



**Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
For Immediate Release**

**PAWNEE NATION SHUTDOWN FOR THREE DAYS DUE TO POSSIBLE COVID-19
EXPOSURE AND PLANS TO REOPEN ON JUNE 8, 2020.**

Pawnee, Oklahoma, June 5, 2020 – The Pawnee Nation has closed all the tribal offices effective June 3, 2020, and plans to re-open on Monday, June 8, 2020. This closure was with the consensus of the Pawnee Business Council based upon the recommendation of the Pawnee Nation Tribal Emergency Response Committee.

This closure is due to four members of the Pawnee Nation staff who were exposed to the COVID-19 virus at an event that they attended on June 1, 2020, in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. The offices were closed so that the tribal buildings can be sanitized, and all employees are being required to be tested for this virus. As of this date, none of the employees have tested positive for this virus. The Pawnee Indian Health Service Clinic is working with the Pawnee Nation to get all of the employees tested.

Those employees who have a negative test will be allowed to return to their offices on Monday, June 8, 2020. Those programs providing assistance to the tribal community will continue to see clients on an appointment basis. Masks will be required for all visitors to the Pawnee Nation. If you do not have a mask, then one will be provided to you. Please check the Pawnee Nation website, www.pawneenaton.org, and watch the Pawnee Nation Facebook page for additional information as soon as it becomes available.

The Pawnee Nation prays that Atius will continue to watch over our Pawnee People during this viral pandemic. May Atius keep our people safe and healthy.

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