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Below you will find funding opportunities, resources, conferences, and other tribal news. For your convenience, the blue headings below are hyperlinked so you can easily navigate to the details for priority items.

[CDC/ATSDR'S TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT](#)

CDC/ATSDR are currently accepting nominations for **Bemidji area, California area, Great Plains area, Nashville area, Phoenix area, and Tucson area delegates**. For more information about vacant seats, eligibility, selection criteria, and nomination procedure can also be found at [CDC Tribal Health](#). **Nominations will be accepted until October 1, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances at tribalsupport@cdc.gov. **Please Note New Extended Deadline*

[NCIPC MISSING OR MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FACTSHEET](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is committed to improving the health and safety of American Indian Alaska Native (AIAN) people. CDC works to understand and address Missing or Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) issues by sharing data and violence prevention efforts. CDC uses a shared risk and protective factors approach to understand root causes of violence. This means identifying and reducing the factors that increase the risk of violence (e.g., repeated or prolonged stress, diminished economic opportunities) and increasing the factors that protect or buffer people from violence (e.g., family connectedness, commitment to school). Understanding these factors can help prevent violence. [Click here](#) for full factsheet.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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CDC COVID-19 Funding for Tribes

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated their budget, grants, and funding webpage with information on [CDC COVID-19 Funding for Tribes](#).

Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

The **Official Grants.Gov Mobile App** is available for download! Use the [Grants.gov](#) app to run a quick search for grants on the topic of your choice. You can segment your search by funding provider. If you see an opportunity that holds some promise for your organization, **subscribe** to it. You will get an alert if the grantor makes any updates to the funding announcement. Specific information on select NOFOs and other funding news is included below.

October 2020 Deadline

- [Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program \(TIPCAP\)](#)
- [Minority HIV Research Initiative to Support Epidemiologic and Implementation Science Research in Racial/Ethnic Minority Communities Disproportionately Affected by HIV and Build Research Capacity Among Historically Underrepresented Researchers](#)

November 2020 Deadline

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- [Extension of the World Trade Center Health Registry](#)
- [Notice of Special Interest: Competitive and Administrative Supplements for Community Interventions to Reduce the Impact of COVID-19 on Health Disparity and Other Vulnerable Populations](#)

Call for Comments/Responses

- [Call for Comment: Update to the Diabetes Prevention Program Standards](#)
- [Request for Sample Facsimile of Tribal Government Issued Identification Card](#)
- [Indigenous Knowledge on Blood Lead Level Testing](#)
- [NIHB-Project Firstline Survey](#)

Legal Resources

- [CDC's Office of Public Health Law](#)
- [Telehealth and Telemedicine Resources](#)
- [The Tribal Legal Preparedness Project](#)
- [Congressional Legislative Tracker](#)
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- [Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker General Memoranda](#)
- [The National Indian Health Board's Regulations Tracker](#)
- [Health Information and Data Sharing Resources](#)
- [The Intersection of Syringe Use and HIV Criminalization Toolkit](#)

Trainings and Non-Legal Resources

- [CDC Led RealOpt Training on Vaccination Planning and POD Sites](#)
- [A Proven Lifeline: Keeping Hope in Mind While Addressing the Complexities of Mental Illness](#)
- [IHS Injury Prevention Virtual Symposium](#)
- [NCIPC Missing or Murdered Indigenous Peoples Factsheet](#)
- [3rd Annual National Native Health Research Training Initiative](#)
- [September 2020 Virtual Workshops for Urban Indian Organizations](#)
- [Brain Health Action Institute for Tribal Nations](#)
- [2020 Public Health Law Virtual Summit: COVID-19 Response and Recovery](#)
- [Information Hub: Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) in Indian Country](#)
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- [Toolkit for USDOT Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success \(ROUTES\)](#)
- [Self-Paced Course: Policy Briefs: From Plan to Action](#)
- [NIHB E-Course: Public Health Training](#)
- [NIHB E-Course: Working with Tribal Nations](#)
- [Toolkit: Advancing the Uptake and Use of PrEP in Indian Country](#)
- [Training: Pediatricians Can Help Prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences](#)
- [National Indigenous Women's Resource Center Webinars](#)
- [Mental Health Guide for Faith Leaders](#)
- [Safe States 2020 Virtual Conference](#)

- [2021 Public Health Law Conference](#)
- [Weekly Updates for Operation Lady Justice: How to Subscribe](#)

Opportunities for Students

Federal

- [CDC Fellowship and Training Opportunities](#)
- [Public Health Student Intern Program](#)

Non-Federal

- [National Council of Urban Indian Health Project Firstline Fellowship Application](#)
- [Open Positions at IREACH at Washington State University](#)
- [StrongHearts Native Helpline is Now Hiring](#)
- [National Indian Health Board Open Positions](#)
- [Washington University Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

