

August 12, 2020

ORDER FOR MASK USE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING
*Mandatory Use of Face Masks in Public Areas and Social Distancing
with Limitations on Gatherings through September 30, 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 protective measures until there is a vaccine for the disease. The Tribal Council also recognizes that there is an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 on the Tribe's reservation and in surrounding areas.

This COVID-19 Order now requires the **use of face coverings over the nose and mouth when people are indoors and in the presence of other individuals**. All individuals age five or older must wear a face covering when they are indoors or in an enclosed space, other than a private residence, and another person not of the same household is present in the same room or enclosed space. The **use of face masks is also encouraged when people are outside and not able to maintain social distancing**. The Tribe has seen success in limiting workplace transmission due to the use of mandatory face masks and other social distancing requirements. This approach is also consistent with the Wisconsin Emergency Order #1 on the use of face masks, which applies when people leave the reservation. Exceptions described under the Wisconsin Emergency Order #1 are also applicable to this Order.

This Order also requires the use of **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 10 persons or less encouraged.

The Tribe continues to recommend that community members be mindful about their actions and limit opportunities for virus transmission. Do not go out in public when you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Non-essential travel, particularly in areas that have an outbreak, should be avoided. Please be aware that other types of measures to control virus transmission may need to be reinstated if public health conditions change.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, with the concurrence of the Health Director, issues this Order under its 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 the date of issuance and expires September 30, 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