If you do not take your COVID 19 test, you will have to take annual leave or leave without pay until after you have your test.

Thank you.



Ron Teliszczak
HR Manager



*Follow the path to
Wellness*



Health
FAIR

Save the Date



**AUGUST
26**

10 AM– 3PM

BRHWC will be hosting a
Drive-Thru Health Fair!

- Lots of giveaways!
- Bags
- Lock Boxes
- Program Information
- Much, Much, More!

Focusing on mental health and addiction

Jennifer Sorel 715-682-7133
Karri Bigboy 715-292-1133



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NOTICE

Bad River Lake Superior Chippewa Indian Reservation and Road Closure

In order to maintain public health, safety, and limit exposure to COVID-19 the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has issued the following order:

NOTICE:

The BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA serves notice that non-tribal access to Bad River Tribally owned FCL or open MFL lands within the boundaries of the Bad River Reservation is hereby revoked. Trespassers to BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA FCL or open MFL lands will be subject to citations for trespass.

And;

Access to all Bad River Reservation roads off of US Hwy 2 State Hwy 169, State Hwy 13 and County A (Road detail below) are closed and will be operating under restricted access until further notice. Access is restricted except to the following:

- * All Community residents;
- * Bad River Members;
- * Tribal Government essential employees;
- * Delivery of necessary goods and services, US Post Office, and Food and basic necessities, and other preapproved personnel

Closed roads: Birch, Pine Flat, Falls, Elm Hoist, Potato River, Jolma, Jusala, Albert Mattson, West Fire Lane, Stones, First Landing, Second Landing, Goslin, Kagerville, Kakagon, Lake, Madigan, Beauregard, Ackley, Government, Graveyard Creek

Miigwech (Thank you),

Mike Wiggins Jr.
Tribal Chairman
(715) 292-2930



Return to Work Dates

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. BOX 39

ODANAH, WI 54861

Date: Friday, June 12, 2020
To: All Employees of the Bad River Tribal Organization
From: Mike Wiggins Jr. Tribal Chairman / Executive Director

Subject: Return to Work Dates

Thank you to all of our employees who have worked so hard to protect our community from Covid 19 by social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, and following all the CDC guidelines that are suggested.

We are at a point in time where our Tribal Organization is calling back our workforce. Below are notable dates regarding employees and their return back to work.

*Monday June 8, 2020 Bad River Health and Wellness employees returned to work.

*Monday, June 15, 2020, all Tribal employees will return to work.

*The Bad River Casino/Lodge/Restaurant/Gift Shop opening is still under review at this time. There will be more information put forward regarding our prospective Casino opening date.

There are some procedures and initiatives that we are implementing for public health and safety and for the safety of our organizational employees:

- All Tribal/Enterprise employees must be tested for COVID 19 at the Bad River Health & Wellness Center prior to your return to work. Please make an appointment to be tested between now and Monday, June 15, 2020. Employees will not be allowed to return without this test being administered. The Health & Wellness Center nursing staff have been busy with this effort and stand ready to assist you.
- Tribal Governance via Human Resources will send you a Policy requiring a daily temperature screen. This is a simple temperature and verbal status check to be administered as you enter your respective Bad River work facility each workday.

We have talked to Department Heads and will be open to flex scheduling and other creative solutions from our various departments on a case by case basis to maximize social distancing while maintaining program continuity.

Chi Miiigwech.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Is a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships

The National Night Out culminates annually on the first Tuesday in August as it enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are strongly recommending that all National Night Out 2020 areas celebrate on October 6th, the first Tuesday in October.

The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. National Night Out triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows us to rediscover our own communities.



The Department of Social & Family Services held a National Night Out awareness event in 2019 that centered on rebuilding a positive relationship with the community and law enforcement. Due to the current pandemic the Zhwenidig Unit of the Department of Social & Family Services will begin to organize the 2020 National Night Out event for Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Watch for more information coming soon.

National Night Out is celebrated by millions of neighbors across thousands of communities. For more information contact: 800.648.3688 | info@natw.org | ©2020 National Night Out. All Rights Reserved

We strongly recommend that all NNO 2020 areas celebrate on October 6th due to COVID-19.

Food Sovereignty Program seeks volunteers



The Bad River Food Sovereignty Program would like to re-start its ad hoc Committee.



