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**THE ARIZONA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION (AIGA)
STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19**

TEMPE, AZ - The Tribal gaming community in Arizona remains in constant communication with local, state, and national officials and each other to monitor developments regarding COVID-19. Each Tribe is actively engaged in evaluating and, where appropriate, activating Tribal response plans and adjusting operational practices, including increased sanitation and the possibility of suspending operations.

Tribal Governments of Arizona are working closely with the state and federal governments to ensure the safety of our tribal communities, including our economic development operations. Tribal Governments are taking all appropriate necessary actions. The health and safety of our employees, patrons, and tribal members are paramount. Tribal Governments are also monitoring their local environment and making decisions that best suit their geographic region.

The Tribes of Arizona join concerned Arizonans over this pandemic and are dedicated to implementing best practices to assist in containment. The Arizona Indian Gaming Association remains a resource for distribution of Tribal announcements and fact-based information, including the recently issued National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) guidelines on best practices for tribal operators. The NIGC is the federal regulator for Tribal Government gaming.

AIGA is pleased to see state, federal and Tribal Governments working together closely to ensure that best practices are put in place to protect Tribal communities, employees and patrons.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/news/>
<http://www.ncai.org/initiatives/partnerships-initiatives/resources-for-indian-country-coronavirus>
<https://tourism.az.gov/covid-19-updates-2/>

May Arizona, the Nation, and the World, unite to find courage during this challenging time and strength in the path towards healing.