Current Issues and Tribal News

- [Transforming Tribal Communities: Indigenous Perspectives on Suicide Prevention](#)
- [Reducing Polysubstance Use in Pregnancy](#)
- [MMWR—COVID-19 Among AI/AN Persons—23 States](#)
- [Report Examines Longstanding Inequities in American Health System](#)
- [Neighborhood Polarization and Hospitals Associated with Maternal Morbidity Risk](#)
- [Missing and Murdered Native Americans: How to Combat the Worsening Crisis in the U.S.](#)
- [Best Practices for American Indian and Alaska Native Data Collection](#)
- [2020 Census Tribal Resources](#)

Sincerely,

Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances

Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Telehealth & Health Equity: Considerations for Addressing Health Disparities during the COVID-19 Pandemic

During this COCA Call, presenters will discuss the intersection of telehealth and health equity and implications for health services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Presenters will identify long-standing systemic health and social inequities that contribute to COVID-19 health disparities, while highlighting opportunities and limitations of telehealth implementation as an actionable solution. [Click here](#) for more information.

When: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Dial in Number: 669-254-5252

Webinar ID: 1602147588

OMH Virtual Symposium to Advance the Response to COVID-19

The HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) is hosting a virtual symposium to highlight state, tribal, territorial and community-based efforts to address COVID-19 among racial and ethnic minority populations. The *Advancing the Response to COVID-19: Sharing Promising Programs and Practices for Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities* virtual symposium will feature national, state, tribal and local experts leading these efforts and is developed for public health leaders at all levels and community organizations confronting the pandemic.

When: Thursday, September 17, 2020

[Register Here](#)

Emerging Lessons from COVID-19 Response: Rooted in Health and Racial Equity with Branches across Sectors

The global pandemic of COVID-19 has created an unprecedented national health crisis that has exposed the worst of America's health and racial inequities. As a public health community, we have been working around the clock to address this crisis and save lives. Join the National Network of Public Health Institutes on October 7th for an interactive, virtual experience designed to uplift stories of success and explore how we can help communities leverage this moment to advance equity and greater collaboration. This event will feature forward-thinking discussions to generate solutions for the next phase of the pandemic and beyond.

When: October 7, 2020 from 2:00-5:00pm EST

[Register Here](#)

NIHB 2020 National Tribal Health Conference is now a Virtual Conference

In response to COVID-19, and in respect to the health of our communities, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) decided to host its annual National Tribal Health Conference on a virtual platform.

When: October 13 - 16, 2020

[Register Here](#)

Weekly COVID-19 Care Site-Specific Call: Nursing Homes

CMS hosts weekly calls with nursing homes to provide targeted updates on the agency's latest COVID-19 guidance. One to two leaders in the field also share best practices with their peers. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters if time allows.

When: Wednesdays

Time: 4:30–5:00 PM EDT

Call-in Number: 833-614-0820

Participant Code: 2675207

Weekly COVID-19 Care Site-Specific Call: Dialysis Organizations

CMS hosts weekly calls with dialysis organizations to provide targeted updates on the agency's latest COVID-19 guidance. One to two leaders in the field also share best practices with their peers. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters if time allows.

When: Wednesdays

Time: 5:30–6:00 PM EDT

Call-in Number: 833-614-0820

Participant Code: 6772827

Weekly COVID-19 Care Site-Specific Call: Home Health and Hospice

CMS hosts weekly calls with home health and hospice providers to provide targeted updates on the agency's latest COVID-19 guidance. One to two leaders in the field also share best practices with their peers. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters if time allows.

When: Tuesdays

Time: 3:00 – 3:30 PM EDT

Call-in Number: 833-614-0820

Participant Code: 9503927

CMS COVID-19 Office Hours Calls

Office Hour Calls provide an opportunity for hospitals, health systems, and providers to ask questions of agency officials regarding CMS's temporary actions that empower local hospitals and healthcare systems to:

- Increase Hospital Capacity – CMS Hospitals Without Walls;
- Rapidly Expand the Healthcare Workforce;
- Put Patients Over Paperwork; and
- Further Promote Telehealth in Medicare

Tuesday's Office Hours

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 PM EDT

Call-in Number: 833-614-0820

Participant Code: 8968295

Thursday's Office Hours

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 PM EDT

Call-in Number: 833-614-0820

Participant Code: 5688374

Weekly COVID-19 Care Site-Specific Call: Nurses

CMS hosts weekly calls with nurses and nurse practitioners to provide targeted updates on the agency's latest COVID-19 guidance. One to two leaders in the field also share best practices with their peers. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters if time allows.

When: Thursdays

Time: 3:00–3:30 PM EDT

Call-in Number: 833-614-0820

Participant Code: 4279137

Lessons from the Front Lines: COVID-19

Lessons from the Front Lines calls are a joint effort between CMS Administrator Seema Verma, FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn, MD, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Physicians and other clinicians are invited to share their experience, ideas, strategies, and insights with one another related to their COVID-19 response. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters.