If you are interested in volunteering to serve on this committee please sign up by contacting the Food Sov. office at 715-682-7111, ext. 1611.

With the COVID 19 Pandemic still a concern, we will be meeting outside the Food Sov. building.

We will be scheduling at least two (2) meetings in the month of August 2020. If you haven't signed up but want to be on the Committee just show up on the date and time for the meeting. Will post flyers with meeting dates.

We are looking for community members who are interested in gardening, growing their own food, in aiding the Bad River Community in becoming more self-sufficient in terms of having access to nutritious foods.

AND, we welcome any ideas, projects relating to food, traditional harvests or any such related topic/issues.

Please come join us in this important effort to make nutritious foods available in our community. AND, help our community members lead a healthier life.



2nd Annual Food Sovereignty
CHILI FEED

Wed. Aug. 12th, 2020

from 11:30 am -1:30 pm

Outside the Food Sov. Bldg. (old tribal school),

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**Social distancing will be accommodated &
Masks, Hand Sanitizer will be available.**

In HONOR of all the good people who support the Food Sov. effort, and those who want to enjoy good food.

COME to Food Sov. and share Chili and fixin's.



*Come see our
pretty flowers &
beautiful plants.*



Please RSVP, call 715-682-7111, ext. 1611. BUT, it is not required. We want to have enough chili & fixin's on hand for everyone who comes to eat and visit.



What Tribal Members need to know about COVID-19

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronaviruses are a type of virus (germ) that can cause cold-like symptoms and sometimes serious problems with lungs and breathing. COVID-19 is a novel (new) coronavirus.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Mild to severe respiratory illness, or problems with lungs and breathing. Symptoms include:

- **Cough or shortness of breath.**

Or at least two of these symptoms:

- **Fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.**



How does COVID-19 spread?

Person to person by coughing, sneezing, or personal contact like touching or shaking hands. Someone with mild symptoms may spread the disease without knowing they are sick.

Who is most at risk?

Anyone can get COVID-19. Those at risk of severe illness include:

- **Elders and adults over 60 years of age,**
- **People with heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes.**

How can I protect myself and my family?

Stay at home. "Social distancing" is recommended. This means keeping your family at home and away from others who may be sick.

- If you must go out, wear a mask or bandana and try to stay 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid gatherings with other people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Do not shake hands, hug, or touch others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in our state?

Yes, there have been cases in all 50 states.

If someone gets sick, what can they do?

- **If someone thinks they have been around someone with COVID-19 and they get a fever and symptoms such as cough or trouble breathing, they should call their healthcare provider or local Indian Health Service unit for medical advice.**
- In an emergency, call 911.
- People who are mildly sick with COVID-19 do not need to see a healthcare provider and are able to recover at home.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash hands.
- Stay home and away from others for 14 days to avoid getting others sick.
- Caregivers should keep sick family members away from others in the home and clean and disinfect surfaces and items that are touched often, like door handles, sink handles, toilets, remote controls, etc.

Is there a vaccine or treatment?

There is no vaccine. The best way to reduce the risk of getting sick with COVID-19 is to practice social distancing and healthy habits like washing hands regularly.

There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but medical care can help relieve symptoms. If you are sick, call your healthcare provider for instructions.

For more information:
CDC.gov/coronavirus



JOHNS HOPKINS
CENTER FOR AMERICAN
INDIAN HEALTH

Effective May 5, 2020
Source: CDC



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES

COVID-19

July 30, 2020, #MaskUpWisconsin

Governor issues new executive order

Today Governor Evers announced a new executive order mandating face coverings indoors or in enclosed spaces, other than when at home. We know that face coverings are an effective tool in fighting COVID-19, and we encourage you to do your part in protecting the health and safety of your fellow Wisconsinites by wearing a face covering and encouraging others to do so.

Over the last month, Wisconsin has seen a surge in cases. This increase in cases cuts across the entire state with a significant majority of counties at high COVID-19 activity levels. Statewide action is necessary to protect the health and well-being of Wisconsinites.

Please see the [press release for more details](#).

61 of 72 counties
are experiencing
high COVID-19
activity.

That's 96% of the
state's population.

COVID-19 is spreading.
You can stop it.

