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Health leadership urges communities to continue to practice social distancing amid Sioux County Resident's test results

Fort Yates, ND- Following the announcement of the first positive COVID-19 case in Sioux County, Tribal Chairman Mike Faith as well as Indian Health Service and others met to discuss the details. It was clarified that the person was in fact a resident of Sioux County, however, they have been located in Morton County since March 4th for medical reasons – This is also where they were tested. At this time the State of North Dakota will be conducting the investigation in regards to this positive test result.

It's been clarified that if you are tested in a county other than where you reside, the documented residency is where the positive test result will be listed. Health officials, along with Chairman Faith urge Standing Rock communities to continue to practice personal responsibility and listen to the advice that is being shared: Practice **social distancing in order to slow to spread**, **shop local**, practice **excellent hygiene**. They also ask that all of our residents attempt to communicate to our relatives that may not have access to the information that is being circulated– this is an important part of caring for one another.

Please visit srstcovid19.com as well as Standing Rock Facebook page for updates/information on social distancing. Continue to look for COVID-19 guidance at cdc.gov.

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