



# Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

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## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2020 - 23

### STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COMMUNITY OF AKWESASNE ADOPT STAY-AT-HOME ORDER AND OTHER RULES

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council") is the duly recognized governing body of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (the "Tribe") and is responsible for the health, safety, education and welfare of all community members; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, in response to the ongoing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic the Tribal Council adopted a resolution (TCR 2020-17) to "Declare a State of Emergency for the Community of Akwesasne," which remains in effect until the COVID-19 pandemic no longer poses a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the Akwesasne Community; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Akwesasne Joint Emergency Operations Plan (AJEOP), the Tribal Council and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne ("MCA") will coordinate efforts and call upon external resources, as necessary, to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the Akwesasne community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council and MCA have each partially activated an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with expansion based on future developments; and

**WHEREAS**, in TCR 2020-18, the Tribal Council executed a closure order for the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort, effective March 17, 2020, which will remain closed until Tribal Council issues a further notice; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Tribal Council adopted TCR 2020-19, "State of Emergency for Community of Akwesasne – Protocols for Businesses and Community Members" based on recommendations from health officials to take further precautions in order to protect the community, imposed certain restrictions for on premise alcohol licenses (bars), restaurants, non-essential facilities, and large gatherings of 25 people or more; and

**WHEREAS**, there are now confirmed cases COVID-19 in the surrounding counties, Cornwall, Ontario, as well as one confirmed case in Akwesasne, with projections for number of confirmed cases to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council now wishes to take further action for the Tribe to respond quickly to the COVID-19 threat to the community of Akwesasne as developments arise; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council, based upon recommendations from health officials and the EOC, wants to ensure the maximum number of people self-isolate in their place of residence to the maximum extent possible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to TCR 2020-17 the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council hereby declares and adopts the following rules:

1. All individuals currently living on the southern portion of the Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence with limited exceptions. Everyone must stay home between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., with the limited exception of anyone performing Essential Services and Essential Government Functions.
2. Businesses shall close at 9:00 p.m. to allow residents and employees to adhere to the 10:00 p.m. curfew.
3. Do not gather at private residences for social gatherings to include birthdays or other celebrations. Nothing herein prohibits the gathering of members of a single household or residence.
4. Anyone returning to Akwesasne from beyond a 50-mile radius is to self-quarantine at home. This includes those who traveled for non-essential and essential purposes; including for work, vacation, school, release from incarceration or other reasons. During the self-quarantine, stay away from sick people and do not visit others, particularly the vulnerable members of our community — such as our Elders and those with underlying medical conditions. Throughout the self-quarantine period, you should monitor your symptoms three (3) times per day, which includes taking your temperature and keeping an eye out for a sustained reading of 100.4 degrees or more, coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing. If you have these symptoms, please call the Tribe's Medical Clinic at (518) 358-3141 Ext. 7130. Remember to call first.
5. Anyone may leave his/her home or place of residence for Essential Activities, as follows:
  - a. perform tasks essential to his/her health and safety, or to the health and safety of his/her family or household members, such as, by way of example seeking emergency services, obtaining medical supplies, medication, or visiting a health care professional; and
  - b. obtain necessary services or supplies for himself/herself and his/her family or households members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, groceries and food, take-out food, gasoline, household consumer products, supplies to work from home, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of a residence; and
  - c. engage in outdoor activity, provided that any individual must comply with the six (6) feet distance social distancing requirement, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, running, or biking; and
  - d. to care for family members, friends, or pets in another household, and to transport family members, or friends to obtain necessary services, supplies or emergency services.
6. Essential operations include, but are not limited to, hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, health care organizations, reproductive health care providers, mental health and substance abuse providers, other healthcare facilities and suppliers and providers of any related or ancillary healthcare services, field offices that provide and help to determine eligibility for basic needs including food, cash assistance, medical coverage, rehabilitation services, and businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, or other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged individuals, food production, distribution and sale, stores that sell groceries and medicines, gas stations and auto-supply stores, hardware stores, solid waste and recycling collection and removal, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, correction officers, law enforcement, child protection and child welfare personnel, and other governmental employees working to support Essential Businesses and Operations, or any other essential function, business, or operation identified by the EOC.
7. Any individual whose residence is unsafe or becomes unsafe, such as a victim of domestic violence, is permitted and urged to leave his/her home and stay at a safe alternative location.

