



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 August 22nd, the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health became aware of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 who participated the Community Pop Up Pantry event distributing food at the Baraboo location on Thursday, August 18th.

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 Pop Up Pantry event at the Baraboo location on the above date 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 unit located between TOB and the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center, no appointment needed. Testing is also available at the House of Wellness mobile unit outside the HOW clinic, no appointment needed. 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. Staying up to date on your booster doses can reduce your risk of long COVID complications. 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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