



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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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 a potential risk for community exposure to COVID-19 at a recent community event. On May 31st, the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health became aware of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 who attended the Memorial Weekend Social Dance and Traditional Games at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow Wow Grounds in Black River Falls on May 30th.

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 Social Dance and Traditional Games on the above dates 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. **If any symptoms develop please seek testing immediately.** Walk up testing is available through the mobile units behind HHCC and HOW. If you are not feeling any symptoms but would still like to test the best time to test is 5 days following your last exposure.

The Department of Health strongly encourages everyone to get their COVID-19 vaccination, including staying up to date on booster doses. Please continue to wash your hands with soap and water, use hand sanitizer and routinely disinfect commonly touched surfaces within your home.

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