

# **Public Health Notice of Possible Public Exposure to COVID-19**

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**This is a joint release from The MHA COVID-19 Task Force, Elbowoods Memorial Health Center, Chairman Fox, and the Tribal Business Council.**

We have been notified that an individual with a connection to one of the fireworks vendors recently located and selling in our 4 Bears Park has been confirmed to have COVID-19. The vendor was shut down and is no longer in the area.

We are currently further investigating and responding to the case. Response to any case of the virus continues to be immediate and comprehensive.

*COVID-19 is most likely to be transmitted through close contact with an individual infected with the virus. This is when people have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 for about 10 minutes within 6 feet of that person OR had contact with any secretions, such as being coughed on, OR had direct physical contact. People who did not have close contact with this individual have no greater risk of infection than the general public.*

*For individuals who may have been at the recently shut down stand and do not think they had close contact with any individuals, we recommend they take the same precautionary measures as the general public:*

- *Stay home if you are sick*
- *Wash your hands frequently and do not touch your face*
- *Avoid large crowds and gatherings*
- *Continue to take precautions when around elder individuals and those with underlying health conditions*

*Researchers say anywhere between 25% to 80% of people with COVID-19 are unaware they have the virus. Often patients show no symptoms for the first few days. Others can carry the virus and never show symptoms. This allows COVID to spread rapidly through communities.*

*The CDC says up to 85% of cases can be prevented if everyone wears masks in public.*

This is a challenging time and we recognize that everyone has concern about the impacts of COVID-19. For updated information about the virus in our area, go to the MHA COVID-19 Task Force Facebook page or the MHA Nation's tribal website ([mhanation.com](http://mhanation.com)). If you have any concerns of possibly having the virus call Elbowoods Memorial Health Clinic at 701-627-7641.

