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Friends and Colleagues:

Over the past couple of weeks, we have seen some state gradually re-opening their businesses and public buildings. Some tribe have re-opened their gaming facilities and have started working towards getting things back to normal. There is still a large part of the country that has yet to begin the reopening process, but are eager to do so. As we collectively get closer to that day, the ability for tribes to reopen in a measured and consistent way has become a hot topic.

Recently, several commercial jurisdictions, such as Nevada, Louisiana, and Maryland, have released their reopening protocols. These guidelines and requirements build upon the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (commonly referred to as the CDC) as well as any conditions prescribed by state officials.

In addition, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) released its own guidance in its Tribal Leader letter dated 24 April 2020. The NIGC provided points of interest in a number of arenas for tribes to review and have plans to address along with a proposed checklist. The letter and checklist are available on the NIGC's website.

A few weeks ago, the NTGCR released a set of recommendations for tribes to consider as they crafted their individual reopening plans (see *Regulators Response to COVID-19: Volume 4*). Additional thoughts and ideas were also provided in the original publication of *Regulators Response to COVID-19* as well as *Regulators Response to COVID-19: Volume 2*.

The attached checklist is based on the NIGC checklist and includes additional questions and recommendations based on suggested reopening standards and current public health standards. The checklist is not intended to address every situation you may encounter. I encourage you to use the checklist and modify it to formulate your own plan.

Respectfully,

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