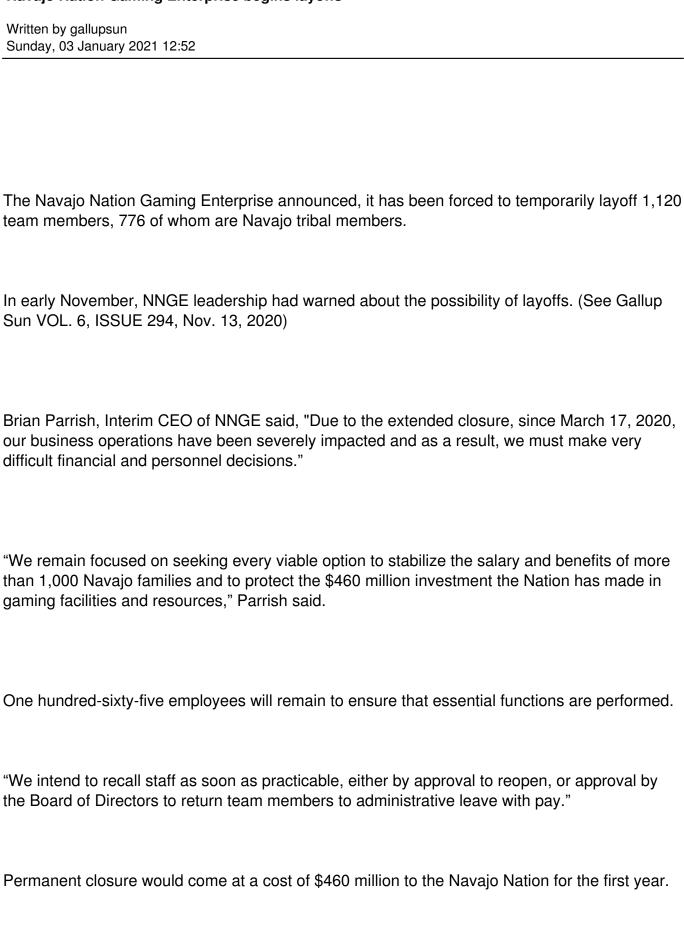
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Subsequent years will reflect continued losses of approximately \$219 million due to the

elimination of interest revenues, gaming distribution fund revenues, tax revenue payments, and

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business site lease income, as well as, the economic output currently shared across the Navajo Nation reservation.

A permanent closure would also hurt communities by the immediate loss of more than \$807,000 that NNGE provides each year for local police, fire and emergency services.

NNGE leadership remains focused on finding a resolution before the end of January.

"We believe we can responsibly reopen, at a reduced occupancy with the implementation of first-in-class safety protocols. We have studied the science and reviewed the best guidelines at each stage. We have consistently laid out our step-by-step plans to strike the right balance and have detailed the catastrophic consequences of continued closure," Parrish said.

