



**Turtle Mountain Chippewa Heritage Center Takes Precautions
to Prevent Spread of COVID-19 Effective March 17, 2020
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Gallery Tours and Training Workshops suspended until further notice from the Turtle Mountain Tribal Council; the TM Chippewa Heritage Center will remain open with Limited Access.

With our customers and communities being the focus of our concerns, we are continually monitoring the changes with the COVID-19 pandemic and respectively modifying our procedures to offer as much continuity, security and safety as we believe you expect and deserve.

In support of the nationwide effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with recommendations from our local Turtle Mountain Tribal Government and National & Local Health Officials, **the TM Chippewa Heritage Center will be suspending:**

- Gallery Tours (groups, school, and visitors);
- Training Workshops;
- and Programming Events

The **Heritage Center Gift Shop will be Open on a Limited Basis** customer should **call Gallery first @ 244-5530** for purchases of the sacred medicines in this difficult time. As we know you never sell medicine; the medicine itself is *FREE*. Your donation pays for the labor of the person who has picked and cleaned the medicines and offered back to the Creator. We use these sacred medicines for a variety of reasons and now is a good time for us to use our medicines to cleanse our minds, bodies, spirits, and homes. And most of all to pray for our families and communities during this trying time. Remember never to discard any of the ashes or stems in the trash but to discard them back to mother earth.

Should any additional changes to our hours of operation or programming be necessary, updates will be posted *here* and *on our social platform @ Turtle Mountain Heritage Center* Facebook page. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Heritage Center Gallery soon. In this difficult time, please take every precaution to stay healthy and check on those who may require help. Those with questions concerning our Gallery/Gift Shop can contact the TMC Heritage Director Kathe J. Zaste please call one of the numbers above. *Miiqwech.*