



**Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
Workers' Compensation Commission**

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**MEMORANDUM TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES RE:
MPTN WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION STATUS IN LIGHT OF
OFFICE CLOSING NECESSITATED BY COVID-19 VIRUS**

In order to effectively respond to the risks created by the Covid-19 virus the MPTN Tribal Council had taken steps including closure of most tribal buildings and offices including the Museum, as well as closure of the Casino operations. We are therefore unable to access our offices and hearing location. Additionally, the onsite office of ESIS and the Cerner Medical office are closed.

I am unable to enter my office to access contact information for involved parties therefore I am asking Attorney Strunk, who represents the Tribe and ESIS in their workers compensation matters, to forward this to his contact list of parties with interest in MPTN Workers Compensation matters. Please feel free to forward this to any party who you believe may have an interest or involvement in any such matters.

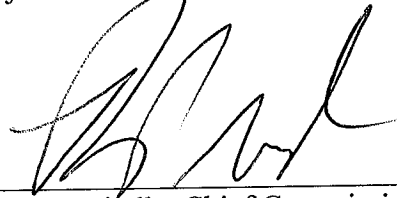
In terms of claim handling, ESIS will continue to handle all claims in the usual fashion working offsite. Communication with ESIS should be conducted in the usual fashion with the caveat that it may be some time before they will have access to regular mail. Thus, communication by telephone or e-mail will be preferable. Utilize the same telephone numbers and e-mail addresses as usual.

Likewise, I have no access to any mail that may be sent for the time being, and I am unable to enter my office to secure any file information. Our files are not maintained electronically so I cannot access content. Recognizing that issues may arise that require input from the Commission by way of a hearing, I am planning to conduct hearing by telephone where necessary. I will do this through my office telephone and e-mail address from my practice; the parties will need to understand that I will not have my file at the time of the hearing.

Any party who feels that a hearing is necessary should send an e-mail to atty.prindle@sbcglobal.net. Provide a copy to the involved claim representative at their usual e-mail and to Attorney Strunk if his office has entered an appearance, his e-mail address is lstrunk@ctworkcomp.com.

A hearing request form is not necessary, just a simple e-mail request identifying the case and specifying the issues. You may attach relevant documents to the e-mail but try to limit the amount of material attached to only that necessary to understand the issues in question. I will review the requests and set up a time for a conference call hearing. I will initiate the calls; in your e-mail you should specify the telephone number for the phone or line on which you wish to conduct the conference.

We will do our best to accommodate all parties who need hearings. We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of all parties as we all adjust to the concerns and needs created by this unique problem.



Brian E. Prindle, Chief Commissioner
MPTN Workers Compensation Commission

Date: March 23, 2020