When: Fridays

Time: 12:30–2:00 PM EDT

Call-in Number: 877-251-0301

Participant Code: 8983296

National Indian Council on Aging's Title VI Grantees Weekly COVID-19 Call

The National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) is hosting a weekly call to provide COVID-19 information and updates on Tribal programs for Title VI grantees. Tribes are encouraged to join the call as it is an opportunity to discuss the impact that COVID-19 is having in their respective communities. Administration for Community Living (ACL) staff will be on all calls, as will resource centers from NIEJI, the University of Alaska, the University of Hawaii and the University of North Dakota. Make plans to join a community that is caring for Tribal elders across Indian Country. [Click here](#) for more information.

When: Fridays

Time: 3:00 PM EDT

Dial-in information below:

Toll Free Number: **800-619-6520**

Participant Passcode: **1410635**

Guidance and Resources

[National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health Updates on COVID-19](#)

The National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health (NCCIH) will be frequently updating our home page and social media channels to provide reliable, accurate and up-to-date information as well as information sources in relation to COVID-19 in response to the rapidly-evolving global pandemic. These updates will relate to official public health guidelines and any information specific to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and communities.

[United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. \(USET\) COVID-19 Recommendations on the Abbot ID NOW COVID-19 Test](#)

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) has released recommendations after the FDA found that the Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 Diagnostic Test may present a false negative to those with a low viral load.

Contact Tracing Training & Communication Tools

[Contact tracing](#)—or reaching out to people who have an infectious disease, and those they came in contact with, to help them take care of themselves and protect others—is critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19. Successful contract tracing requires staff with [training](#) and access to social and medical support systems that can help patients and contacts. Health departments can use CDC's [COVID-19 Contact Tracing Communication Toolkit](#) to spread the word about the importance of contact tracing and how we can work together to stop COVID-19.

[National Network of Public Health Institutes \(NNPHI\) COVID-19 Learning and Action Collaborative](#)

NNPHI has developed a COVID-19 page to foster connections between public health professionals and programs that will help communities respond to the evolving response and recovery needs during and after this pandemic. Check out their COVID-19 page for information on how to join the COVID-19 Connect [open online community](#) to share resources, ask questions, and see a full list of events each week.

COVID-19 Training Available Through TRAIN

The Public Health Foundation has developed a live search tool for training related to COVID-19 available through the TRAIN Learning Network. This tool provides access to training from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and other training providers, and automatically updates as new training is added to TRAIN. [Access training on contact tracing, non-pharmaceutical interventions, infection control in long-term care facilities, and other topics relevant for addressing COVID-19.](#)

Service for Health Department COVID-19 Contact Tracing Training Needs

Health departments can now receive a customized package of online training for their COVID-19 contact tracers. Learn more about this free service from the Public Health Foundation at www.phf.org/contacttracing, or [fill out this quick and easy form](#) to indicate the trainings you'd like to include for your COVID-19 contact tracing workforce.

COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Information

Jurisdictions and partners are urged to focus on the first phase of COVID-19 vaccination, which may begin just around the corner at the end of 2020, while at the same time laying the groundwork that will be needed to achieve high coverage in communities when doses are widely available. The following 3 documents, attached to this email, are designed to support planning for early COVID-19 vaccination, when doses may be limited:

1. Updated and more detailed planning assumptions
2. Action items for jurisdictions to prioritize for planning
3. Vaccination planning scenarios for Q4 2020

These documents are designed to support planning and are not meant to be interpreted as final or to represent decisions. CDC anticipates a number of variables will change before a product is approved, and these scenarios are designed with a high degree of complexity intended to ensure programs are prepared.

CDC knows the eventual approval of COVID-19 vaccines will be a game-changer for our country. The success of the vaccine program depends on public health's ingenuity, focus, and planning to safely and efficiently achieve high vaccination coverage across the US population.

CDC's COVID-19 Guidance Updates

[CDC Guidance](#) is a searchable page containing resources and guidance documents on preventing COVID-19 spread in communities; information on higher risk and special populations; interim guidance for healthcare professionals, health departments, and laboratories; and resources for health departments and healthcare professionals. Select new or updated guidance is below:

General considerations for schools:

- [Preparing for a Safe Return to Schools](#) - CDC webpage offering guidance to aid school administrators as they consider how to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of students, teachers, other school staff, their families, and communities and prepare for educating students this fall.
- [Cloth Face Masks in Schools](#) - CDC webpage offering guidance for K-12 school administrators on the use of cloth face coverings in schools.

Children with disabilities:

- [Operating Schools during COVID-19](#) - CDC webpage offering considerations for mitigation strategies that K-12 school administrators can use to help protect students, teachers and staff and slow the spread of COVID-19. Considerations include planning and preparation for students with disabilities or special healthcare needs.
- [Precautions for People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#) - CDC webpage providing information on extra precautions for people with developmental and behavioral disorders.
- [Precautions for People with Disabilities](#) - CDC webpage providing information on extra precautions for people with disabilities.
- COVID-19 [Guidance for Direct Service Providers](#) - CDC webpage offering information and guidance for personal care attendants, direct support professionals, paraprofessionals, therapists and others providing home and community-based, health-related services that support people with disabilities.
- COVID-19 [Guidance for Providers, Caregivers, and People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#) - CDC webpage offering information and guidance for direct service providers, caregivers, parents and people with developmental and behavioral disorders.

