



On behalf of Tribal Council, we are deeply grateful for everyone who is working day and night during this public health emergency. We prepared for these moments as much as a community can prepare. With this in mind, we are confident we will get through this together.

Sadly, the Tribal Council has learned of the second positive COVID-19 case involving a person on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation was identified last evening. We want you all to know we are actively working with healthcare providers and community health experts. We are tracking and tracing people potentially exposed to the virus. They will be tested and instructed on what they need to do to prevent the spread of the virus.

Please remain as calm as possible. We have plans in place. We need to continue to maintain social distancing, wearing masks and hand washing. These are keys to containing the spread of the virus.

We are proud of our Community for coming together to do what we must for the greater good of our community. We would ask everyone to continue to observe public health recommendations and encourage others to do so as well. Please do so with respect and dignity for each other. If someone has the virus—please remember—it could just as easily be you.

What can each of us do to help? Well, we now face a defining moment. This moment requires we work together now more than ever. For our elders, for our children, our employees and for the future of Stockbridge-Munsee people and all who call it home—each and every one of us has a responsibility to monitor our activity.

The Tribal Council asks that everyone remain supportive and kind to others in our community as we enter these trying times together. The health and welfare of our community depends on our remaining diligent in following health guidelines in our interactions with one another and the ongoing monitoring for health changes so that we can quickly identify and flatten the curve of infection.

We are in this together and will get through this pandemic together. We are a resilient people who overcome difficulty every day. Throughout our history, we have been counted out more times than I can remember. No matter the difficulty, however, we survive by working together. When we need each other most, we stand together and be vigilant. This is one of those times.