

# Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

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### FDL Band and Carlton County Collaborate to Protect Community

**Fond du Lac Lake Superior Chippewa, MN, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Today, the Fond du Lac Band partnered with Carlton County to provide 455 community members with their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at a vaccination drive event held at the Black Bear Casino and Resort Event Center.

“It is really important that we get people of all ages vaccinated and that we do it as quickly as possible to get ahead of virus variants,” says FDL Chairman Kevin Dupuis. “We have seen enormous interest and community support in getting our elders vaccinated, and we are very proud to celebrate that enthusiasm for protecting our most vulnerable populations. We also want to remind people that the best way to keep elders and everyone in our communities healthy is by first protecting ourselves. Young and elderly people have to do their part and get vaccinated so we can all get back to living life with a semblance of normalcy.”

This event was staffed by Fond du Lac Tribal and Carlton County Public Health Departments. *Chii-miigwech* to all the workers and residents who made this event successful.

<Picture attached: Fond du Lac and Carlton County Public Health staff at the Vaccination Event>

### About Fond du Lac Lake Superior Chippewa

The Fond du Lac Band (Nagaajiwanaang; where the water stops) is one of six Chippewa Indian Bands that make up the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The Fond du Lac Reservation was established by the La Pointe Treaty of 1854. Archaeologists, however, maintain that ancestors of the present-day Chippewa (Ojibwe) have resided in the Great Lakes areas since 800 A.D. The Band includes 4,200 members.

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