



Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court
Telephone 906.635.4963

State of Emergency Administrative Order 2020-07

Tribal Court is an essential component of our Tribal government, and access to justice is vital to our membership. Fortunately, even during a pandemic, advances in technology allow the Tribal Court to continue to operate and serve the public by modifying operations to protect the health and safety of our community by helping slow the spread of COVID-19. Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry, acting pursuant to Tribal Code § 80.103, and recognizing the Tribal Board of Directors' and Executive Task Force's directive to comply with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' public health order of November 15, 2020, hereby ORDERS that the following modifications of operations beginning November 18, 2020 through December 8, 2020:

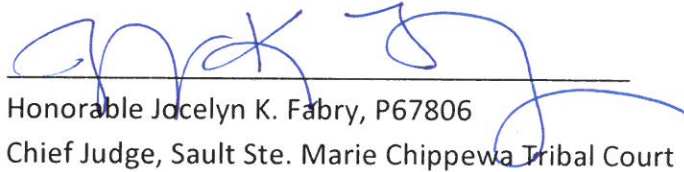
1. Tribal Court will not be conducting in-person hearings, except where in person appearance is necessary. In the event emergency in-person hearings are held, only essential parties to the cases will be allowed into the courthouse during those times. The Court will continue to conduct hearings via video and telephone conferencing in all scheduled cases. Parties, attorneys, and witnesses in these cases will be notified that they will be required to appear by video or telephone and will be provided with instructions on how to do so.
2. Tribal Court will require all filings, pleadings, and other communications to be submitted electronically to tribalcourt@saulttribe.net or by facsimile to 906-635-4952. If an individual is unable to submit filings via email or fax, paper copies will be accepted via mail. For matters that require filing fees, the fees will need to be sent via US mail to: Tribal Court, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783 and received by the Court prior to the filing being processed, even if the filing is received by electronic means.
3. In accordance with the COVID-19 protocols put in place by the Tribe, Tribal Court offices will be closed to the general public, except by appointment. If you need to access Tribal Court services, please call the Court to schedule an appointment as Tribal Court employees will continue to answer the telephone during this time. In the event you

4. If you are currently on probation with Tribal Court, your probation officer will remain in contact with you regarding reporting requirements.
5. If you need to file an emergency personal protection order, please contact the Advocacy Resource Center at 906-632-1808.
6. No jury trials will occur until after January 4, 2020. No jurors will be required to appear for jury service during this period.
7. For individuals wishing to observe a hearing that is open to the public, please contact the Court for information regarding online or telephonic access.

Tribal Court employees will still be available via telephone, email and fax. Staff will primarily be working remotely and Tribal Court will have limited in-office coverage during the closure period.

Date: _____

11/18/2020


Honorable Jocelyn K. Fabry, P67806
Chief Judge, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court