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Shawnee Tribe announces plan to begin Phase II re-opening to the public

Miami, OK (Aug. 13, 2020) The Shawnee Tribe would like to announce that all northeast Oklahoma (NEOK) locations plan to resume operations on Aug 17th with increased health and safety measures, with the exception of the Shawnee Tribe Cultural Center (STCC). This includes the Shawnee Tribe Main Office, the Children and Family Services Building, Community Building, Tribal Government Offices and Language Offices. The cultural center will remain closed to the public except by appointment for research or gallery viewing. The Shawnee Tribe's Phase 2 plan is contingent upon key health indicators.

"This pandemic has caused us to reevaluate everything from daily operations, policy/procedure, to how we implement health and safety measures for our citizens, staff and guests," states Cassie Harper, Tribal Administrator. "We will need to be mindful that our citizens and guests have also been impacted in different ways by this pandemic, and we will need to be patient, respectful, and understanding in our interactions with them."

The following are a few of the Shawnee Tribe's safety and health measures for the public entering our buildings:

- Only one visitor/citizen at a time will be allowed in ST offices
- Visitor/citizen access will be limited to main lobby and common waiting areas only
- ALL visitors/citizens will be required to wear masks – all offices will have disposable masks provided for visitors
- ALL visitors will be temperature screened before entering ST offices by a designated staff member
- Acrylic separation panels will be installed at interaction areas.
- Staff members while on property will be required to adhere to personal sanitation standards, including wearing a required face covering.

For further amenity protocols and how we are keeping our guests safe, please visit our website at: <https://shawneerelief.org/>

For more information on the key health indicators, please visit the CDC website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

