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## NBA Player Tests Positive While in Oklahoma City; No Immediate Threat to the Public

The NBA has announced that a player on the Utah Jazz has been tested for COVID-19 and received a presumptive positive result. Public health officials were able to obtain the test result before the game's tip off. This is still an ongoing investigation as public health officials are testing other players and staff who have been in contact with the player.

Those who were in attendance at the game are not at risk of catching COVID-19. As a reminder, COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets. Only individuals who are in close contact with a person with

COVID-19 would be at risk of exposure.

As we are all aware, COVID-19 is present in Oklahoma. If you are planning to attend a large public event, please check with the event organizers for information in case the event is postponed or cancelled.

We strongly recommend that people do not attend events if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. And if event attendees start to experience symptoms while at an event or conference, they should leave the event and seek medical advice promptly by calling ahead to a doctor's office.

Oklahoma's public health officials work to provide the general public, including event organizers, with guidance intended to help prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19. The following is recommended guidance to follow at all times as the situation continues to change:

- **Wash hands often**
- **Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth**
- **Cover your cough or sneeze**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick**

We are working closely with our strong and expansive network of national, state and local partners to continue monitoring the situation. All Oklahomans are advised to take social distancing precautions such as implementing telework and avoiding large gatherings when possible.

We strive to empower Oklahomans through education and resources. To find accurate information on COVID-19, visit the Oklahoma State Department of Health website at [coronavirus.health.ok.gov](http://coronavirus.health.ok.gov). For questions, please call the OSDH call center for public inquiries at 1-877-215-8336.

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