

Daily Updates

Wear your face mask

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We've experienced many issued during the course of the pandemic, but the one that seems to keep popping up is the opposition to face masks.

Many see it as a restriction of their freedom, and question the reasons behind why they should wear a mask. Some believe it is political. The real reason to wear a mask is based on factual evidence that shows mask are the most effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Fond du Lac has been ahead of the curve, shutting down before the state, and as Minnesota considers a statewide mask mandate, FDL moves into their third week of requiring them in all facilities. FDL Elders, who make up the group most impacted by the virus, have been asking council members to require people to wear masks inside buildings, such as the Elderly complexes.

Wearing a face mask can be challenging, difficult, or annoying for some, but with the opportunity of slowing the spread of this virus and saving people's lives, the choice to not wear one puts Elders and others at risk, whether directly or indirectly.

Also remember that when wearing masks it is only effective when worn properly. Wearing it under the nose, or on the chin, aren't effective in protecting yourself and others.

Mask mandates are active in at least 23 states—with others considering joining such as Minnesota—and several countries

around the world, encompassing 90% of humanity, per an article by the Pioneer Press referencing a masks4all.com article which discussed the countries that have mask mandates. So by choosing not to wear a mask, you're in the minority. It isn't being required to restrict any one person's freedom, but rather to protect everyone from the spread of this virus.

The science behind wearing at least a cloth face covering is staggering, as it stops nearly all saliva droplets from spreading, which is the key method the coronavirus spreads from person to person. Nearly every medical expert in the world suggests wearing face masks, in particular when social distancing is hard or impossible such as indoors or other close quarters.

The World Health Organization (WHO) suggested last week that the virus might now be airborne, meaning that it isn't just from surfaces we touch and then touching our mouths or face, but just spread through sharing the same air. Therefore people who have no symptoms and feel fine, or haven't started to show signs of the symptoms, could be unknowingly spreading the virus when in the same buildings and spaces as those who have not yet contracted the virus. A mask is a simple way to stop the spread of the airborne particles.

Please wear a mask.

Source: Pioneer Press <https://www.twincities.com/2020/07/12/masks-mandates-and-coronavirus-what-we-know-and-what-we-dont/>

Masks required in FDL buildings

Effective July 1, 2020, it's now mandatory to wear a mask in order to enter any Fond du Lac building. If you are in need of a mask, contact the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) (218) 878-7175. Many Band members are also still making masks, and if you would like to donate a mask, please contact the EOC.

Masks and handwashing are the two best ways to slow the spread of COVID-19 so please do your part and wear masks if you have to go out in public, especially when social distancing is difficult.

Masks and Social Distancing:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to remain vigilant in our efforts to practice social distancing, wear cloth masks to protect those around us, and wash our hands often. There are plenty of great resources to help us maintain these goals. Please see the links below for a small sample of resources, and continue to stay safe! #FDL-Strong!

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/prevention.html>
<http://www.fdlrez.com/downloads/ClothMasks.pdf>
<http://fdlrez.com/downloads/SocialDistancing2.pdf>

Looking for workers

Since the beginning of this pandemic, Fond du Lac has been in a hiring freeze, but last week the RBC announced they will be lifting the hiring freeze.

There will be added steps, and the hiring process may be a bit slower, but FDL is looking for workers again. If you are interested in working for FDL, check out fdlrez.com for available jobs.

RBC Open Meeting

July 16, 2020, 3 CST by Zoom Conference

On Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. CST, the Reservation Business Committee will hold an open meeting by Zoom Conference. You may join the meeting by visiting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295226534>, by entering Meeting ID 832 9522 6534 in the Zoom app, or dial by your location:

+ 1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+ 1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
+ 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
+ 1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
+ 1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+ 1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

The meeting is only open to Fond du Lac Band members. No registration or password is required. To submit a question in advance, please e-mail Rita Aspinwall at ritaaspinwall@fdlrez.com by 4:30 p.m. CST on Wednesday, July 15.

NOW THAT BUSINESSES ARE OPENING, WE WANT TO REMIND THE COMMUNITY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

#FDLStrong #StaySafeMN

- Maintain at least 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Avoid groups and crowds of more than 5 people.
- Masks and face coverings strongly encouraged.

Adapted from Ramsey County, MN

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