Social/emotional wellbeing of children:

- [COVID-19 Parental Resources Kit](#) - Resources to help support parents, caregivers and other adults serving children and young people in recognizing children and young people's social, emotional, and mental health challenges and helping to ensure their well-being. Offers information and resources for specific age groups, from early childhood (0-5 years), childhood (6-12 years), adolescence (13-17 years) and young adults (18-24 years).
- [Helping Children Cope](#) - CDC webpage offering information for parents to help their children cope with COVID-19, including behavior changes to watch for in your child, ways to support your child and resources to get immediate help.

- [Support for Teens and Young Adults](#) - CDC webpage offering information for teens and young adults to help manage stress related to COVID-19.

Foster care settings:

- While the CDC does not provide guidance specifically targeted to the types of child care institutions in which some children in foster care reside, it does provide specific [guidance for households](#) that should be helpful to foster family home providers.

Other resources of interest:

- The [How Right Now](#) Initiative (funded by the CDC Foundation) is intended to help address people's feelings of grief, loss and worry and support them in building resiliency throughout the pandemic and beyond. A [toolkit](#) of resources is available for partners to share ready-to-post social media content and resources, including powerful videos of everyday people sharing their experiences, celebrity PSAs and expert videos.
- [COVID-19 Resources](#) offered by the Administration for Children and Families.

Older COVID-19 Guidance

- The [COVID-19 Case Investigation and Contact Tracing](#) interim guidance is intended to assist state, local, territorial, and tribal health departments develop jurisdictional plans for the implementation and enhancement of COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing efforts. Questions concerning the guidance may be directed to the CDC COVID-19 Response proponent, the Workforce Development and Innovation Task Force, at eocevent434@cdc.gov.
- CDC [recommends that you wear masks](#) in public settings around people who don't live in your household and when you can't stay 6 feet away from others. Masks help stop the spread of COVID-19 to others. This guidance explains how to select, wear, and clean your mask.
- [Daily Life and Coping](#) is a webpage containing information on living in close quarters, stress and coping, caring for children, visiting parks and recreational facilities, and more.
- [Factors to Consider when Planning to Purchase Respirators from Another Country](#) webpage and [webinar](#) discuss key factors to help buyers make informed procurement decisions when making a respirator purchase. The information will help to maximize the likelihood of obtaining safe and effective products that will keep workers safe.
- [Key Considerations for Transferring Patients to Relief Healthcare Facilities when Responding to Community Transmission of COVID-19 in the United States](#)- Relief Healthcare facilities are Established licensed healthcare facilities (e.g., hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other licensed inpatient healthcare facilities) that accept patient transfers or share extra resources to extend conventional standards of care to as many people as possible during a crisis and therefore minimize the use of crisis standards of care.
- [Identify Strategies to Reduce Spread of COVID-19 webpage](#) offers a variety of contact tracing training. Content describing non-CDC tools on this site is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended to indicate endorsement, actual or implied, of the tools. Additionally, information on this site is provided "as is," for users to evaluate and make their own determination as to their effectiveness. The training topic areas include:
 - [Making Contact: A Training for COVID-19 Contact Tracers – The Basics of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) focuses on background, signs/symptoms, general precautions, testing, quarantine, isolation, and other ways to reduce spread. This training is intended for contact tracers and new case investigators.
 - [Emerging Respiratory Viruses, Including COVID-19: Methods for Detection, Prevention, Response, and Control](#) focus on background and is intended for public health professionals.
 - [COVID-19 Public Health Strategy Basic Concepts](#) focuses on epidemiology, signs/symptoms, general precautions, testing, quarantine, and isolation. This training is intended for public health professionals.

- [Boots on the Ground Part 1: Foundational Epidemiology](#) focuses on epidemiology and public health practice. This training is intended for public health professionals and others without a background in epidemiology.
- [COVID-19 Contact Investigation Training](#) focuses on signs/symptoms and is intended for case and contact investigators.
- [COVID-19 Real-Time Legal Response: Focus on Quarantine, isolation, and Other Social Distancing Powers](#) focuses on general precautions and is intended for public health professionals.
- [COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control in the Household \(Microlearning\)](#) focuses on general precautions and is intended for general public health staff.
- [Guidance for Agricultural Workers and Employers](#) provides a template of action to protect agriculture workers from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Agricultural employers can adapt these recommendations to protect workers at their particular work sites or in specific work operations
- [Guidance for Gym and Fitness Center Employees Need to Know about COVID-19](#)
- [Guidance and Resources in American Sign Language YouTube page](#) provides videos of many CDC guidance, tips, and answers to frequently asked questions.

CDC's COVID-19 Resources

CDC is responding to the novel coronavirus outbreak, which is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. CDC is continuously working to provide [updated information](#) as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance. Below you will find CDC's resources.