#MaskUpWisconsin

GOVERNOR **TONY EVERS** WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT *of* HEALTH SERVICES



FREE MEALS for children 0-18 yrs old (Breakfast, lunch, and snack) will be provided **UPON REQUEST** from the Bad River Food Distribution July 6th-10th and August 17th - 31st



PLEASE CALL FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT (715) 682-7892 WITH THE NUMBER OF MEALS NEEDED, ALONG WITH CONTACT INFORMATION. MEALS WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP AT COMMODS.





Join Us...Maawanji'idiwag ☺
**Bad River's Ojibwemowin Virtual
Language Table!!**

Every Wednesday...Endaso-Aapitooseg
Two Sessions: (5-6:30 p.m.) & (7-8:30 p.m.)

Via Zoom# 89840911902
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89840911902>



The Bad River Clinic Pharmacy

Attention Pharmacy Patients:



The Bad River Clinic Pharmacy
HOME DELIVERY OF MEDICATIONS...



Will Be

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Starting Wednesday, July 1st, 2020

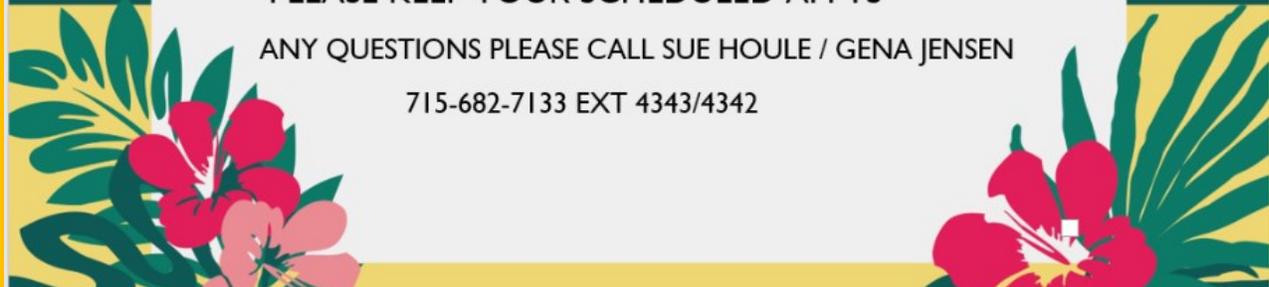
FOR THOSE RECEIVING CHR SERVICES, PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONTACT SUE HOULE, GENA JENSEN, OR PAM FEUSTEL FOR YOUR HOMECARE NEEDS

‘Drum Beats,’ Deadline!

To get your news item in the next edition of “Drum Beats,” send email to NewsLetter@BadRiver-nsn.gov or call 920-857-4673 by noon on:

August 13






AUGUST WIC 2020
 CERTS AND MID-CERTS
 MONDAY AUGUST 3RD, 9:00-3:00
 WED AUGUST 5TH, 9:00-12:00 PICK UP 1:00-3:00
 LATE PICK-UP IS AUGUST 14TH 9:00-11:00
 PLEASE KEEP YOUR SCHEDULED APPTS
 ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL SUE HOULE / GENA JENSEN
 715-682-7133 EXT 4343/4342

Notice

The Bad River Judgement Fund Committee will be accepting proposals to be included on the year **2020** election ballot from June 24, 2020 to August 6, 2020. No proposals will be accepted before or after these dates. Proposals will be listed on the ballot in the order they are received. Funding limit - TBD but not to exceed \$50,000.00

Special Meeting Dates:

June 24, 2020 4:30p.m.	July 29, 2020 4:30p.m.
July 2, 2020 4:30p.m.	August 6, 2020 4:30p.m.
July 8, 2020 4:30p.m.	
July 22, 2020 4:30p.m.	

Regular Meeting Dates:

July 15, 2020 4:30p.m.
 August 19, 2020 4:30p.m.

Meetings will take place at the Chief Blackbird Center in Conference room C.

Bad River Food Shelf Hours

Monday: 9 a.m.-noon

Tuesday: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m.-noon

Thursday: 11 a.m.-noon

Friday: 9 a.m.-noon

Anyone needing Food Shelf please call ahead before noon, 715-682-7127. If there is no answer leave a message with a return phone number.





