



News Release

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Temporary Tribal Gaming Operation Shutdown

*Stockbridge-Munsee Community and other Wisconsin Native Nations Voluntarily Shutdown
Gaming Operations for Two Weeks as of Midnight on Saturday, March 21, 2020*

Bowler, Wisconsin (March 17, 2020). The Native Nations with reservations in Wisconsin recognize the grave consequences that disease can have on populations, as well as the seriousness of the current global pandemic from the novel coronavirus referred to as COVID-19.

We therefore have voluntarily elected to shut-down our gaming operations by midnight on Saturday, March 21, 2020, for two weeks. We will be closely monitoring this rapidly developing situation and recognize that changes to this timeframe may be appropriate.

We are currently working on the logistics of shutting down operations that employ thousands of people in the State of Wisconsin in an orderly manner that complies with gaming regulations. We are implementing measures to safeguard employees and patrons during this period such as enhanced cleaning operations, cancelling group events, facilitating social distancing between customers at tables and machines, and modifying food operations. We intend to respect Governor Evers' recent announcement of limitations on gatherings and operate at 50% capacity during this time. We remind patrons and employees alike to be responsible and not come to our facilities if you are ill.

“As our state faces a public health crisis, I am committed to standing with Wisconsin’s tribal nations and working with them to keep their communities and the public safe. Right now, it’s everyone’s responsibility to keep each other healthy and safe,” said Governor Evers.

Tribal President Shannon Holsey said, “We recognize the importance of public health and are prepared to do our part as a tribal nation and stand with other tribal nations to protect the well-being of the larger communities.”

While most casinos are located in areas that are not currently identified hot spots for infection, we recognize that pre-emptive action is useful to help flatten the curve of infection rates so that COVID-19 can be managed by the existing health care system.

We continue to work with all of our partners on the tribal, federal, state, and local levels to be responsive to COVID-19 and the related public health issues as sovereign nations.

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