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Kewadin Casinos extends temporary closure in continued response to COVID-19

SAULT STE. MARIE, MI — Following the recommendations of public health officials as it relates to Coronavirus (COVID19), Kewadin Casinos has made the decision to extend the temporary closure of all five casino properties and attached hotels in Michigan's Upper Peninsula until May 15.

Kewadin Casinos Interim CEO has been flexibly managing the fluid timeline stating, "We have said all along that there is no higher priority than the health and safety of our team members and guests. We want to open but only if it is safe for our team and our communities. If that means that we close for a little longer, then that is what we're going to do."

As a committed community partner, Kewadin has continued to donate food and supplies to local agencies such as a donation of supplies that were used to build medical masks and food to local agencies in several communities. Team members have continued to be paid during the planned closure. As we move forward, we plan to adjust services upon reopening. This is being done to better prepare each property for appropriate social distancing measures. Team members were offered the opportunity to take a temporary furlough and will be brought back immediately as business demand ramp up. As one of the largest employers in the EUP, Kewadin Casinos currently employees approximately 900 full and part time team members.

To complement the governor's most recent "Stay Home" recommendations regarding non-frontline employees returning to work, projects planned at each property prior to the closure, will begin again. These projects range from renovations to deep-cleaning and will refresh each property in time for reopening.

For more information about the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, please visit http://www.saulttribe.com. For more information about Kewadin Casinos, please visit www.Kewadin.com.

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