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# Nisqually Red Wind Casino first in region to adopt new Casino Air purification technology to prevent airborne coronavirus transmission.

The Nisqually Red Wind Casino in partnership with MacDonald Miller and Casino Air announce the installation and engineering of an air purification system.

Olympia, WA — 12/8/2020 — Today, the Nisqually Red Wind Casino in partnership with MacDonald Miller and Casino Air announced the installation and engineering of a new Casino Air Purification System. The purification system enables the casino to filter and destroy tobacco smoke, bacteria, mold, mildew, pollen, virus, and bacteria including the COVID-19 virus. "The Nisqually Red Wind Casino has always been committed to the health and safety of our guests and team members, but now more than ever," said Cheebo Frazier, General Manager. "We couldn't be happier to take the lead and be the first Casino in this region to invest in this innovative technology in response to the COVID pandemic," said Frazier. "Anything we can do to make our facility as safe as possible for everybody visiting are big steps in the right direction." Since reopening its doors in May, after a 60-day closure due to COVID-19, the Casino has implemented many new health and safety protocols, including reduced capacity of occupants in all areas, temperature checks for guests, team members, and vendors upon entry, strict mask requirements, and increased cleaning and sanitation practices, just to name a few. With those measures implemented, the management's attention as turned to airborne mitigation efforts. Installation is set to be complete this month.

### **Utilizing Innovative Technology to Enhance Guest Experience**

Molecular oxidizers, a patented 'double-dielectric-barrier micro-discharge' technology creates activated oxygen. Activated oxygen instantly oxidizes and destroys virus and bacteria as well as eliminates odors and chemicals in ventilated spaces.

Once activated, the oxygen is then injected into the HVAC system and circulated throughout the casino. The molecular oxidizers work in tandem with a filtration system that uses electronic polarization to trap airborne contaminants like tar, nicotine, paper ash and other microscopic particles that normally pass through non-electronic filters.

This unique filtration method is twice as effective as a HEPA filter at .007 microns and up to 45 times as effective as most pleated filters.

#### **Commitment to Safety**

The Nisqually Tribe combined with businesses under the Medicine Creek Enterprise Corporation (MCEC), is one of largest employers in Thurston County and is a dedicated and valued leader in the community. As part of the MCEC, Nisqually Red Wind Casino is committed to the Health and Safety of our Guests and Team Members alike. "The measures that we have taken to date have proven very successful for us here, and we are excited to add yet another protective measure to our already expanded health and safety program," said Melody Jerenz, the casino's Director of Compliance and Risk.

#### **About the Nisqually Red Wind Casino**

The Nisqually Red Wind Casino has become the South Sound's go-to spot for gaming, dining, and entertainment. Boasting an expansive 46,000 square foot gaming floor, the casino offers more than 1,670 slot machines, Keno, and a plethora of table games including Blackjack, Three Card Poker, Pai Gow, Roulette, and Craps with 10x odds. There are also multiple dining venues from fast casual to fine dining, including the Medicine Creek Deli, Pealo's Bar, and the multi-award winning Squalli-Absch Grille.

The casino offers more than just exciting and state-of-the-industry gaming and dining – it offers community. The casino's design, accents, and hospitality all seek to incorporate the local tribal presence. Built to resemble a traditional native longhouse, the Nisqually Red Wind Casino itself pays homage to its namesake.

Since opening its doors in 1997, Nisqually Red Wind Casino has become an integral part of its surrounding communities. Gaming revenues are used to fund a broad base of support services for tribal members and provide operational funding for many non-profit agencies and organizations in local communities as well. In 2019, charitable funding awarded by the Nisqually Indian Tribe Charitable and Local Government Program awarded more than 170 area agencies a total of \$1.5M in vital operational funding through a competitive application process. Nisqually Red Wind Casino is located 15 minutes east of Olympia, WA and is owned by the Nisqually Indian Tribe.

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