



# HO-CHUNK NATION

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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### **RE: COVID-19 Testing Result Process from Tests Outside of the HC Health Department**

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health would like to notify the community that if you chose to be tested for COVID-19 at a health facility or community event that is **NOT** Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health you may not receive your test results in a timely manner and/or you may not receive them at all. Some Public Health Departments are reporting hundreds of positive tests daily and do not have the capacity to notify positive cases in a timely manner. Due to the high number of positive cases in several counties many health departments are prioritizing the positive case notifications. It is important to know that the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department will **NOT** have your test results **unless** you are tested at a Ho-Chunk Nation clinic or community testing event.

In addition due to the surge of positive cases locally, many county public health departments are no longer notifying close contacts of exposure, and are relying on the patient to notify their contacts. At this time Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health continues to complete contact tracing and notifying close contacts of their exposure. We ask that you please answer the call if you are contacted by one of the contact tracers and be truthful about those who you have been in contact with. This is a vital step in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. 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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