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THE WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES EXTENDS TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF CASINO, CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT CENTERS AND THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT UNTIL MAY 31, 2020

Anadarko, Oklahoma-The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes during their Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020, made the decision to extend the Declaration for the State of Emergency and Temporary Closure for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes through May 31, 2020.

The following entities under the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes will remain closed through May 31, 2020. All staff will continue to be paid through May 31, 2020. The Tribe has not furloughed any employees of these three entities.

- Sugar Creek Casino in Hinton, Oklahoma and Canyons Sports Grill
- Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Tribal Government Offices
- Child Development Centers located in Anadarko, Oklahoma

REOPENING FOR THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

- All Administrators and Directors are required to report to work on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
- All other essential workers, which include maintenance, health and food workers, are required to report to work on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
- All non-essential workers will be required to report to work as needed the week of May 18, 2020 to May 22, 2020.

- All Essential and non-essential workers will be required to report to work at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 to May 29, 2020.
- All staff, at the direction of the director, who have clocked hours during the shutdown may be allowed flexible time equal to the amount of their clocked hours from May 18, 2020 to June 30, 2020.
- All staff, at the discretion of the director, may use annual and sick leave during the month of June to address child care issues due to COVID-19, medical issues due to COVID-19 and any other issues related to COVID-19 including social distancing. Employees continued to earn annual and sick leave while being paid during the Shelter-In-Place.
- The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes will reopen to the public on Monday, June 1, 2020 by appointment only. Doors to office buildings will remain locked until proper intercom and door systems are installed.
- The AoA, Health Programs and Food Distribution plans for continuing services after June 1, 2020 will be reviewed by the Wichita Executive Committee the week of May 17, 2020 and will be announced at a later time.
- The Wichita Child Development Center (WCDC) and the Wichita School Readiness Program (WSRP) will have their own set of guidelines for reopening except that the Directors for both centers will report to work on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. to begin reopening processes. The Wichita Executive Committee will review the plan for reopening both facilities the week of May 17, 2020 and an announcement will be made at a later date.
- The Sugar Creek Casino will have their own set of guidelines for reopening currently scheduled for June 1, 2020. The Wichita Executive Committee will review the plan for reopening of the Sugar Creek Casino the week of May 17, 2020 and an official announcement will be made at a later date.

Other Entities Under the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

The Wichita Travel Plaza, Sugar Creek Inn & Suites operated by the Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission, the Wichita Tax Commission Tag Office and Wichita Tribal Smoke Shop operated by the Wichita Tax Commission, the Wichita Gaming Commission Offices operated by the Wichita Gaming Commission and the Wichita Housing Authority are directed to follow the lead of the Tribe.

Future Information

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes continues to monitor health indicators at the local, state and national level and the healthcare officials' advice to do our part in slowing the spread during this pandemic. We will keep you informed regarding any changes as they arise. Please visit our website at www.wichitatribe.com and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Facebook page for more updates.

“The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes will begin its reopening plans to provide needed services to members of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. At some point, we have to find some normalcy amid the COVID-19 as this will be around for a long time. We encourage our tribal members,

employees and community to continue to follow the social distancing and other guidelines to protect you, your family and our community. God bless us all as we put our faith in moving forward with reopening things as safely as possible.” said, Terri Parton, President of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.