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Announcement

TO: GTB Membership
FROM: Sonya Zotigh, Tribal Manager
CC: Tribal Council, Human Resources
DATE: March 16, 2020
RE: GTB Government Temporary Closure 3.17.2020-3.30.2020

Dear Tribal members, because executive orders are changing daily from the Governor to the President's office, and we are continually learning the COVID-19 exposure levels and consequences, Tribal Council approved a temporary government closure, 3.17.2020-3.30.2020.

Be assured that emergency services will continue to be provided and emergency contact numbers will be listed everywhere possible and shared should any questions or concerns arise from the GTB membership.

Our number one concern is prevention and containment of the corona virus amongst our community, especially the elders. To maintain health and safety for the elders, we have elder's surveys and outreach going out to each elder residing in the six-county area. If you have not received a survey or would like to complete one over the phone, please contact Dawn Shenoskey at 231-313-8609 or Soumit Pendharkar 231-631-2978.

We strongly encourage everyone to sign-up for NIXLE, you can do this via the webpage or reaching out to staff to assist you in signing-up. Our webpage has essential information on it regarding contact numbers for all GTB government services, as well as announcements from local, state, and federal Resources.

Our food pantries are opened every day and can be accessed by families once per week. The pantries have also been stocked with some emergency household items. Tribal members who need a food voucher during this time can also call for additional services. For more information, please contact Arlene Kashata 231-866-6080, Helen Cook 231-631-9989, or Doris Winslow 231-866-1108.

Per Dr. Fauci, from the CDC: Take care of neighbor not neighborhood. It is Better to be overcautious and criticized than deal with any potential outbreak of the virus. We encourage you to practice social-distancing and to stay home as much as possible.

Please email all questions and concerns via email to my office: Sonya.Zotigh@gtbindians.com
Megwetch! Remember Prevention is KEY!