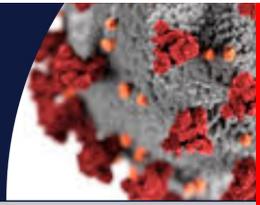
ATTENTION

The Enrollment Department is asking all Tribal Members to update their mailing addresses. You may call in your current address to 715-682-7111 ext: 1525 or Email at Enrollment@badriver-nsn.gov

Thank You 😊



COVID-19



COVID-19 is Still in Our Communities



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

The order is gone, but the virus is not.

Disinfect Surfaces



Limit Travel
Outside of Home



Stay Home When Sick



Follow Local Orders



Avoid Mass Gatherings



Stay 6 Feet Apart



WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands with soap and running water when are visibly dirty.

Clean your hands even when not visibly dirty by using alcohol-based hand-sanitizer or soap and water.

- After coughing or sneezing
- When caring for the sick
- Before, during and after you prepare food
- After handling animals or animal waste
- Before eating
- After using the toilet

If your business is allowed to open visit:
<https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>



Mashkiiziibii Youth Services Jam Session

*Welcoming **BAD RIVER COMMUNITY MEMBERS**
to come together in a good way*

*Sundays: July 5, 19, August 2, 16, 2020
Bad River Pow-Wow Grounds
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm*

*What you will need to bring:
Chairs, Face Mask and own water and snacks
(We will not be providing any FOOD)*

*We will be promoting and following CDC guidelines
Questions contact Nate Ante 715-292-9952*

