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### **Third Positive COVID-19 Case in Stockbridge-Munsee Community**

With deep regret we report our 3rd positive case of COVID19. This situation has understandably created unexpected tasks, but we will meet each one to protect and provide safety for the health and wellbeing of our community. We are here to help our families during this challenging time. The Stockbridge-Munsee Community is closely monitoring these events as we look ahead of the challenge that the COVID-19 has brought to our reservation.

The closeness of our tribal community and employees presents many challenges regarding socially distancing and the need to want to be together while keeping one another safe. But those ties also strengthen our ability to support one another during times of great need that truly defines what is so special about our Tribe. That is why the current requirements are so hard to follow. However, the 3<sup>rd</sup> positive COVID-19 case epitomizes the urgent importance of continued diligence. Masks, social distancing, frequent hand-washing and limited group contact are the best way to show your Mohican pride and protect the community especially our most vulnerable.

Health officials are continually updating the information as the data and research through the CDC. What we do know is COVID-19 is spread mainly through person-to-person contact. The best safety precautions still involve everyday practices to avoid illness.

Last, but certainly not least, we applaud the people working so hard to keep our Community safe during this crisis. We understand it mentally exhausting and there is fear, no doubt. Your dedication is proven by your presence at work and in our Community by consistently fostering a safe environment for all by following the safety protocols the tribe has instituted. Everyone, please remain safe and healthy; we will get through this.