

Daily Updates

FDL Election Day and preparing for Nov. 3

Today is Election Day on the Fond du Lac Reservation. The election was schedule to be in June, but the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic pushed it back to today so that the election could be made safer. Delaying the election was necessary to learn more about this virus and develop a plan to keep people as safe as possible.

All last week early voting was allowed on the Fond du Lac Reservation, something that should be done on a national scale as well. As it currently isn't allowed in such a manner, remember to make a plan for voting. Whether that be to vote by mail (also referred to as absentee) or being prepared to go to the polls in a safe manner. If you are voting in person remember to stay socially distant, wear a mask, bring hand sanitizer (or wash your hands immediately once you get home), and make smart decisions that have been recommended by health care professionals.

The election on the Fond du Lac Reservation today will determine the win-

ner of the Chairperson position (between Bryan "Bear" Bosto and Kevin R. Dupuis, Sr. (Incumbent)) and the Cloquet District I Representative (between Jeroam Defoe and Wally Dupuis (Incumbent)) to a four year term.

With the pandemic still on-going, and Fond du Lac's request that people only go out when absolutely necessary, membership is asked to stay away from the Tribal center to see the results of the election when it concludes at 8 p.m. tonight. The results will be presented to the candidates (or a representative for each candidate) and posted on Fond du Lac's Facebook page via Facebook Live after the polls close.

Nationally, we may not know the results after the polls close on Nov. 3. It may be days or even weeks until the results are in this year because of the expected larger than usual number of mail-in (absentee) voting that is expected to occur. Tallying such votes takes time, and with the pandemic and election poll volunteers unable

to work close together, it could take a great deal of time to sort out all of those votes.

Which makes what Fond du Lac has done during this time very commendable, opening up voting to its members for an entire week beforehand to make it easier for every American, and Fond du Lac Band member in this instance, easier for those who are work, those who want to keep socially distant, and those who are working at the polls who can't choose when they are at the polling locations. Also, 6 feet of social distancing will be enforced at the polls and only 10 people will be allowed in the polling place at a time to fight the spread of COVID-19. That number also includes polling officials, so the number of voters will be limited to only a handful, so some will be asked to wait outside while others vote.

Today and in November, make sure to do your part and vote for the candidate who most closely supports your ideals, but make sure to have a plan to do it safely.



Mask Monday

Another Monday has come and gone, and Fond du Lac has shown appreciation for all their employees during this difficult time. This week we honor the security department. Thank you for all that you do to keep us safe!

Happy Mask Monday!

Fond du Lac Security masks up for YOU!

If you or your loved ones need masks leave a message at the FDL EOC Community Hotline (218) 878-7175

Fond du Lac Human Services COVID-19 Situational Update as of August 17, 2020:

Of the 871 patients tested at Min No Aya Win and CAIR:

-854 Negative Tests

-8 Pending Tests (sent to external lab)

-9 Positive Tests

TOTAL TESTS	TOTAL SENDOUT	TOTAL IN-HOUSE	MNAW TOTAL	CAIR TOTAL	TOTAL NEGATIVE	TOTAL POSITIVE	ESKO POSITIVE	CLOQUET POSITIVE	DULUTH POSITIVE	PROCTOR POSITIVE	SENDOUT PENDING
871	352	519	698	173	854	9	1	6	1	1	8