Manomin Restaurant hours

To: Everyone

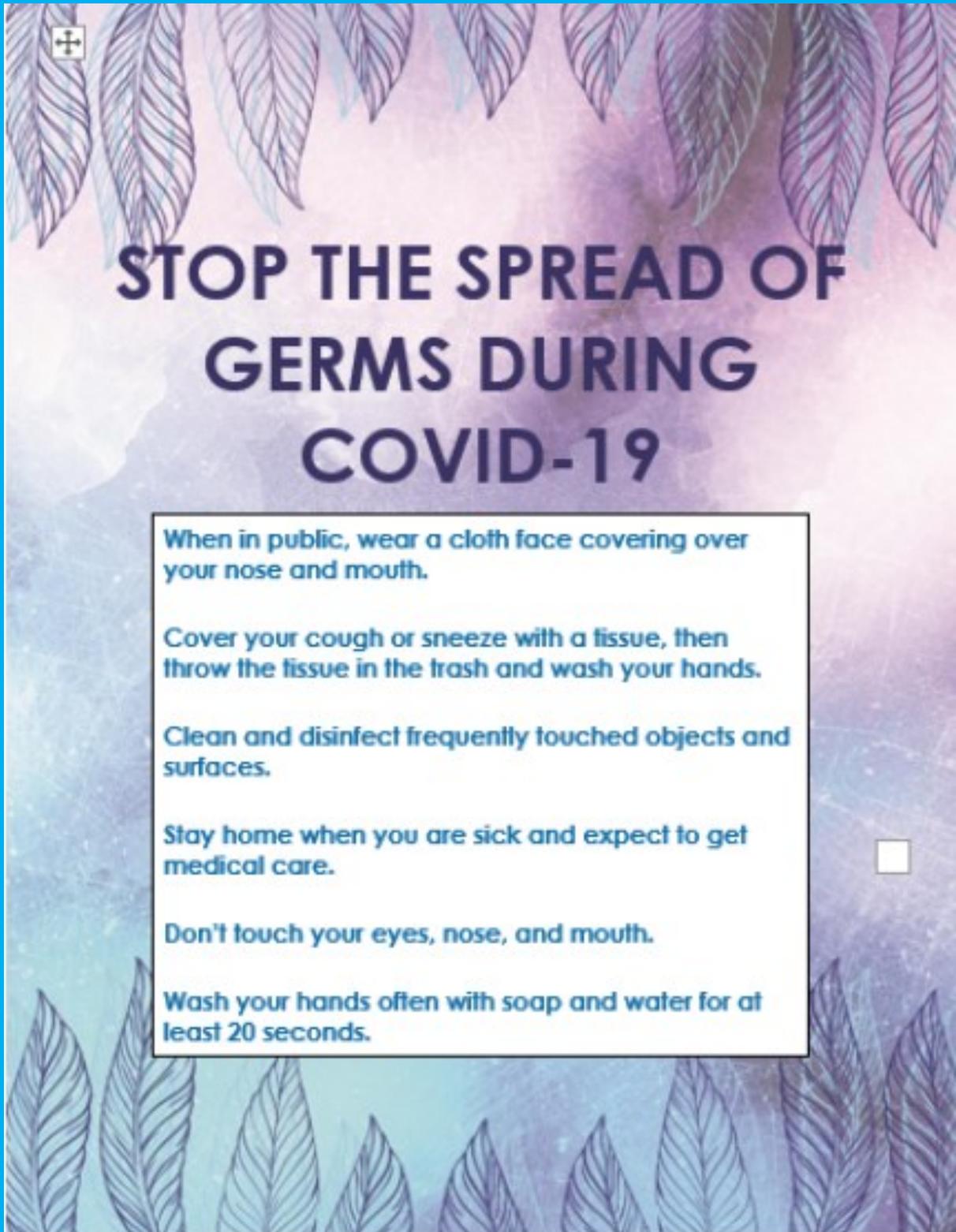
From: Linton Rembert

Date: 7/31/20

RE: Restaurant Hours

As of August 1, 2020, Manomin Restaurant will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays, and open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays. We will be open until 2 p.m. and will not be closing early. We are still doing to-go orders only. Please call your order in ahead and practice social distancing. Thank you for your time and attention.







Apply Now for the Summer & Fall Semesters

Summer
Registration
March 23, 2020-
May 29, 2020

Fall Registration
March 23, 2020-
August 28, 2020

MAIN CAMPUS
LAC COURTE OREILLES

OUTREACH LOCATIONS

BAD RIVER
LAC DU FLAMBEAU
RED CLIFF
ST. CROIX

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- BUSINESS
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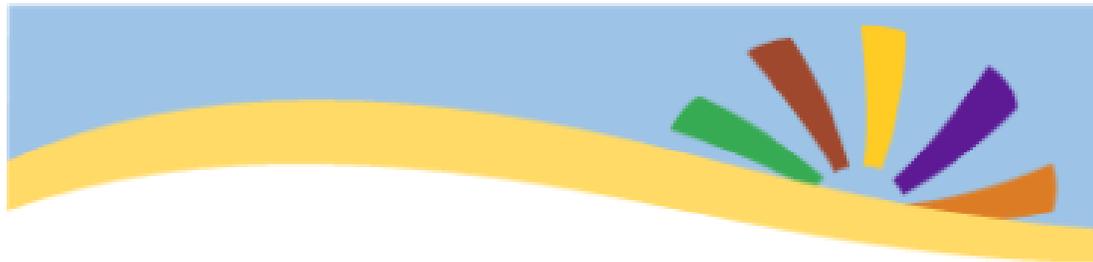
SUMMER CLASSES START JUNE 1, 2020

FALL CLASSES START AUGUST 31, 2020

CALL TO LEARN MORE | 715-634-4790

lco.edu     





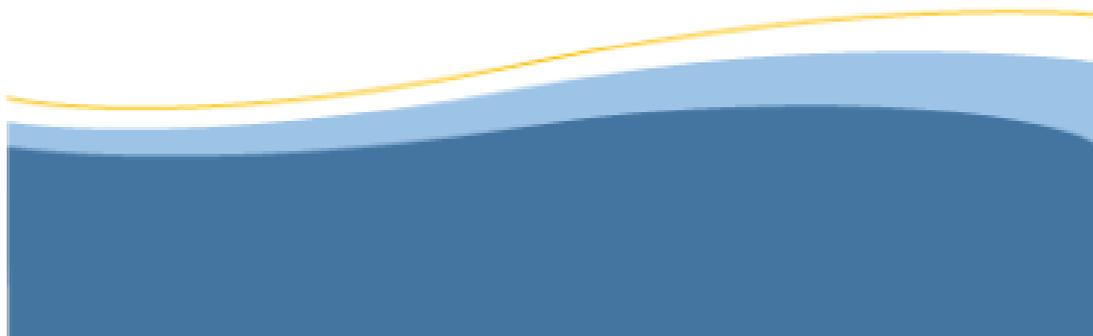
Bad River Health and Wellness Center CLINIC SERVICES

During the COVID-19 crisis, the Bad River Clinic WILL be open for other services. If you have a chronic health condition such as diabetes, hypertension, or are feeling ill, please call the clinic at

* 715-682-7133 to schedule an appointment

While the process of entering the clinic has changed at this time, **we are still here to serve you.** Please call with any questions, or to schedule your appointment today!

