



**Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
For Immediate Release**

PAWNEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA IS ACTIVATING ITS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC), FOR THE NEXT THIRTY (30) DAYS DUE TO THE POTENTIAL OUTBREAK OF COVID-19, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CORONAVIRUS.

Pawnee, Oklahoma, March 12, 2020 — Effective today, March 12, 2020, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma is activating its Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and this center will be in operation for the next thirty (30) days due to the potential outbreak of COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus.

The Pawnee Nation will continue to follow the CDC updates, bulletins, and instructions while monitoring the news on the outbreak on a daily basis. In the event that we need to take more extreme steps to ensure the safety of our tribal membership and staff, we will do so without hesitation.

During this thirty (30) day time-period, the current travel ban includes in-state travel, Out-of-State, or Out-of-Country travel. The Elder Meals program will begin transporting meals to all of their elderly clients, whether they are homebound or not.

Activities planned for large groups of people are either being moved to another date or will be canceled—activities such as Language and culture classes, Fitness classes, Spring Break Camp.

Please check the tribal events calendar at www.pawneenation.org or check the Pawnee Nation's Facebook page to see if a class or activity will be held or is canceled.

New implemented health practices include:

Tribal employees who show any symptoms of illness are required to stay home. Symptoms can include Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath. Any employee who experiences any symptoms while working will be sent home.

Hand sanitizers are available for guests, and the employees to use at any of the tribal facilities.

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