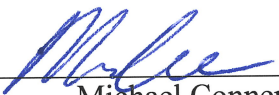
8. When utilizing shared or outdoor spaces, including Tewathahita Walking Trail you must remain six (6) feet away from any other individual.
9. Generations Park (fields, playground, and lacrosse box) shall remain closed.
10. All non-essential travel outside of a 50-mile radius is discouraged. Any necessary essential travel should comply with all social distancing requirements. Anyone returning from such travel must self-quarantine for a minimum of fourteen (14) days; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to TCR 2020-17 the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council hereby:


1. Delegates authority to the Emergency Operations Center to take any further actions necessary to protect the community.
2. Directs the Emergency Operations Center to reevaluate and renew the above rules pursuant to an EOC Directive every five (5) days; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, this Resolution supersedes TCR 2020-19, is effective upon signing and shall remain in effect unless modified, canceled or otherwise superseded.

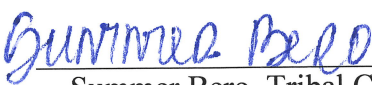
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**CERTIFICATION:** This is to certify that the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council pursuant to the authority vested therein duly passed the above resolution.

  
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Summer Bero, Tribal Clerk

 / April 7, 2020  
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## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2020 - 19

### STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COMMUNITY OF AKWESASNE PROTOCOLS FOR BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council (the “Tribal Council”) is the duly recognized governing body of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (the “Tribe”) and is responsible for the health, safety, education and welfare of all community members; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 virus outbreak a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, New York State Executive Order No. 202.3 was enacted through April 15, 2020 to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, of any agency during a State disaster emergency, if compliance with such statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, or to issue any directive during a disaster emergency necessary to cope with the disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020 the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), stating that “Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. These events can be planned not only by organizations and communities but also by individuals”; and

**WHEREAS**, public accommodations, meeting places, restaurants and businesses that host large gatherings can be a vector for the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 16, 2020 Tribal Council executed a Tribal Council Resolution to “Declare a State of Emergency for Community of Akwesasne” (TCR 2020-17) due to the worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19; and




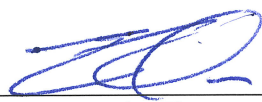
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has received recommendations from its health officials to take further precautions in order to protect Tribal Members and the community at-large to impose certain restrictions including, but not limited to large gatherings, bars and restaurants.

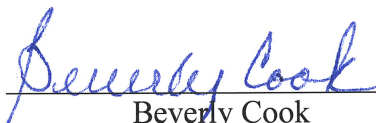
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council hereby:

1. Advise community members to call places of business, such as the Tribe, ahead of traveling to ensure proper planning for services, and to lessen unnecessary traversing within the community; and
2. Strongly advise community members to refrain from organizing or attending gatherings of twenty-five (25) people or more, effective immediately and until further notice; and
3. Urge organizers to postpone or cancel large gatherings and events (concert, conference, worship service, performance before a large audience, etc.) if anticipated attendance in in excess of twenty-five (25) people, until further notice; and
4. Order the close of any facility or space with occupancy of twenty-five (25) people or more that is not providing essential services on the Reservation, such as public fitness and entertainment facilities, effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice; and
5. Order all restaurants to close dine-in spaces—restaurants may offer delivery or curbside pick-up, effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice; and
6. Suspend all On-Premise Alcohol licenses (Bars), effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice; and
7. Suspend all On-Premise Alcohol Licensed Restaurants from serving any alcoholic beverage to include beer and to close, effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice; and
8. Limit all Off-Premise Retail Alcohol sales to 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice; and
9. Order wholesalers to discontinue the sale or distribution of wholesale alcohol to all SRMT licensed On-Premise Alcohol licensed establishments, effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice.

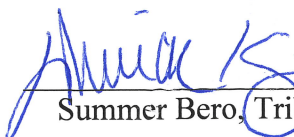
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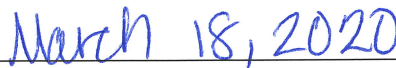
  
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