Stay safe and be well.

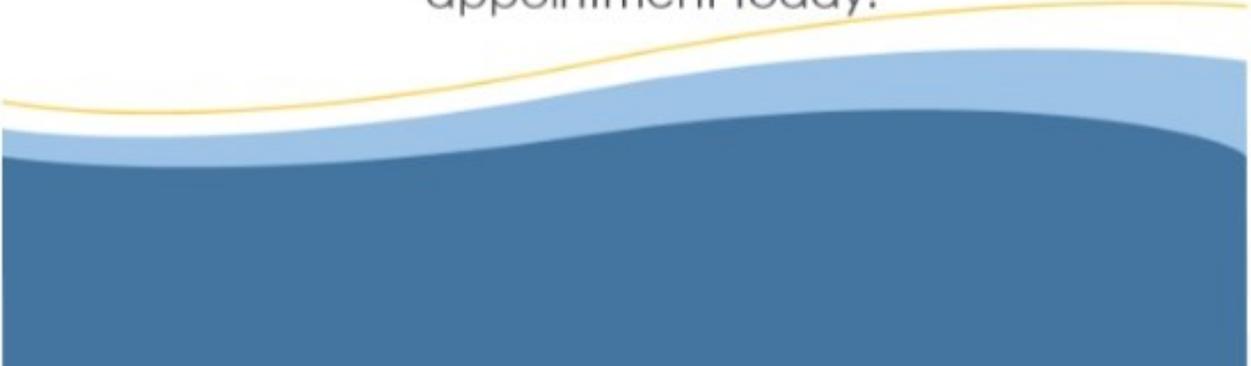




Women's Health Services

* Just a quick reminder that you can still be seen at the Bad River Health and Wellness Center during the COVID-19 Crisis **for all your Women's Health Care Needs, including BIRTH CONTROL!**

Please call the clinic at
(715) 682-7133 to make your
appointment today!



Care for your mental health, too!

During the COVID-19 Crisis, it is just as important to care for your mental health as it is your physical health. If you or someone you know is struggling, REACH OUT. Here are just a few of the resources available. We will continue to share free resources with you during this difficult time.

Mental Health:

7 cups: www.7cups.com; free online text chat for emotional support and counseling

Disaster Distress Helpline: 800-985-5990

Or text TalkWithUs to 66746

Suicide Prevention Hotline: 800-273-8255

Or text CONNECT to 741741

MoodGYM: moodgym.com.au

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233

Recovery Resources:

Bad River AODA Open Recovery Meeting: 4pm daily.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/130162509>

Or call 1-646-749-3122 Access Code: 130-162-509

In The Rooms: intherooms.com/home/

Please call the Bad River Health and Wellness Center at 715-682-7133 if you have questions or would like more information

New Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 seen in children

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

High Fevers (lasting for 5 or more days)

Rashes on the Torso or Groin

Blood Shot Eyes

Red Swollen lips

Red hands and soles of feet (resembling sun-burn)

Swelling in the lymph nodes

Peeling skin on hands and feet

Temporary Hearing Loss

Low Blood Pressure

Confusion

Headaches

Muscle Aches

**If your child is
experiencing any of
these symptoms,
please contact your
health care
provider ASAP.**



Join Youth Services Fred Pero in a run at various locations. Stick with it and you will be a part of the 100 Mile Club with a t-shirt to sport around. We will leave the Youth Building (Annex) at 9am on Tuesday and Thursdays.



Call Fred Pero at 715-292-5204 to sign up. Starting July 7, 2020.

Your journey starts with the first step



WANTED

**Certified Child Care Providers are
needed in our community!**

Do you love children?
Do you want to work from home?
Do you want to be self-employed and
work your own hours?
Can you pass a background check?

If you are interested in learning
on how to become a successful,
certified, stay at home Child Care
Provider; then please contact
Lynn Wiggins to learn more at
715-682-7127 ext. 1401



Our children and
families need your
help!!





ATTENTION

FARM TO FAMILIES FOOD BOXES
will be available for anyone in need

Donations consist of Produce, Dairy, Pork Sloppy Joes, Chicken dinners, grilled chicken strips, chicken fillets, and chicken nuggets.

