



# **MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE**

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## **Menominee Tribal Officials report first case of COVID-19 within Menominee County, Wisconsin**

(Menominee Indian Reservation, March 31, 2020) Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin confirmed the first case of the coronavirus within the boundaries of the Menominee Indian Reservation on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, as confirmed by Shawano-Menominee County Public Health.

The individual is reported as a non-native and resides in within Menominee County, which shares the same boundaries of Menominee Indian Reservation. The individual is a resident of Menominee County. Given this individual is a non-native, this case is reported by Shawano-Menominee County public health and to Wisconsin DHS. This person is not in the care of Menominee Tribal Clinic or Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

As with any communicable disease, personal identifying information about the person cannot be released. The person is at home following isolation orders and all necessary procedures are being followed.

Menominee Tribe recognizes the severity of this public health emergency. The Menominee Tribal Clinic Emergency Operations Center, Menominee Tribe's Incident Command, and Shawano-Menominee County public health and healthcare partners have been preparing to respond to situations and has plans in place to respond to COVID 19.

The protection and security of our Menominee Tribal members and surrounding community member is important to our Tribe. Menominee Tribe encourages the community to continue to follow the recommendations that have come from the CDC, Wisconsin DHS, Shawano-Menominee County Public Health and Menominee Tribe Public Health Officer, and that is to maintain physical distancing, stay at home as much as possible, practice good personal hygiene and make sure that you wash your hands, and if you develop signs or symptoms or you're concerned, call your health care provider first.