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Reggie Wassana
Governor



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Lieutenant Governor

Message from the Governor Regarding Coronavirus Safety Measures

Tribal Citizens and Community Members:

As Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, I want to provide assurance to all tribal members and employees that we are continuously monitoring the ongoing and evolving changes regarding the COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. We are taking precautionary measures and doing our part in containing the virus. Unprecedented safety measures are being taken nation-wide due to the Coronavirus.

Decisions in part, are based off recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and also the World Health Organization (WHO). Employees and tribal members should be assured that this pandemic is not being taken lightly and we will continue to monitor the situation and communicate as changes occur and decisions are made.

General information as of the publishing of this letter.

- Community Spread cases have been confirmed in Oklahoma as of this past weekend.
- Canadian county has been identified as a county of a confirmed case of coronavirus.

To date, tribal leadership has taken the following measures to address the world-wide pandemic:

1. The restriction/cancellation of all out of state work related travel for tribal employees.
2. The cancellation of the Elder's annual trip to the Denver March Pow wow was a necessity due to the number of cases and area that are affected in Colorado, in addition to the overall safety and health concerns for our tribal elders.
3. The elder's bingo that is scheduled for this Saturday is being postponed to April 4th, 2020 as we continue to witness and monitor the ongoing nation-wide safety measures being taken.
4. Public safety announcements have been placed on social media sites regarding important information pertaining to the virus and precautionary safety measures.

Tribal members and employees are highly encouraged to utilize the following safety precautions:

- Practice social distancing. Stay home and keep visitors to a minimum. Do not participate in shopping or other outside activities that are not necessary.
- If you are sick, call your doctor ahead of time and explain your symptoms to them.
- Wash our hands as often as possible and avoid facial contact.

Tribal Employees:

• Tribal employees have been restricted from out of state work related travel. However, if an employee chooses to travel out of state for personal reasons during this time and until further notice, the employee will not be allowed to report back to work and will be required to self-quarantine for 7 days from the date

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of return using the employees personal accrued leave. The employee must also be tested with a negative result before returning to work.

Tribal Offices Contingency Plan if it becomes necessary:

- Tribal programs and offices will operate under an essential services plan and eliminate unnecessary employees potentially spreading or being exposed to the coronavirus.

Tribal Casinos:

Casino Managers are currently working on contingency plans for potential or warranted affects the coronavirus may have on the casino operations.

- Lucky Star Casino management team has a press release regarding safety measures being taken at the casinos.

Lastly, be safe and watchful of our elders, youth and others most at-risk. We are in this together.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reggie Wassana", is written over a white background. Below the signature, the name "Reggie Wassana" and the title "Governor" are printed in a black, sans-serif font.

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**** This section will apply ONLY if the employee has traveled recently to one of the following states: New York, California, Washington, or Minnesota. These are states that are experiencing an elevated community spread of the virus.**