Thursday August 6th 2020 Time: TBD

Pick-up will be located at the:
Bad River Food Distribution Building
(73451 Maple Street Odanah, WI)

**NO NEED TO EXIT YOUR VEHICLE, LET VOLUNTEERS KNOW HOW FAMILIES YOU WILL BE PICKING UP FOR AND POP TRUNK. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT (715) 682-7892
THIS PROJECT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY USDA, FARMERS, AND WITH HELP OF THE HUNGER RELIEF FEDERATION**



BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 391 Olanah, Wisconsin 54861

NOTICE

GRAVEL PURCHASE FOR 2020

The Bad River Roads Department will be offering crushed gravel for individual purchase this year.

There is also a limited amount of fill dirt available. Fill can be found in the field directly north of the casino. If anyone would like to haul this themselves please feel free to take as much as you like. **The Roads Program will not be delivering fill dirt.**

Limit of 5 loads per residence (25 yards) of crushed gravel.

PRICES:

Crushed Gravel per 5 yard load \$19.00 per yard = \$95.00 per load (5 load max.)

The deadline for ordering will be September 18, 2020.

All payments should be made at the Bad River Tribal Accounting Office. Please make sure you leave a contact name and number when payment is made.

Deliveries will begin in late June to early July or as soon as possible thereafter. Repairs to roadways will take precedence and private order deliveries will not begin until road repairs are caught up.

Any question please contact:

Ben Connors Sr
roadsmgr@badriver-nsn.gov
Ph: 715-682-7153 ext 1343
Cell: 715-292-1728



COVID-19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

BE INFORMED:

Know Your Risk During COVID-19

On a scale of 1 to 10, how risky is...

Ranked by physicians from the TMA COVID-19 Task Force and the TMA Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please assume that participants in these activities are following currently recommended safety protocols when possible.





BAD RIVER HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

Some tips to help you through the day

Boozhoo, from the Bad River Health & Wellness AODA Program

**I'd like to share a few helpful suggestions
to help you through the day**

While we are back at work we are remembering to social distance, wear masks, wash hands, and to include our relatives/family/friends that are home and in the community. Miigwetch for reading and please share

Possible things to do to while at home. Possible things to help others to prevent substance abuse.

Make crafts, beadwork, knitting, art work, planting, gardening, etc.

Meditate, make time for prayer and thought

Listen to music, learn to play an instrument, sing, hum

Whistle (remember to whistle while you work)

Daily reading, read positive quotes, affirmations

Do breathing exercising, breath in, breath out, allow your lungs to do the work

Spend time with positive people in positive environments

Self-prayer, self-smudging, asema offering

Be mindful of negative words and thoughts. Don't allow words to control or keep you feeling down. We have been told tomorrow or moments of the future is unknown, try and lift your spirit, we only have one chance for this life. Somedays we can only handle day by day, or moment to moment. Make the best of it!

If I can help or find someone, you're comfortable with please call

Penny Charette: Cultural Liaison/AODA Support Staff @ 715-682-7133 ext. 4353

If your struggling with alcohol/substance abuse, the Bad River AODA Program is offering a virtual on-line meeting, and social distancing office visits

We can help you find a sponsor if your struggling

If you would like to talk or meet with an AODA Counselor, or Peer Specialist, please call the Bad River AODA Program @ 715-682-7863 to set up an appointment

We are in this together



Youth Regalia Making



Youth Service Department will be providing Youth Regalia Making classes

Located at the Bad River Youth Service Department (Annex building)

*Two classes will be held weekly
Males Wednesday's (starting July 15th)
Females Thursday's (starting July 16th)
Ages 10-13 years old 9:00-11:00am
14-17 years old 1:00-4:00 pm
(If we need more time, we will provide more sessions as well)*

Very Limited spots available
We will be practicing social distancing
please call to reserve

Any questions or additional information, please call Mary @715-682-7111 ext. 1612 or 715-292-5073 or email: NativeConnectionsMgr@badriver-nsn.gov

Education Department remains open to offer help during COVID-19

The Bad River Education Department remains open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The department can be contacted at the information listed here for all of your higher education needs.

If you are a current student who will be continuing college in the Fall, please send email for a scholarship application and any questions you might have.

We are here to help!

Education Dept.

