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COVID-19 Updated Information Break Through Case Data

Ho-Chunk Nation – The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health like other jurisdictions have now experienced “break through” cases of COVID-19. Break through cases are people who have been fully vaccinated and then test positive for COVID-19. **What does this mean?**

- 98% of COVID-19 infections have been amongst unvaccinated individuals.
- No vaccine is 100% effective, break through cases can occur.
- Break through cases are experiencing much milder symptoms.
- Break through cases are much less likely to be hospitalized with complications from COVID-19.
- Break through cases are much less likely to die of COVID-19.
- Break through cases are more likely to occur when a significant portion of the population is unvaccinated. 41% of HC Tribal members 12yr+ have received at least 1 dose of vaccine (7-17-21)
- Break through cases are more likely to occur in areas with high transmission of disease.

Data supports the vaccine is effective against COVID-19 because there have been fewer hospitalizations, milder symptoms, and fewer deaths amongst those fully vaccinated. Due to the increase in COVID-19 across the State **community members should take precautions NOW to prevent this illness. The best way to prevent COVID-19 is to get vaccinated.** The vaccine is safe and effective against COVID-19 including the new Delta variant. Please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center (715-284-9851) or House of Wellness Clinic (608-355-1240) or visit our mobile strike team for your free COVID-19 vaccine.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health is continually monitoring this pandemic and continues to work with our local county health departments and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS).

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