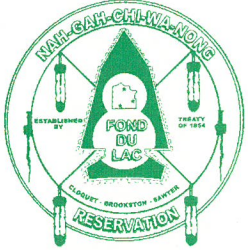


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Fond du Lac Community,

We hope this letter finds you doing well and staying safe. Needless to say, times are hard, and we all know this firsthand.

On a hopeful note, the initial round of COVID-19 vaccines will be administered in Fond du Lac by the later part of December 2020. Five Minnesota tribal nations, including Fond du Lac, made an informed decision to collaborate with the State of Minnesota on COVID-19 vaccinations. Minnesota tribes that chose to process their vaccination programs through the Indian Health Service division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have different timelines than those of us partnering with the State.

Fond du Lac is committed to making the COVID-19 vaccine accessible to everyone as quickly as possible. Because Fond du Lac is only as strong as the most vulnerable amongst us, we are initially focusing on our tribal healthcare providers and our Elders at-risk populations. The first round of vaccinations will go to first responders and elders, and we are working to refine the definitions of those groups.

As we move forward to protect our community, please keep vigilant. Many of us are fatigued and anxious, but let's keep our spirits strong. As we enter what we hope is the beginning of the end to this pandemic, wear a mask, hand wash often, social distance and adhere to the CDC guidelines.

Each and every one of you is a valued member of our community and we need you to remain healthy. Continue to be relentless, respectful, and resilient. Today, we are much closer to getting through this.

We respectfully ask for your continued patience as we work out vaccination logistics. More information will be shared as soon as it is available.

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