

## Museum of Ojibwa Culture

Dear Museum Friends,

On behalf of myself and our wonderful dedicated staff, in response to the Covid 19 health crisis the museum is closed until it is deemed safe to open. Our new tentative date for opening is Memorial Day weekend. Our greatest priority is the safety of our staff, our visitors and our volunteers. When we do open, we will take every precaution necessary to protect everyone and will follow CDC guidelines in monitoring the health and safety of all who will enter the museum.

We are postponing our Native American Festival and will possibly combine it with Heritage Days. We will keep you informed of the new date for Heritage Days which will more than likely be in August. This will be confirmed next week. We will be monitoring very closely the potential spread of the virus throughout the Upper Peninsula and will base our decisions on what is best for everyone.

If you know about any of our Elders that may need encouragement or help in getting their basic food and medical needs met, please reach out to them and offer help or send them a card, postcard or a message. If you know someone you would like to have a postcard or greeting from the museum sent to an Elder please e-mail me at [shirleydonivan@gmail.com](mailto:shirleydonivan@gmail.com) with their address and contact information and I will be happy to send them a note of cheer.

We have been purchasing from our wonderful Indigenous artists in anticipation of our opening. Francie and Tom will soon be going in to begin setting up the museum for opening and creating displays of the art and products of our amazing artists. Other staff will be brought on soon to help in this process. Of course, we will be complying with Covid regulations and will do so when it is safe.

The entire Museum staff is wishing for everyone's safety as well as that of your families. We will open our doors as soon as it is safe to open. We look forward to seeing you this coming 2020 season.

Sincerely

Shirley Donivan Sorrels,

Museum Director