



HO-CHUNK NATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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RE: COVID-19 Testing Result Notification and Crisis Contact Tracing Measures

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health would like to notify the community about the significant increase in testing being completed at both Ho-Chunk Clinical sites and the Ho-Chunk Community testing sites. Those being tested for COVID-19 at either clinical locations or community testing events should expect to be notified with their results within 5-7 business days. While awaiting test results you should quarantine to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Overall the lab capacity for the State of Wisconsin is surging which has slowed the processing of tests and notification of results.

Due to the surging number of positive cases within our Ho-Chunk Communities the Ho-Chunk Department of Health will effective immediately move to Phase 1(a) Crisis Contact tracing. This means that the Health Department will notify patients of their test results. They will conduct contact tracing for those testing positive. The Health Department will notify the close contacts of the positive patient to let them know of the exposure and quarantine information. They will no longer continue to call the close contacts daily for the 14 day quarantine period. The Health Department will continue to call close contacts daily, for 14 days, who are over the age of 60 years (Elders). 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 Department of Health encourages all community member to stay vigilant and take the necessary precautions to stay healthy and safe. Do not gather with those outside of your household, stay home as much as possible, wear a mask if you must go out, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you are not feeling well, and monitor yourself for signs and symptoms. Take care of one another.

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