- [CDC Support for States, Tribes, Localities, and Territories website](#) is a webpage to serve as an easily accessible repository of guidelines, tools, and resources from CDC and others for states, tribes, localities, and territories.
- [Communication Resources](#) offers free communication tools and resources, such as videos, fact sheets, and posters, available for use and distribution. [CDC offers a variety of health promotion materials on handwashing to prevent illnesses](#). In addition, CDC has created a [social media toolkit](#) to help localize efforts in responding to COVID-19.
- CDC's COVID-19 Tribal Support Unit is available to provide technical assistance in areas ranging from contact tracing to health and risk communications. CDC is also available to partner with tribal nations through remote support, CDC staff deployments, and protocol review. See Tribal Support Unit fact sheet attached to this email for more details on available opportunities for assistance and support. For more information you may also contact the Tribal Support Unit at eocevent362@cdc.gov or visit their [website](#).
- [Clinician On-Call Center](#) is a 24-hour hotline with trained CDC clinicians standing by to answer COVID-19 questions from healthcare personnel on a wide range of topics, such as diagnostic challenges, clinical management, and infection prevention and control. To reach this service, call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) and ask for the Clinician On-Call Center.
- During the COCA Call on Thursday August 20, 2020, presenters discussed updates to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for the 2020-2021 influenza vaccination season. Topics included the Standards for Adult Immunization Practice, flu vaccination planning, general vaccination guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic, and guidance for large vaccination clinics held in satellite, temporary, or off-site locations. Check out [the recording to see the presentation](#).
- [Considerations for Non-emergency Vehicle Transportation for Tribal Communities During COVID-19](#): Tribal community members may need to regularly share personal vehicles with members outside of their own households. They may also need to use personal vehicles to transport people who are visibly sick. In addition, tribal organizations may provide medical transportation to their community

members using non-emergency vehicles (cars or vans, for example). The following precautions can be considered to minimize risk of spreading COVID-19 when sharing personal vehicles.

- **[Helping people find COVID-19 testing information](#)**: CDC asks for your help to let the public know how to find COVID-19 testing in their state and local areas. CDC provides guidance for who should be tested, but state and local health departments and/or individual clinicians make decisions about testing. CDC requests that state and local health departments make testing information prominent on their websites and to share testing information on their social media channels, if possible. Below is information you can share to help people decide if they should be tested and seek care—
 - Share that most people have mild illness and can recover at home without medical care. They may not need to be tested.
 - Encourage them to use the [self-checker](#) tool to check their symptoms and make decisions about seeking medical care. The tool can also be [embedded](#) on websites.
 - Direct them to contact their medical provider first if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and want to get tested.
 - Check local news media outlets for information about COVID-19 testing in their area.
 - Visit their state and local health department websites and follow their social media channels to get COVID-19 testing updates.

FAQs on Diagnostic Testing for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

FDA has developed a [webpage](#) providing answers to frequently asked questions relating to the development and performance of diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2.

The page has been updated to include the following contact information:

- COVID-19 device shortages, including masks and respirators, email deviceshortages@fda.hhs.gov
- COVID-19 diagnostic tests, email COVID19DX@FDA.HHS.GOV
- Reporting fraudulent COVID-19 products, email FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov

If you think you had a problem with your diagnostic test, the FDA encourages you to [report the problem through the MedWatch Voluntary Reporting Form](#). Health care personnel employed by facilities that are subject to the FDA's user facility reporting requirements should follow the reporting procedures established by their facilities.

National Council of Urban Indian Health's (NCUIH) Coronavirus Resources

The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) has developed a [Coronavirus Resource Center](#) containing official correspondence, press releases, related legislation, fact sheets, news, and events.

The National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) COVID-19 Tribal Resource Center

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) has constructed the [COVID-19 Tribal Resource Center](#) to serve as the hub for a Tribal COVID-19 response. The page houses community health tools, resources for providers and healthcare facilities, links to recordings of past Community Health Calls and Webinars, and other resources.

Tribal News and Updates

[HHS Authorizes Pharmacists to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today authorized pharmacists and pharmacy interns to order and administer COVID-19 vaccines that have been approved or licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to all individuals age 3 or older. Pharmacy interns must do so while acting under the supervision of qualified pharmacist.

[NIH and IHS Send Letters to Tribal Leaders on COVID-19 Prevention and Treatment](#)

On August 11, Dr. Anthony Fauci of the NIH's National Institute of the Allergy and Infectious Diseases wrote a letter introducing the "COVID-19 Prevention Network" (CoVPN). In the coming months, CoVPN plans to assist

in five vaccine studies and three antibody studies. Dr. Fauci's letter provides a list of studies with timetables and encourages partnership with Indian Country. The NIH plans to develop materials to reach out in the recruitment of volunteers from Indian Country in vaccine study participation.

[Rural-Urban Differences Among Older Adults](#)

Rural populations are older, on average, than urban populations, and the proportion of older adults is increasing more quickly in rural communities due to declining birth rates and migration patterns among younger adults. Additionally, the demographics of rural areas are changing, as immigration and socioeconomic forces influence who lives in rural areas. These trends demand that policymakers, researchers, service providers, and health care workers regularly update their understanding of the characteristics of older adults in rural communities in order to improve how they serve these populations and to allocate resources more effectively and efficiently. Toward that end, this chartbook presents the characteristics of older adults in rural counties, as well as rural-urban differences among older adults, across four domains: Demographics, Socioeconomic Characteristics, Health Care Access and Use, and Health Characteristics.

