

NOTICE CONCERNING COVID-19 AND TRIBAL COURT FILING DEADLINES

In response to disruptions of service relative to COVID-19, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council has authorized the following exemptions for filing deadlines in the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court.

Deadlines for times to file are suspended to a limited extent as identified below:

- All statutes of limitations, filing deadlines and all other time requirements including, but not limited to, deadlines related to service of process and court proceedings pursuant to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Laws for a period of ninety (90) days beginning March 10, 2020 and ending on July 8, 2020, unless modified by further action of the Tribal Council.
- The suspension of deadlines does not apply to:
 - Arraignments (2 M.P.T.L. ch. 1 § 16);
 - Child Welfare matters (5 M.P.T.L.); or
 - MERO administered laws (32 M.P.T.L., 33 M.P.T.L.)
- Notice requirements pursuant to TCR092216-04 of 06 (1 M.P.T.L. ch. 1 § 4, "Court Rules,") are temporarily suspended for a period of ninety (90) days beginning March 10, 2020, and ending on July 8, 2020 (unless modified by further action of the Tribal Council). The Chief Judge is authorized to adopt amendments to the Rules of Court to ensure fair access to justice during the time of this public health crisis, conditioned that all required notices are provided to the MPTN Office of Legal Counsel, the Tribal Prosecutor, the Judicial Committee, and the Tribal Council as soon as reasonably practicable.