

IN THE TRIAL COURT OF THE OSAGE NATION
PAWUSKA, OKLAHOMA

MAR 18 2020

IN RE: CONTINUANCES DUE TO
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND
COVID-19 DISEASE.

BY 

GENERAL ORDER NO. 20:1

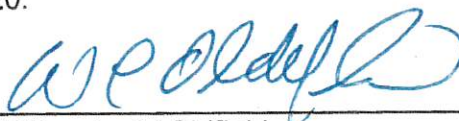
The public health emergency and outbreak of the respiratory disease COVID-19 in Oklahoma has reached the point where court operations are affected. There are now several diagnosed cases in neighboring counties, and while many people who contract the virus are only mildly affected, others are at higher risk of serious or fatal illness. Many of those at higher risk are currently involved in court proceedings. Slowing the transmission of this virus throughout the Osage Nation and our communities is an important part of mitigating the impact on vulnerable individuals.

The Tribal Court has a duty to balance the needs of its litigants with its own moral and social obligations to curtail the spread of this ongoing pandemic. Therefore, in conjunction with and in addition to ¶2 of the Osage Nation Supreme Court Administrative Order AO-2020-01, the Court finds that the following ORDERS are necessary to protect the health and safety of the Osage Nation and the Court:

IT IS ORDERED:

1. ALL civil and criminal matters currently set for hearing, trial, or other Court appearance during the month of March 2020, before any Judge in the Osage Nation Trial Court, are hereby continued pending further order of the Court.
2. All continued matters shall be set on the next available docket for the respective presiding Judge on or after April 1, 2020.
3. The Court Clerk shall issue notice to all affected parties and attorneys of record.
4. Any affected party is free to electronically file a motion with the Court Clerk to request leave from this Order, citing extraordinary circumstances.
5. Any newly filed emergency hearings shall be conducted by telephonic or other electronic means.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2020.



William Ladd Oldfield,
Chief Judge of the Osage Nation Trial Court