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RE: COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

At the Special Tribal Council Meeting on Friday, July 31, the Tribal Council established the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Relief Program.

The program provides for a payment in the amount of $1,000 to each Red Lake enrolled adult, who was age 18 on or before July 31, 2020.

Applicants for the payment need to certify that they have suffered economic impacts through increased expenditures, and/or decreased income as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Additionally, applicants will need to certify that they are in need of financial assistance, and that such assistance is necessary because of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Applicants will need to certify that the assistance they receive from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Relief Program will be used for emergency needs that resulted from the pandemic, including any of the following:

- Rent or mortgage payments
- Utility charges
- Food and food delivery
- Employment and training
- Distance learning
- Teleworking
- Healthcare
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Costs associated with mental health, stress, anxiety, sleeplessness
- Other emergency costs resulting from the pandemic

An application for the payment will be provided on the Red Lake Facebook page, and on the Red Lake website starting Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Tribal members who do not have access to a computer will be able to obtain a copy of the application through the US Mail.

We are estimating that we will be ready to start accepting applications on August 7; and that we will be able to process payments three weeks after receiving an application. Direct deposits will require an additional five days to be completed.