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CARNEGIE, Okla. – The Kiowa Tribe has been officially shut down as of April 17, 2020, due to an employee who has tested positive for COVID-19. Since that time another employee in that same department has tested positive. The tribe is doing all it can to follow CDC guidelines to ensure that our employees and tribal members are safe.

On Wednesday, April 22, and Thursday, April 23, the entire Kiowa Tribal campuses in Carnegie and Anadarko locations have undergone thorough cleaning. A sanitizing company was brought in to professionally clean all buildings and offices.

Auteur Management Solutions LLC,(Auteur) a 100% Kiowa owned business brought in what's called electrostatic spray. "Through our leading-edge technology and Center for Disease Control (CDC) approved solutions, we are able to deliver a disinfection program that kills viruses thus making the workplace environment a healthier more productive place to work," said Peters.

According to the CDC, the coronavirus germ on a surface can last from two hours to nine days. Jill Peters the owner of the company said the mist is applied with a gun-type device and sprayed everywhere. The mist is said to be more effective than the standard wet or dry methods where germs can be transferred from, for example; a mop or towel Peters explained in a business factsheet presented to the Kiowa Tribe.

The mist can attach itself to hard to reach spaces and sends a positive electrical charge and lands on negative surfaces. The mist and its effectiveness can last as long as it's not contaminated. A spokesperson for the Kiowa Tribe said routine follow-ups will be in order.

"Since the outbreak of COVID-19, Auteur has been actively involved within the community to help minimize the risk of infection by providing its professional cleaning services. That said, nothing could have made us prouder than to be able to assist in the protection of our people. As tribal members, making a difference to help fight this pandemic within our tribe means a lot as it hits home of the health and safety of our people, especially our children and elders," said Peters.

Kiowa Tribal Chairman Matthew Komalty wanted the facilities in safe working order for when the offices officially open for business. Currently, minimal employees are cleared to be on campus. "I wanted to have this done right away, it was imperative. I'm glad we had a Kiowa business who met our needs and did the job quickly and efficiently. We are praying for the best results for everyone's safety. I am confident that we are protected."

Internal operations are at a minimum currently and Komalty said May 1 was the anticipated day of re-opening to the public but every day is being assessed as it comes.

Peters said at Auteur, our team of cleaning professionals has the experience and resources from colleagues across the industry to minimize the risk of infection. "Our industrial strength disinfectant products are registered with the Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) at the highest classification and are designed to combat threats like the Coronavirus."

