

Kickapoo Tribe declares a state of emergency; closes casino

HORTON, KS-Given the explosion of COVID-19 in the state and globally, the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Tuesday signed a Declaration of Emergency and took action to temporarily shut down the Tribe's Golden Eagle Casino. Additionally, all non-essential tribal employees will temporarily be granted administrative leave to self-quarantine at their homes.

The Casino is closed until March 30, 2020 at which time tribal leadership and casino management will consult with emergency management officials and local health agencies to determine the appropriate course of action.

"These are very difficult decisions, but every minute counts and strong measures are necessary to slow the spread of the disease. I know there will be significant economic impacts to the Kickapoo Tribe and all of our communities, and we are looking at steps to help address those challenges," said Tribal Chairman Lester Randall. Randall went on to state, "The health and safety of our tribal members, our community and our casino patrons is our top priority and we will continue to improve ways to protect these individuals from COVID-19 and other health risks."

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