



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 two community events.

On April 19, 2020, the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health became aware of two individuals, who developed symptoms of COVID-19, were tested, and tested positive for COVID-19. One of the individuals attended a spring feast on March 29th and 30th. The other individual attended a funeral on April 13th and 14th.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health staff are uncertain of the number of people exposed at these events. **We request that those who attended the feast or funeral contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health at 715-284-9851 or 608-355-1240.** Please be patient as we respond to calls as quickly as we can. Those who contact the Health Department will be assessed for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. 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. You will also be provided with information regarding care and monitoring for symptoms. Testing will be made available to those who meet the criteria.

If you attended either of these events it is important that you stay home and isolate as much as possible to limit the spread of the disease. Even if you do not currently have any signs or symptoms you should isolate 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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