



HO-CHUNK NATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



MEDIA RELEASE

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CONTACT: Kiana Beaudin, Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Health Officer, 715-284-9851

RE: Notifying community event attendees who may be at-risk for COVID-19 exposure

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health is reporting potential risk for community exposure to COVID-19 at a recent community event. On January 16th, the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health became aware of individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 who attended funeral services at the Pot-Chee-Nunk Native American Church in Wittenberg on January 9-12th.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health staff are uncertain of the number of people exposed during this time. **We request that those who attended the funeral services at the Pot-Chee-Nunk Native American Church in Wittenberg on January 9-12th self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms.** Symptoms of COVID-19 may include cough, tiredness, muscle aches, fever, difficulty breathing, loss of smell/taste and sore throat. Rarely, some people may develop an upset stomach. **Individuals should stay home from work and school for 14 days. If symptoms should occur please call the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health at 715-284-9851 or 608-355-1240. You should wait 5-7 days following the event before having a test.**

If you attended either of these events it is important that you stay home as much as possible to limit the spread of the disease. Even if you do not currently have any signs or symptoms you should quarantine yourself. Continue to wash your hands with soap and water, use hand sanitizer and routinely disinfect commonly touched surfaces within your home.

If community members plan to seek medical care, they should call ahead and notify the clinic of the potential COVID-19 exposure so that precautions can be made to prevent further spread. If you have questions you may also contact the Health Department by email at coronavirus@ho-chunk.com.

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