May 13, 2020

Dear Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Members:

On behalf of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council, I would like to update you regarding the Nation’s reopening of our We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort (“Casino Resort”) and Tribal Government and the status of the Nation’s orders and recommendations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Casino Resort will reopen on Friday, May 15, 2020, followed by a safe reopening of the Tribal Government on Monday, May 18, 2020. Please know that the Nation is proceeding with caution and relying on guidance from the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC), other federal agencies and tribal departments.

The following orders and recommendations are in effect, Friday, May 15, 2020, until further notice.

- Continue to follow CDC guidelines such as but not limited to social distancing, wear face covering, frequent hand washing and personal hygiene.
- Church gatherings, board and committee meetings may be held but must be restricted to 25 people or less.
- Funerals and wakes may be held but must be restricted to 25 people or less.
- Tribal members and community members are strongly encouraged to stay away from highly incident areas with positive COVID-19 cases, areas referred to as “hot spots.”
- Visitors to residents/houses located within the boundaries of the Nation are permitted but should follow CDC guidelines.

The following services will remain restricted until further notice.

- The Nation’s road closures.
- The Verde River and other body of waters on the Nation are closed to the public except to enrolled Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation tribal members.
- Traditional sweats and other cultural practices are postponed.
- Vendors Lot, this includes any food sales (personal, fundraisers, door to door, in-home, churches and social media).

If you have any questions, please contact the General Managers office at (480) 789-7252 or (480) 824-3892.

Sincerely,

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