[COVID-19 Response Efforts on the Navajo Reservation](#)

The Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health was featured in a second investigative story for the NBC TODAY program about the response to COVID-19 on the Navajo Nation. TODAY, America's leading morning show airing to approximately 4 million people daily, highlighted the center's efforts distributing wellness boxes, handwashing stations, and helping to stop the spread of disease. A segment also aired on NBC's Nightly News. The story explains that while people in the Navajo Nation have worked very hard to control the crisis, the progress is imperiled by the surrounding jurisdictions. The story also describes the behavioral health challenges the center is working to address, with an interview with Diné Johns Hopkins research associate Shardai Pioche.

[NIHB COVID-19 Tribal Survey Responses Now Online](#)

Recently, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) conducted a rapid survey to assess the needs of Tribes regarding the evolving novel coronavirus (COVID-2019) outbreak. The results of this survey provide a basic understanding of Tribal preparedness for combating the disease as well as foreseeable challenges in responding to COVID-19.

PSA on COVID-19 in Native American Communities

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission, several Los Angeles Native community-based organizations, and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell have partnered to create a PSA. The tagline of the PSA: For Our Ancestors. For Our Families. For Our Future serves as a reminder and call to action for community members to continue to leverage their collective strength and resiliency during this crisis. Click [here](#) to view the PSA.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

October 2020

Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program (TIPCAP)

Deadline: October 1, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.ihs.gov/InjuryPrevention/tipcap/>

Description: The IHS Injury Prevention Program announces the availability of funding to address the disparity in injury rates by encouraging Tribes to implement focused, community-based injury prevention programs and projects using evidence-based strategies. For more information on such programs see Injury Prevention

Minority HIV Research Initiative (MARI) to Support Epidemiologic and Implementation Science Research in Racial/Ethnic Minority Communities Disproportionately Affected by HIV and Build Research Capacity Among Historically Underrepresented Researchers

Deadline: October 14, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=328138>

Description: The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to support promising epidemiologic and implementation science research in racial/ethnic minority communities disproportionately affected by HIV while strengthening the capacity for conducting such research among investigators working in these communities. The NOFO supports Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention's (CDC's) goals to promote health and reduce disease and disability by funding research that has the potential to result in high public health impact.

November 2020

Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Centers (42)

Deadline: November 2, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=278819>

Description: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), invites grant applications for funding Education and Research Centers (ERCs) that are focused on occupational safety and health training, research training, education and outreach. NIOSH is mandated to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the ERCs are one of the principal means for meeting this mandate.

Occupational Safety and Health Training Project Grants (T03)

Deadline: November 2, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=279237>

Description: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), invites grant applications for Training Project Grants (TPGs) that are focused on occupational safety and health training. NIOSH is mandated to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the TPGs are one of the principal means for meeting this mandate. The majority of TPGs are in academic institutions that provide high quality training in the core occupational safety and health disciplines of industrial hygiene (IH), occupational health nursing (OHN), occupational medicine residency (OMR), occupational safety (OS), as well as closely related allied disciplines. NIOSH also funds non-academic programs to meet specific training needs of targeted populations including firefighters, commercial fishermen and occupational health and safety interns.

Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

Deadline: November 16, 2020

Agency: HRSA

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=326598>

Description: The purpose of the Network Planning Grants Program is to promote the development of integrated health care networks in order to: (i) achieve efficiencies; (ii) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of basic health care services; and (iii) strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. This program brings together key parts of a rural health care delivery system, particularly those entities that may not have collaborated in the past, to work together to establish or improve local capacity and coordination of care. The grant program supports one year of planning to develop and assist integrated health care networks in becoming operational.

December 2020

Exploratory/Developmental Grants Related to the World Trade Center Health Program (R21)

Deadline: December 8, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=325482>

Description: The purpose of this announcement is to help address the Zadroga Act research mandate, and in consultation with the World Trade Center (WTC) Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is soliciting applications for scientifically rigorous research to help answer critical questions about physical and mental health conditions related to the September 2001 terrorist attacks.

Extension of the World Trade Center Health Registry

Deadline: December 11, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=325481>

Description: The purpose of this FOA is to extend and expand the World Trade Center Health Registry developed and managed by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in a cooperative agreement with CDC. The new project will ensure ongoing data collection for victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center (WTC). The registry will continue to provide a central, unified database to assess short-term and long-term health effects among persons exposed to the WTC disaster.

