

Daily Updates

BBCR goes smoke-free

By Zachary N. Dunaiski

Black Bear Casino Resort (BBCR) announced yesterday that it will be going smoke-free.

The announcement came to many mixed reviews on Facebook, with some of its biggest opponents threatening to never spend another dime at BBCR ever again. While frustration over another change is understandable, at one time people thought that bars would struggle when Minnesota, and several other states, banned smoking inside.

When we open tomorrow, July 15th at 10 am, we will no longer allow smoking inside of the building. Guests

will be able to smoke outside of the building. We believe that this is the best decision for us to ensure the safety and security of our guests and employees, BBCR said via their Facebook page.

As part of Fond du Lac requiring to wear masks inside buildings, it only seems natural to go smoke free. There is no way to smoke and wear a mask.

Fond du Luth had a non-smoking section before COVID-19 even existed and went completely smoke free after re-opening amidst the pandemic. BBCR will now join them as just another effort to limit the spread of this deadly virus.

Duluth mandates masks

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Following a unanimous decision, Duluth's city council approved a new ordinance that will require masks in all publicly accessible common spaces of buildings.

This decision comes as Minnesota Governor Tim Walz considers a similar ordinance statewide. The mandate will require all publicly open businesses, such as retail stores, to have patrons wear masks. Private businesses, where the public doesn't enter, won't be required so long as those in the building are able to keep that six feet of social distancing.

"We're about to do something that we'd never do in normal times. But I think it's important to recognize that we're not in normal times," Councilor Joel Sipress said to the Duluth News Tribune. "We're facing the most serious situation in probably my lifetime. It's not going to end anytime soon. We need to think about how we're going to work together and prepare to persevere through this situation."

Remember that changes like these are difficult for all of us, the whole pandemic has been this way. Many things have changed and will change in the coming months, but only as a way to keep people alive and safe. The mask ordinance is not forever and it's important to remember that. Once a vaccine is widely available and the pandemic situation begins to stabilize, governments will revisit these measures. But for now, it is our first line of defense against the virus.

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! #FDLstrong!

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/prevention.html>

<http://www.fdlrez.com/downloads/ClothMasks.pdf>

<http://fdlrez.com/downloads/SocialDistancing2.pdf>

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.

A survey for the school year

As the Minnesota Department of Education works closely with the Minnesota Department of Health to plan for the 2020-21 school year, the Northland Foundation wants to hear from families about their experience with the distance learning this spring.

This feedback is extremely valuable to us. This information will allow us to help families as they balance the responsibilities of work and family, while also supporting student learning.

The survey is available here in English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish. <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/2020-Parent-Distance-Learning-Feedback-Survey>

The survey will close on June 30, 2020.

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