



# Kiowa Tribe

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**EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

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## **Update on Annual Elder Payment Disbursement**

Chairman Komalty values our elders they are the foundation to the success of the Tribe. Their safety and well-being is very important to him during the COVID 19 pandemic. He is aware of the concerns regarding the disbursement of the Annual Elder Payment. Elders are not required to pick up their checks those choosing to not attend the disbursement events your checks will be mailed on Monday, December 7, 2020. At the Chairman's request we are detailing the COVID safety precautions that will be implemented for the disbursement of the Elderly Payments are the following locations:

### **Oklahoma City – Angie Smith Memorial Methodist Church**

A drive through will be set up in the parking lot at the church. No elders will be required to get out of their vehicles. All staff and elders will be required to wear masks and stay in compliance with the CDC guidelines and limit contact with those in the vehicles to 15 minutes or less. Please make sure you have a valid picture ID so we can complete the disbursement in a timely and efficient manner.

### **Tulsa – River Spirit Casino**

The River Spirit Casino has COVID 19 safety precautions in place that meets with the CDC guidelines the staff will do temperature checks prior to entry into the casino. The meeting room space has all the protections to ensure that we are implementing social distancing requirements. All staff and elders will be required to wear masks, we will have entrance and exits clearly defined, and we will limit contact between staff and elders to 15 minutes or less. Please make sure you have a valid picture ID so we can complete the disbursement in a timely and efficient manner.

### **Carnegie – Red Buffalo Hall**

The Kiowa Tribe has our own internal procedures to ensure the safety of our staff and tribal members that mirror the CDC guidelines. Kiowa Tribe security will do temperature checks on all elders prior to entry into RBH. The RBH will have clearly marked spaces for elders to stand in line that social distancing requirements. We will have hand sanitation dispensers at the entry and exit of RBH. All staff elders will be required to wear masks, we will have entrance and exits clearly defined, and we will limit contact between staff and elders to 15 minutes or less.

In addition, we will have spots marked in the parking lot for those that are handicapped and are not able to come into the building to pick up checks we will deliver checks to the vehicles. The parking spots will be limited so be patient we will get your checks in a timely and efficient manner. Please make sure you have a valid picture ID so we can complete the disbursement in a timely manner.