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**Executive Order No. 21-0621-01**

**Fifteenth Update to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response:  
Extension of Current Orders with Updates to Date for Lifting Restrictions**

*Section 1. Authority to Act.* The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally-recognized sovereign Tribal nation retaining all inherent powers of self-government. Pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution, the Executive Powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema. Among these is the authority to enforce and execute the laws of the Tribe, to oversee the administration and management of the Tribal government in accordance with the laws, resolutions and motions adopted by Tribal Council, and to manage the enterprises and lands of the tribe. Article V, Section 5(a).

Executive Orders Number 20-0313-01, 20-0316-01, 20-0323-01, 20-0326-01, 20-0408-01, 20-0415-01, 20-0427-01, 20-0511-01, 20-0527-01, 20-0609-20, 20-0618-01, 20-0722-01, 21-0401-01, 21-0518-01, and 21-0527-01 were issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic with the Ogema providing guidance to personnel and the public for health and safety measures. Further, Executive Order 20-0320-01 Declared a State of Emergency for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Tribal Council also issued Tribal Council Resolution #20-0320-096, Declaring a State of Emergency.

*Section 2. Purpose; Findings.* The purpose of this Order is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the community because it is the Ogema's responsibility to oversee and manage the Tribal government and properties. The situation continues to evolve and we are monitoring several announcements from our home state of Michigan and we are also monitoring the federal government guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In accordance with the new guidance from the CDC and recent orders from Michigan's Health and Human Services, the Tribe will lift restrictions.

*Section 3. Specific Action.* The Ogema hereby announces the following actions:

- a. Extension of the series of Executive Orders for the Tribe's response to COVID-19 until further notice with the below exceptions and updates.
- b. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 22, 2021, building occupancy restrictions are completely lifted, but the government center access remains by appointment only. Also at this time mask restrictions are lifted, travel restrictions in government employment are lifted and shall be in accordance with government policies and procedures, and there will no longer be a requirement for signing in and screening

visitors to the government center. Employees and Visitors should remain home if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and continue to alert supervisors in the event of exposure.


- c. For clarity, the previous update, July 1, 2021 remains the date that the Tribe will resume elders' meals at Aki Maadiziwin Community Center, and the Community Center will be available for public rental.

*Section 4. Repeal.* This Executive Order does not repeal any existing Executive Orders however where previous executive orders related to COVID-19 Response contradict or differ, this order supersedes those orders and shall be considered to control for the purposes of interpretation.

*Section 5. Effective Date and Duration of the Order.* This Executive Order shall be effective immediately upon execution by the Ogema, and shall remain in effect until a superseding order is issued.

*Section 6. Goals.* The Office of the Ogema will continue to monitor the situation, including issuing additional orders as is necessary. The goal of this order and all orders related to this world-wide crisis is to stem the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus and ensure the health and safety of our community.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

  
Larry B. Romanelli, Tribal Ogema

Dated: 6-21-2021