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MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA OFFICIAL UPDATE NOTIFICATION

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With the White House Opening Up American Again plan in place the Tribe is considering steps to return to some form of a new normal in compliance with National, State and Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation and guidance during this ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Tribe has developed policies and procedures to allow for the safest work environment possible for employees to return to work in tribal administration buildings. The Tribe anticipates a return to work for some employees in June who are unable to perform all work duties from home and who are not at a higher risk for severe illness. The Tribe will adhere to CDC guidance to include scheduling a staggered workforce, social distancing and providing PPE for staff.

When employees return to work the Tribe will maintain a closed work environment allowing only employee access to buildings. The Tribe requests that tribal members and the public continue to contact departments by phone, email and through U.S. Mail.

Miami Nation Enterprises is working to establish safety procedures to reopen Prairie Sun and Prairie Moon casinos in compliance with CDC guidance to businesses to protect employees and the public. Early to mid-June dates are under discussion for a re-opening.

As stated in the April 22, 2020 update, the Tribe cancelled the Miami Nation Pow Wow held the last weekend in June and has continued the Annual Meeting for a date to be announced. At this time, the Center for Disease Control cautions against travel and many states have different guidelines still in place for interstate travel. See the following link for more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019->

[ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html). It is our hope that an Annual Meeting can be scheduled later this summer or in the fall, even if the meeting must be held outside to comply with social distance safety measures.

The Tribe's youth summer educational programs will take place in June and July on dates previously scheduled but are revamped to allow for a digital home-learning program. Please contact Josh Sutterfield at jsutterfield@miamination.com if you have any questions.

Because travel and group gatherings pose a risk during this pandemic, all other cultural and education events remain canceled at this time. This includes the off-site community gatherings held in Kansas and Indiana each year in the fall. If conditions improve the Tribe will re-evaluate reinstating events on a case by case basis.

Because there is no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease the CDC advises the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The virus is thought to spread between people in close contact with one another. Per the CDC people should wash hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, put distance between yourself and other people outside of your home, and cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others. More information may be viewed at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Thank you to each of you for doing your part to limit the spread of this virus. We are all in this together and we will get through this together.

We will continue to update you as information becomes available. Until then, nipwaahkaako – take care and stay safe.