



SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER  
GATHERING RESTRICTION  
DIRECTIVE 2020-001



WHEREAS, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Emergency Operations Center (the "EOC") has been delegated authority in Tribal Council Resolution 2020-23 to impose restrictions to promote the health, safety and welfare of the Community due to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 State of Emergency declaration;

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 threatens the health, safety and well-being of the Akwesasne community ("Community") through aerosolized droplets being absorbed and caused by those not wearing masks in the company of others; and

WHEREAS, in recent weeks there has been a significant rise in COVID-19 positive cases in the Community and surrounding area with more than a hundred individuals in quarantine as a result of small gatherings, negatively affecting community members, households, workplaces and services; and

WHEREAS, the EOC published notices about the dangers of hosting such events; however, the cases continued to rise; and

WHEREAS, the EOC must act in the best interest of public health and in light of the significant risk posed to the health, safety and welfare of community members; and

WHEREAS, the EOC must issue clear guidance and directives to discouragement actions that may cause the spread of the virus, especially for the upcoming holiday season; and

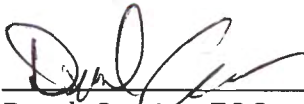
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the EOC, through its delegated authority in Tribal Council Resolution 2020-23, hereby enacts the following directive for the Akwesasne Community within the jurisdiction of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe:

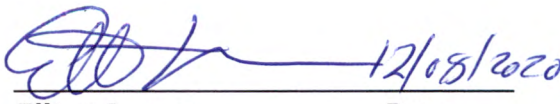
1. Community members shall not have indoor gatherings in uncontrolled environments in excess of 10 people outside your "immediate family bubble" or excess of 25 people at an outdoor gathering in uncontrolled environment due to the increased risk of transmission of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19.
2. Definitions:
  - a) Controlled Environments is defined the following:
    - i. Environment has a capacity and operational plan approved by the EOC; and
    - ii. Enforces public health guidelines of mask wearing, hand washing, social distancing, screening questions and temperature checks.
    - iii. Attendance and record keeping of attendees for contact tracing.

- b) Immediate family bubble is defined as people who reside in your home.
  - c) Uncontrolled environment is defined as an environment that does not have a capacity or operational plan approved by the EOC; and does not have a responsible individual to enforce mask wearing, hand washing, temperature checks, screening questions and social distancing.
3. It shall be a violation of this Directive for any community member or non-community member to host such gatherings.
  4. Any person hosting such a gathering shall be in violation to this directive and shall be subject to a civil monetary fine of up to \$1,500 for the first offense. The Second offense or subsequent offenses shall be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 thereafter.
  5. If there is no identified host during the investigation of such gathering, the monetary fine will be issued to the Property Owner or Tenant of said property.
  6. The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department (“Tribal Police”) shall have the authority to investigate and report to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Compliance Department (“Compliance Department”) any violation to this directive.
  7. The Compliance Department will issue the Notice of Fine via mail or personal delivery to the violator or property owner (Respondent) within 3 business days of receiving the Tribal Police Violation Report.
  8. The Respondent must pay the fine within 30 days or appeal the decision in writing to the EOC within 10 business days of fine being issued.
  9. When submitting a written appeal, the Respondent must show just cause to dismiss the fine issued against them.
  10. Should an appeal be presented, the decision made by the EOC shall be final and any fine imposed shall be paid within thirty (30) days of final decision of the EOC.
  11. **Failure to pay the fine:** Any amounts outstanding after the 30-day period will be subject to the SRMT Good Standing Policy, SRMT Exclusion List for non-members, and may jeopardize an individual’s Tribal business license.
  12. Violations of the Gathering Restriction directive will be made public.

This Directive shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tsiothóhrha | December 9, 2020, until amended or rescinded by the EOC.

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 Derek Comins, EOC                      12/8/20  
 Emergency Management              Date  
 & Safety Director

  
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 Elliott Lazore,                              12/08/2020  
 Compliance Director                      Date