

May 29, 2020

SOCIAL DISTANCING ORDER

*Distancing with Limitations on Gatherings through June 13, 2020
To Limit Opportunities for COVID-19 Transmission*

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council recognizes continued public health conditions caused by the COVID-19 virus, a communicable disease, require the development of “new normal” conditions until there is a vaccine and/or other measures to bring the disease under control. Additionally, it recognizes an orderly transition from self-isolation requirements to this new normal is in the best interests of the community as it will allow the Tribe to pivot more efficiently for increases in the number of infections based on the re-opening of operations.

Therefore, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, with the concurrence of the Health Director, hereby orders people to continue to use social distancing of at least 6 feet. For public buildings, not including health care facilities and residential buildings, occupancy shall not exceed 50% of capacity. Gathering size should be limited to promote social distancing and opportunities for virus transmission with a limit of 25 persons or less encouraged.

While the Tribe lifts the self-isolation, travel, and curfew requirements from prior orders, it recognizes the value of these measures in limiting opportunities for virus transmission. It therefore recommends that community members continue to be mindful about their actions. Face masks that cover the nose and mouth should be used. Non-essential travel should be avoided. Please be aware that these types of measures may need to be reinstated if public health conditions change.

This order is granted under the Tribal Council’s inherent authority as a native sovereign nation, as well as the authority identified in its Public Health State of Emergency delegation on March 15, 2020, Resolution #044-20, and Chapter 26-A of Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Law, Communicable Disease, Vaccination, and Quarantine Ordinance.

This order is effective as of 8AM on May 26, 2020 and expires June 13, 2020. It will be reassessed regularly and may be cancelled, re-issued, or modified at any time by action of the Tribal President or Vice-President on behalf of the Tribal Council.

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Tribal President