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Notice: Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System Outage System Upgrade

The Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System is a tool used by State, Local, and Tribal health departments to track communicable diseases in Wisconsin. This system will be undergoing an upgrade that will improve functionality, performance, and security. This will assist our Health Department staff in contact tracing and disease investigations. The upgrade will begin Friday, October 16th at 5 p.m. and will be completed no later than Sunday, October 18th. During the outage time impacts to public health will include the following:

- The daily numbers will not be available to post on the Wisconsin DHS website. Tribal data reported on the HCN website will be delayed.
- Following the update the data transfer may make the positivity rate appear artificially low. Please use the 7 day rolling averages for a better understanding of COVID activity.
- Contact tracing will be impacted potentially delaying calls to close contacts.

Providers will be able to communicate laboratory results to patients being tested or waiting testing results. If you have been tested at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center or the House of Wellness clinics your laboratory test results will be communicated to you as soon as they are available. If you have been tested at a community testing event your test results may take longer than normal, as providers may not get the results until Monday from the laboratory.

Wisconsin is currently experiencing a surge in cases and this upgrade is important to help support Local and Tribal Health departments to stop the spread. The Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department encourages all community member to stay vigilant and take the necessary precautions to stay healthy and safe. Take care of one another.

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