

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COURT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2022-002 AO**

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**UPDATED ORDER REGARDING TRIBAL COURT OPERATIONS**

On March 17, 2020, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, a federally recognized American Indian Tribe and sovereign Native Nation, closed the Tribal Government until March 30, 2020, for the health, safety, and well-being of the tribal citizens, employees, and the community.

On March 23, 2020, a decision was made to extend the closure until April 13, 2020. On April 7, 2020, the Ogema, by Executive Order, extended the closure through April 30, 2020, and on April 24, the Ogema, by Executive Order, extended the closure through May 15, 2020, and on May 11, 2020, the Ogema issued another Executive Order extending the closure through July 31, 2020. On July 22, 2020, another Executive order was issued regarding partial openings of Government Buildings. In response to that order, the Court issued Administrative Order 020-007. On June 25, 2021 the Ogema issued an Executive Order regarding building re-openings, and then another one regarding the Justice Center. In response, on June 30, 2021 the Court entered Administrative Order 2021-005. On February 24, 2022, the Ogema issued another Executive Order regarding the buildings and masks. This Administrative Order is issued in response to the latest Executive Order.

As we are all adapting and adjusting to the pandemic and continuing changes regarding openings and closings of buildings, and various changes in procedures, the Court hereby updates its previous Administrative Orders regarding Court Operations and the Justice Center building as follows:

The Justice Center Building is closed to the public, except by appointment until further order of the Court, or by Executive Order of the Ogema. If you need an appointment, contact the office you wish to make an appointment with. For appointments with the Court, call 231-398-3406.

If you appear in Court for any reason, you **MUST** wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. This includes coming to the Court offices and Peacemaking office.

Filings may be submitted by U.S. Mail or electronically to [tribalcourt@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:tribalcourt@lrboi-nsn.gov). All filings that require a fee will not be considered filed until the fee is received by the Court.

All matters scheduled for hearing will be conducted via Zoom unless notified otherwise by the Court. If you are a party, the court will provide you with the Zoom information. All

parties must be visible to the Court. If you do not have access to a computer, internet, or a smartphone, you must contact the Court to make arrangements for a Court-approved alternative.

If you are not a party and wish to observe a hearing, other than a closed matter, you should contact the Court at 231-398-3406 no sooner than 24 hours before the hearing if you need the Zoom information. You must identify yourself once connected. All hearings conducted via Zoom are the same as if they were being held in person in the courtroom. As such, you are subject to the rules of decorum of the Court. Any disruptions may subject you to contempt of Court.

SO ORDERED:

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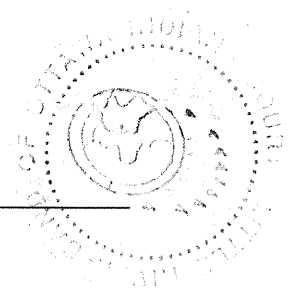
*Angela Sherigan*

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Angela Sherigan, Chief Judge

3/4/2022

Date



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Spring Medacco, Tribal Court Administrator

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Date