

Daily Updates

Fond du Lac General Reservation Election Board

For the health and safety of our community and voters

In conjunction with current COVID-19 practices the Fond du Lac Election Board is setting the following procedures for the June 9, 2020 Primary Election.

POLLING STATIONS: BROOKSTON & CLOQUET COMMUNITY CENTERS

OPENS: 8:00 A.M. CLOSSES: 8:00 P.M.

- No more than five voters will be allowed in the building during voting hours. The election board and election services staff equals 5 people. This meets the 10 person requirement for small gatherings.
 - Floor space will be marked off to meet 6' social distancing requirement.
 - Voters are encouraged to wear face mask; hand sanitizer stations will be setup. This will be used for both entering and leaving polling station.
 - Voting stations will be cleaned before each voter uses station: stations will be wiped down.
 - The count will be broadcast through the Fond du Lac Facebook page to facilitate voter observation of the count. The General and District Board Members along with a FDL police officer will be physically present for the count. Each candidate or a representative of the candidate can be physically present for the count.
 - Human Services Division staff will screen voters for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the polling stations. Voters showing COVID-19 symptoms will need to vote curbside/outside.
- The Fond du Lac Election Board continues to encourage Absentee Ballot voting process before June 9, 2020.

These procedures are subject to change as state health regulations related to COVID-19 evolve.

If you have additional questions, please call: (218) 409-4673

Naomi Northrup, Chair; Lorraine Houle, Clerk; Shannon Berglund, Teller

A second wave

By Zachary N. Dunaiski

Even before people gathered to peacefully protest the death of George Floyd, the World Health Organization (WHO) warned that this is only the beginning, calling it the first wave. Now that riots have erupted in many major cities around the country, it will only certainly increase the spread of COVID-19.

Dangerous times lie ahead, especially as the public views the reopening of the economy as a false signal of the end. It is not. COVID-19's spread, which has claimed over 100,000 American lives, is far from over with some models showing the second wave this fall as worse and longer than the current one we are experiencing.

States have begun to reopen, the stock market has been surging, and even pro sports leagues are working out possible returns, but individuals who ignore the safety guidelines put everyone at risk. The most publicized came a few weeks back during a pool party at Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri, which showed many people crammed into a pool. People from that pool party were told to self-isolate, and just a few days ago, an attendee of that party tested positive for the virus. A scary sign of what may lie ahead after so many gathering nationwide to protest racial injustice.

This all comes as the World Health Organization (WHO) announced a few weeks ago

that they will be suspending their trials of Hydroxychloroquine in the fight against COVID-19. A month ago, the drug's name started to be talked about again as the president announced that he's taking it in an effort to prevent COVID-19, which the FDA says is neither safe nor effective in treating the coronavirus. It has also not shown signs in preventing it.

The WHO stopped trials on the experimental treatment method in the solidarity trial due in part to a study published by The Lancet, which found a lower survival rate among hospitalized patients using the drug once they had COVID-19. The Solidarity trial is the WHO's global investigation into four experimental treatments for COVID-19. It includes remdesivir, lopinavir, interferon beta-1a and hydroxychloro-

quine.

On Friday, May 29, just a few weeks after the trials ended on Hydroxychloroquine, President Trump announced that the United States will be terminating their relationship with the WHO. His feud with the WHO has been widely publicized over the last several weeks, blaming them for the spread of COVID-19 across the country despite warnings he was briefed on back in January.

The WHO, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and our local medical professionals here at Fond du Lac, are doing all they can to keep everyone safe. They are experts on viruses and how they spread, we need to listen to them to keep us, loved ones, and others safe.



6 FEET | **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Social distancing means **staying away** from **close contact** in public spaces.

- AVOID** Group gatherings, non-essential appointments, sleep overs, playdates, concerts and theater outings, sporting events, crowded retail stores and malls, workouts in gyms, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your home, mass transit, eating at restaurants
- OK** Take a walk, go for a hike, yard work, play in your yard, clean, read a good book, listen to music, cook a meal, enjoy family game and movie night, video chat family members, call to check in on friends and family

Use caution when seeking urgent medical care and getting household essentials.

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