Notice of Special Interest: Competitive and Administrative Supplements for Community Interventions to Reduce the Impact of COVID-19 on Health Disparity and Other Vulnerable Populations

Deadline: December 30, 2020

Agency: NIH

Link: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MD-20-022.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Description: Research is needed to test community interventions focused on the prevention (or slowing) of COVID-19 transmission, evaluate local and state policies and programs intended to mitigate COVID-19 exposure and improve adherence, and reduce the negative impact of the multifaceted consequences on the health of populations who experience health disparities and other vulnerable groups. This work may include leveraging and scaling existing resources (e.g., health education materials, technology, social media, mass media, social support networks, social services). In domains and populations in which the evidence base is limited, the development, testing, and implementation of novel or adapted interventions to address the negative health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic (including the unintended health consequences of population-level interventions) may also be needed to address the unique needs of populations.

CALL FOR COMMENTS/RESPONSES

Call for Comment: Update to the Diabetes Prevention Program Standards

On June 15, CDC released a Dear Tribal Leader Letter announcing a federal register notice for proposed changes to the National Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP). The Indian Health Service (IHS) [Special Diabetes Program for Indians](#) (SDPI) builds on the National DPP model, and just recently the Indian Health Service were pleased to [announce](#) the first reported decrease in the prevalence of diagnosed diabetes in American Indian and Alaska Native adults. The CDC wants to build on this success by expanding the reach of

the National DPP to more tribal communities. CDC invites your response during the 60-day comment period, for which instructions are found [at the Federal Register site](#).

Comments must be entered before September 14, 2020. (New Deadline)

Request for Sample Facsimile of Tribal Government Issued Identification Card

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is asking the assistance from federally recognized Native American tribes to share images of official tribal government issued identification that may be used for air travel within the United States. TSA's goals in this project includes having the tools necessary to ensure a safe traveling public and streamlining processes to ensure validity of identification presented by travelers. Tribes that have provided sample identification cards have assisted TSA with minimizing traveler interruptions during validation check processes. Having sample identifications readily available helps ensure smooth travel for enrolled tribal members utilizing their tribal government issued identifications that meet TSA standards. Please reach out to Ms. Marie Trottier, Tribal Affairs Liaison in TSA's Multicultural Branch within the Traveler Engagement Division for more information on this endeavor and all other TSA Tribal Affairs efforts. She can be reached at (571) 227-2860 or Marie.Trottier@tsa.dhs.gov.

Indigenous Knowledge on Blood Lead Level Testing

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is working in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to increase the capacity of rural and non-urban Tribal communities for identifying and addressing elevated blood lead levels in Tribal children. To accomplish this, NIHB seeks to engage Tribal representatives and health professionals in 60-minute key informant interviews. The interviews will ask Tribal Health Directors or programmatic staff to describe their programs or operational plans in place for blood lead level testing and their current knowledge of lead exposure risk factors. Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Sara Zdunek at szdunek@nihb.org or 202-507-4077.

National Indian Health Board: Project Firstline Survey

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are collaborating on an infection prevention and control (IPC) training initiative for frontline Tribal healthcare facility personnel. In order for this initiative to be as responsive to the needs of Tribal healthcare workers and the Tribal health system as possible. Click [here](#) to complete the survey on infection prevention and control training interests, needs, and preferences.

LEGAL RESOURCES

CDC's Office of Public Health Law

CDC provides technical assistance to its public health partners. Technical assistance may include services such as consulting, editing, and planning, but it does not involve an attorney-client relationship. CDC cannot provide legal advice on any issues. If you would like guidance or information on legal matters pertaining to certain aspects of public health, please complete this [form](#). For more information, please visit [Public Health Law](#). Disclaimer: Only a licensed attorney in your state can provide legal advice.

Telehealth and Telemedicine Resources

Telemedicine is a growing field and is expanding exponentially. CDC has created a database of legal and policy resources to help legislators, public health lawyers, and public health practitioners navigate the legal landscape of telemedicine.

The Tribal Legal Preparedness Project

Public health emergencies are issues every community faces. It is critical for all jurisdictions to understand how law can be used to enhance public health preparedness, as well as to improve coordination and collaboration across jurisdictions. As sovereign entities, tribal governments have the authority to create their own laws and take steps to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies. This project was established to assist tribal nations interested in expanding their legal preparedness capacity.

Congressional Legislative Tracker

The National Council of Urban Indian Health provides ongoing policy updates and legislative alerts on topics pertaining to the Urban Indian Health and Urban Indian Communities through a variety of platforms. [Track legislation in the U.S. Congress pertaining to or with the potential to impact tribal nations.](#)

Statewide Tribal Legislation Database

Every year numerous bills are considered by state legislatures that can affect tribal communities. These bills address a variety of issues including the environment, education, health care, taxes/revenue, including gaming and education. View introduced, pending and enacted legislation for the current legislative session on the National Conference of State Legislatures' [Statewide Tribal Legislation Database](#). For more information, email Martha Saenz at martha.salazar@ncsl.org or state-tribal-info@ncsl.org.

[Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker General Memoranda](#)

Hobbs Straus is a national law firm that has worked for over 30 years to help tribes realize positive change in Indian Country. The firm produces a free weekly *General Memoranda* that covers a wide range of topics detailing developments in Congress, the Executive Branch, and many federal agencies that impact Indian Country.

