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## COVID-19 Antibody (Serology) testing for Mohegan Tribe employees and other personnel

The Coronavirus pandemic has affected millions of persons worldwide. While some persons with COVID-19 can become very ill, others have few or no symptoms and may not know that they have had COVID-19. COVID-19 antibody (aka serology) testing can help determine if you have had COVID-19 by identifying antibodies specific to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) in your blood.

### *What are antibodies?*

Antibodies are proteins that your body produces following an infection to help fight the infection and to protect against getting the disease again (immunity). COVID-19 antibodies develop 7-10 days after getting COVID-19 and persist in your body after you have gotten better. It is not yet known for sure if they protect against getting COVID-19 again, but current findings suggests they do.

### *How can I get tested for COVID-19 antibodies?*

The Mohegan Tribe is partnering with the Yale Occupational and Environmental Medicine Program to provide testing for COVID-19 antibodies. Participation is free and completely voluntary, and your individual results will NOT be shared with Mohegan Tribe.

### *How can I sign up for the study?*

Visit the following link to schedule an appointment for an onsite blood draw (1 tube):

[https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7VaP5Kpa7GNdjuJ](https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7VaP5Kpa7GNdjuJ)

Any questions you have about the testing will be answered. You will be asked to give consent and to complete a survey.

### *When will I get my results and what do the results mean?*

You will be notified of your results a few weeks after your blood sample is taken.

If COVID-19 antibodies are found in your blood, it likely means you were infected in the past and may be protected from re-infection. A negative result indicates that COVID-19 antibodies were not found in your blood, and you likely have not had COVID-19.

### *Are there other benefits to getting tested?*

Yale physicians will be available at your visit to answer any questions you may have about COVID-19 and how best to protect yourself and your family from getting COVID-19.

### *How can I get more information?*

Please email your telephone number to: [linda.cantley@yale.edu](mailto:linda.cantley@yale.edu) or leave a phone message at 203-785-6434 and we will call you to answer your questions.

