

# BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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## Update: COVID-19 Confirmed in Bad River

Bad River Public Health announces that a Bad River Tribal Member from the Bad River Community has tested positive for Covid 19. This individual is experiencing mild symptoms and is currently under quarantine at home and will continue to do so based on guidelines from our local, state, and federal partners. Bad River Public Health has spoken with the individual and is actively working to identify direct contacts and to communicate quarantine orders that will follow those who have had direct exposure to the Covid-19 positive individual.

We will continue to follow up with anyone who may have been exposed to provide appropriate guidance and monitoring. In addition, Bad River Public Health will be in daily contact with this individual to monitor their symptoms and ensure they are receiving support to be able to quarantine at home.

The Bad River Public Health Department and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) responsibilities include:

- Identifying and contacting anyone who has been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19. These people are asked to quarantine themselves for 14 days from their exposure and will be monitored for fever and respiratory symptoms.
  - People with symptoms are tested for COVID-19.
  - Providing guidance to clinicians regarding testing.
  - Preparing Wisconsin for community spread of COVID-19
- Follow HIPAA Privacy Rules protecting all **medical records and other individually identifiable health information** used or disclosed by a covered entity in any form, whether electronically, on paper, or orally, are covered by the final rule.

The Bad River Health Department reminds everyone of the importance of taking action to stay safe and limit risk of exposure from Covid-19. Please follow the guidance provided by the local, state and federal experts.

- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Stay home when sick.
- Practice social distancing
- Avoid large public gatherings and crowds.
- Wear a mask in public settings.