Hello Honorable Tribal Leaders,

As you prepare to reopen tribal government operations and tribal businesses, the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department would like to provide you with resources to answer some commonly asked questions pertaining to reopening in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would like to acknowledge our partners who have helped create the documents below. The Economic Recovery Council’s Tribal Gaming Subcommittee was instrumental in drafting the COVID-Safe Practices for Tribal Gaming Operations. From this Subcommittee, we formed a smaller workgroup to support the development of the Rapid Response Checklist. To clarify, these documents do not mandate or require certain action of tribal governments. Rather, they offer guidance and should be treated as a resource outlining steps to consider when engaged in rapid response.

It is my hope that the documents below support you as you make decisions on behalf of your community.

- Recommended Guidance for Tribal Rapid Response to one or more COVID-19 Positive Cases at a Tribal Business, Facility, or Enterprise
- Rapid Response Checklist for Tribal Business/Facility in Response to one or more COVID-19 Positive Employee(s) in the Workplace
- Checklist for Tribal Rapid Response to Outbreak of COVID-19 Positive Individuals in the Community

Respectfully,

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