Bad River Tribe

P.O. Box 39

72682 Maple St.

Odanah, WI 54861

Phone: (715) 682-7111 ext. 1533





Mashkiziibii Natural Resources Department

Public Services & Who to Contact

If you need....	Then contact...
to Register you ATV/UTV, Boat, or Snowmobile	DNRecept@badriver-nsn.gov OR call (715) 682-7123 and leave a voice message
to obtain an Access Permit	DNRecept@badriver-nsn.gov OR call (715) 682-7123 and leave a voice message
to obtain an Access Permit if you are Enbridge or Enbridge's contractor	NRDirector@badriver-nsn.gov
to obtain a Burn Permit	Conservation Warden Brad Bigboy at (715) 292-7822
to submit a Project Review Application or Questions	Environmental@badriver-nsn.gov
a Map or assistances with a Webmap application	gspec@badriver-nsn.gov
to obtain your Lake Trout Tags	FishTech@badriver-nsn.gov OR call (715) 682-7152
to submit a POWTS application or follow up on a POWTS application	POWTS@badriver-nsn.gov OR call (715) 685-8727
an Equipment Inspection	call (715) 979-1071 and leave a voice message
To obtain Off-reservation registration	Call (715) 682-7123 MNRD Administrative Assistant OR (715) 292-7822 Conservation Warden Brad Bigboy

For Current Reservation Beach Status Call (715) 685-7870

For other inquiries, call 715-682-7123 and leave a voice message and we'll connect you with Department staff.





ATTENTION!



Due to the Safety of our Community and staff during this pandemic the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department will be CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC until further notice.

~Contact Us by Email or Phone with any Questions~

Main Office: (715) 682-7123
Office Hours: 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m. (M- F)
Wardens: Brad - (715) 292-7822
Stanlee - (715) 292-1902

Visit our Website for email addresses and more contact information

<http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/natural-resources/>

We appreciate your understanding during this time.



CORONAVIRUS SAFETY



Follow these easy steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Disinfect surfaces around your home and work.



Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.



Sneeze or cough? Cover your mouth.





Bad River Health and Wellness Center
53555 Nokomah Road
Ashland, WI 54806-4272

Clinic Administration
Phone: 715.882.7127
Fax: 715.882.7827
Main Clinic: 715.882.7122

**BAD RIVER AODA
OPEN RECOVERY MEETING
4pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday !!!!
These are available during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or
smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/130162509>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:+16467493122)

Access Code: 130-162-509

**We are here to offer continued help and support to the
community!**



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BAD RIVER RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTICE JUNE 13, 2020

THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REQUIRING THE USE OF **BLUE RESIDENTIAL STICKERS** WITH EFFECTIVE DATE STARTING ON **JUNE 13, 2020** FOR ALL CURB-SIDE PICK-UP OF SOLID WASTE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK-UP **BLUE RESIDENTIAL STICKERS** BEFORE THIS DATE @ ALL USUAL PLACES OF SALE.

CHI - MIIGWECH TO THOSE INDIVIDUAL'S WHO UTILIZED THEM DURING THAT TIME FRAME ALSO!!



'End' Quote

The Bad River Domestic & Sexual Abuse Program shares this statement for the week. These weekly statements address various issues, concerns and thoughts that we hope you will read and consider why it was written:

“Everything happens for a reason, live it, love it, learn from it! Make your smile change the world. But don’t let the world change your smile .”

~ Positive Outlooks

Watch for the next statement in the **August 19** newsletter. If you have a statement you would like to share, feel free to send it to Hiedi-Beth Burns, Coordinator/DV & SA Advocate & Legal Lay Advocate, Bad River Domestic Abuse Program. Send email to brdap@badriver-nsn.gov

BAD RIVER HOUSING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

2020	REGULAR MEETING
January	01/14/20
February	02/11/20
March	03/10/20
April	04/14/20
May	05/12/20
June	06/09/20
July	07/14/20
August	08/11/20
September	09/08/20
October	10/13/20
November	11/10/20
December	12/08/20

All meetings are held
at the Bad River Housing Authority Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.



“Drum Beats,”

is the newsletter for the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Drum Beats is circulated every other Wednesday throughout the year and is produced by The Bay City News Service of Ashland, Wis.

Send email to
Newsletter@BadRiver-nsn.gov
or call 920-857-4673.

Electronic Conferencing

