

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 020-005 AO

**ORDER REGARDING TRIBAL COURT OPERATIONS
THROUGH MAY 28, 2020**

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, on April 24, 2020 extended the closure to May 15, 2020, and on May 11, 2020 the Ogema, by Executive Order, extended the closure through May 28, 2020.

Accordingly, the Tribal Court is closed, except for limited matters as stated below.

All matters scheduled for hearing during this time are hereby adjourned until further Order of the Court.

All timelines and due dates, except for Child Support payments, are hereby suspended until June 1, 2020. This includes timelines in Orders of the Court regarding all cases pending and for filing of new cases, except as stated below. This applies retroactively to March 16, 2020.

All probationers are still subject to the terms and conditions of probation, except for in person reporting. Contact the Court for further instruction.

All arraignments will be conducted via phone conference.

The Court will hear emergency matters, requests for Warrants, requests for Personal Protection Orders, and Personal Protection Order violations via phone conference.

*NA cases will be scheduled and the hearings will be conducted via Zoom. The Court will contact you with instructions.

*The Court will accept new case filings via U.S. mail at the Trial level. Please provide an email address with your filing. Your case is not deemed filed until you receive notice from the Court.

*For cases currently pending, the Court will accept filings for Motions as long as the Motion is no longer than 25 pages, including exhibits. However, this does not restart the timeline for cases that are subject to a Scheduling Order. If you have a Motion that is longer than 25 pages and it is a child custody matter, please call the Court.

For emergency matters, please contact the Court Administrator at 231-383-0290.

SO ORDERED:

Angela Sherigan
Judge Angela Sherigan

5-14-20
Date

Deborah Miller
Deborah Miller, Tribal Court Administrator

5-14-20
Date

*Indicates a change from Administrative Orders regarding Court Operations prior to May1, 2020.