

**FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
TRIBAL COURT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE
GOVERNING COURT OPERATIONS
DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

Dated: April 16, 2020

Pursuant to its power under Sec. 4, Chapter 2-1 of the Tribal Court Code the Court hereby orders as follows:

WHEREAS, the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court was established by the Forest County Potawatomi General Council through enactment of the Tribal Court Code in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the General Council findings state that the Tribe is best served by a separate and independent judiciary within the Tribal Government; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus and COVID-19 are a threat to the population's public health; and

WHEREAS, public health officials have advised that in order to prevent and slow down illness from the coronavirus, it is better to limit contact with others; and

WHEREAS, under the Tribal Court Code, Section 4, the Tribal Court has authority to make rules for the conduct of the Court's business;

WHEREAS, the Court previously issued an order dated March 25, 2020;

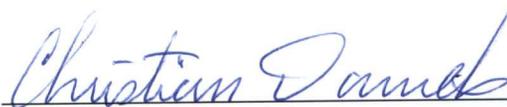
THEREFORE, the Court orders as follows:

1. By previous order of this Court, all court hearings through April 16, 2020, were re-scheduled to later dates with some exceptions including emergency hearings.
2. The Court has now re-scheduled nearly all matters to late May and beyond.
3. Emergency hearings and those with deadlines required by law will still be timely heard, and other matters will be scheduled on a case-by-case basis as needed, either

in person or by phone where possible, by contacting the Clerk of Court at 715-478-7255 or by email at Dana.Zehner@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov.

4. The Court remains open for filings and will continue to process cases as efficiently as possible observing safeguards for public health while meeting the Court's duties under the law. The courthouse is not open to in-person visits. Filings can be made by email in accordance with court rule or U.S. mail. Some forms are on the Court's web site. The clerk's contact information is also shown above for those wishing to obtain a court form not available on the court's web site.
5. Restricted court operation is expected to be in place until at least **June 1, 2020**; the situation is changing as conditions change. The Court will issue revised orders as needed.

Dated this 16 day of April, 2020.



Hon. Christian Daniels
Interim Chief Judge, Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court

