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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: COVID-19 INVESTIGATION IN WOOD COUNTY ESTABLISHMENT

The Wood County Health Department and Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health are reporting that two employees of Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa have tested positive for COVID-19. An outbreak is defined by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as two or more laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the same facility or associated with a single event, with onset within two maximum COVID-19 incubation periods of each other (28 days). The health departments and the establishment have been working together to review and strengthen existing prevention measures.

The Wood County Health Department and Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health are actively completing their investigations regarding the positive cases. The two cases do not appear to be related and the individuals did not have close interaction with the public. The health departments identified those with "close contact" to the individuals and requested that they quarantine. Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa wants to assure their employees and guests that extra safety precautions are being taken including screening of all employees and guests upon entry, requiring the use of face coverings, increased access to hand sanitizing stations, and increased testing of employees. In addition, the possibly affected areas have been cleaned and sanitized.

COVID-19 may spread from person-to-person. There is currently no vaccine and no treatment, so prevention is key. To stop the spread of illness, it is important to:

- Practice social distancing and keep six feet of distance between you and non-household members.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer.
- Wear a cloth face-covering while in public.
- Stay home when sick.
- Avoid touching your face.

If you are experiencing any symptoms (headache, fatigue, cough, shortness of breath, fever, digestive discomfort), please contact your healthcare provider. You can view a full list of symptoms here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

To receive the most up-to-date information regarding the COVID-19 response in Wood County, please visit www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/Health.

For more information please visit the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department website at: health.ho-chunk.com

