

## CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL COURT OPERATIONS PLAN UPDATED 8/7/20

The Chippewa Cree Tribal Court operations are substantially curtailed to help keep the public and our employees safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have entered an unprecedented time and are working hard to understand how best to go forward with court with the growing outbreak and concern of COVID-19 for the Chippewa Cree Tribe. We are closely monitoring recommendations and practices from Chippewa Cree Tribe Incident Command Center, Health Board and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect the public's health. To minimize the health impacts of COVID-19 to our community, we are implementing a variety of emergency strategies to increase social distancing and slow the spread of this disease. We understand these actions will have a tremendous impact on all members of our community.

The Chippewa Cree Tribe has issued a Resolution # 87-20 a state of emergency within the exterior boundaries of Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation due to COVID-19 by Resolution No. 24-20 a pandemic. On August 7, 2020 the Chippewa Cree Tribe also adopted Resolution No. 31-20 (e)- EMERGENCY CURFEW MANDATE and thereafter proceeding LOCKDOWN PERIOD for all individuals within the exterior boundaries of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation; and Resolution No. 50-20(c)- Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee hereby mandates that tribal employees under central services adhere to a self-quarantine period.

The Tribal Court operation work plan shall be in effect for Chippewa Cree Tribal Court on August 7, 2020 and shall remain in effect until further notice. This plan shall apply to all persons who are transacting business with Chippewa Cree Tribal Court and shall include but is not limited to attorneys, parties, witnesses, and jurors.

1. Court House: The Chippewa Cree Tribal Court House was be closed to all forms of business but will re-open August 17, 2020 for scheduled court hearings, unless extended by resolution. Emergency hearings will be held by telephone if approved by Chief Judge.
2. Contact information: The court shall be alerted by the police department after hours or by email and will accept all court filings either via email to [enault@cctcourt.org](mailto:enault@cctcourt.org) fax 406-395-5184 or via US mail: Chippewa Cree Tribal Court 96 Clinic Road N. Box Elder, MT 59521. All law and order codes, ordinances, policies, procedures, forms are online at the Chippewa Cree Tribe website address [www.cctcourt.org](http://www.cctcourt.org)
  - a. Essential staff will work onsite as needed and will communicate by telephone, email and GoToMeeting.
3. Probation: Clients can call 390-2364 or email the Probation Officer Gage Sutherland [gage.sutherland1@gmail.com](mailto:gage.sutherland1@gmail.com) or email Deshaun Gopher [jvprobation@cctcourt.org](mailto:jvprobation@cctcourt.org)
4. Bonds: Shall be paid at the Police Department. Requests for bond returns will not be processed unless it is an emergency. Please submit an affidavit requesting a bond return and email it to [enault@cctcourt.org](mailto:enault@cctcourt.org).

The Court Administrator and Chief Judge will continue to monitor the court's and the community's needs during this time, adjusting as needed and provide further updated orders. This is a fluid situation and requires all of us to come together to continue to fulfill our duties and obligations while staying within the guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Chippewa Cree Tribe, Incident Command Center and the State and the Federal governments.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Executive Director/Court Administrator Elinor Nault will telework from home and go into the office as needed but will be on-call 24/7 by email or telephone to address court management issues and fulfill her job as Executive Director/Court Administrator. Elinor can be contacted by telephone 945-3767 or email [enault@cctcourt.org](mailto:enault@cctcourt.org)

Submitted by Elinor Nault, Executive Director/Court Administrator

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