

## News Release

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### **Tribal Statement on Cancellation of Wisconsin Safer-at-Home Order**

*Stockbridge-Munsee Community Isolation Order Remains in Place and Tribal Council is Monitoring Developments in Wisconsin*

**Bowler, Wisconsin (May 14, 2020).** The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council is monitoring developments in the State of Wisconsin regarding COVID-19 response actions, including the May 13, 2020 decision by the Wisconsin Supreme Court to reverse the Wisconsin Safer at Home order.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community Isolation Order, which limits gatherings, requires people to self-isolate, and establishes a curfew through May 26, 2020 remains in place at this time. The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council declared a public health state of emergency and has taken actions to protect its community under its own authority as a tribal sovereign. Federal law recognizes the Tribal Council's authority and its legal rights to keep in effect its own isolation order on tribal lands. The Tribal Council has been working to limit the arrival and spread of COVID-19 on tribal land and will continue to do all we can going forward to keep everyone safe.

The Tribal Council is reviewing the developments in the State of Wisconsin to determine whether or not those changes will impact its plans to re-open tribal operations in a way that is safe for community members, employees, and its customers. The Tribal Council does not intend to cut short its planning and rush into re-opening if it cannot be achieved in a safe manner.

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