[The National Indian Health Board's Regulations Tracker](#)

The [Regulations Report](#) is a product of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) intended to provide a brief explanation and current status of the most recently published Final Regulations and Proposed Regulations by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Indian Health Service (IHS).

[Health Information and Data Sharing Resources](#)

This database of tools and resources facilitates data-sharing between health agencies and can help address any legal barriers to data-sharing. Organizations can use these resources to help operate within proper policies, maintain HIPAA requirements, and be aware of other laws and regulations.

[The Intersection of Syringe Use and HIV Criminalization Toolkit](#)

The Center for HIV Law & Policy has created a policy resource bank combined with case assistance, with a focus on systems and institutions that impact communities affected by HIV. The LGBT community is a focus of this toolkit.

TRAININGS AND NON-LEGAL RESOURCES

CDC Led RealOpt Training on Vaccination Planning and POD Sites

CDC virtual instructor-led RealOpt training session on vaccination and point-of-dispensing (POD) sites. Participants will learn the basic components of RealOpt, a computer modeling program that determines POD or vaccination site staff requirements and examines process efficiencies based on site-specific configurations. With this tool, participants will learn to manipulate existing POD and vaccine flow models and how to run and interpret the performance reports. By the end of the session, participants will have learned how to build or

modify their own models to identify where staff should be allocated and how to eliminate bottlenecks and optimize processing times.

When: Monday, September 14, 2020

[Register Here](#)

A Proven Lifeline: Keeping Hope in Mind While Addressing the Complexities of Mental Illness

The Compassion in Action Webinar Series will describe ways faith and community groups are addressing the needs of people with mental illness and their caregivers. Through the Compassion in Action Guide and this webinar series, we hope to encourage more faith communities to walk with and provide community for a lifetime to people with mental illness and their caregivers.

When: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Time: 12 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

IHS Injury Prevention Virtual Symposium

The IHS Injury Prevention Epidemiology (EPI) Fellowship provides practical knowledge and skills for injury and violence prevention practitioners working in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. The goal of the 12-month EPI Fellowship is to provide advanced training and experience managing a project for application in AI/AN communities. Building on the IHS Injury Prevention Program short courses, and prior experiences of the participants.

When: September 28-30, 2020

[Register Here](#)

[NCIPC Missing or Murdered Indigenous Peoples Factsheet](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is committed to improving the health and safety of American Indian Alaska Native (AIAN) people. CDC works to understand and address Missing or Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) issues by sharing data and violence prevention efforts.

[3rd Annual National Native Health Research Training Initiative](#)

The American Indian Higher Education Consortium, the Native Research Network (NRN), and the Indian Health Service are partnering to offer the 2020 National Native Health Research Training (NNHRT) [Initiative Webinar Series](#). The primary goal of the annual NNHRT initiative is to contribute toward the growth of a Native health research community that is dedicated to honoring tribal decision-making processes, building trust through tribal community participation and guided by tribal cultural knowledge and values.

When: Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Time: 2:00-4:00pm EST

[Register Here](#)

September 2020 Virtual Workshops for Urban Indian Organizations

Urban Indian Health Institute is hosting three workshops for urban Indian organizations in September.

Priority registration for these workshops is held for urban Indian organizations, IHS-funded urban Indian health programs, and members of the National Urban Indian Family Coalition. A wait list will be maintained for all folks who do not represent these organizations.

- **The Accidental Grant Writer: Writing Proposals with Purpose**

When: Thursday and Friday, September 17-18, 2020

Time: 9:00am Pacific Time

[Register Here](#)

- **Indigenized Motivational Interviewing for Urban Natives**

When: Monday and Tuesday, September 28-29, 2020

Time: 9:00am Pacific Time

[Register Here](#)

Brain Health Action Institute for Tribal Nations

Please join the National Indian Health Board and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for a **two-day, action-oriented public health institute on brain health on September 16 & 17, 2020**. This is rescheduled from our original March 2020 date. American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities are expected to see an increase in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) in the next few decades due, in part, to an increased life span of Native Americans. While a larger elder population is a strength for communities, it does mean that more attention and action is needed for reducing the risk for ADRD, supporting those diagnosed, and assisting caregivers. This institute, facilitated by NIHB, will support Tribes and Tribal organizations in using the [Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map for Indian Country](#) to start conversations, as well as develop and plan strategies for improving brain health in their own communities. The Road Map for Indian Country is the first-ever public health guide focused on dementia in AI/AN communities.

When: September 16-17, 2020

[Register Here](#)

[2020 Public Health Law Virtual Summit: COVID-19 Response and Recovery](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic is challenging public health in unprecedented ways and is exposing structural failures and health inequities that further exasperate the impact of the virus. State and local jurisdictions have had to navigate a myriad of public health legal and emergency preparedness response issues in an effort to mitigate infection rates and loss of life. This virtual two-day Summit will examine key issues surfaced by the pandemic and paths forward to more effective and equitable response and recovery efforts.

When: September 16-17, 2020

[Register Here](#)

[Information Hub: Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) in Indian Country](#)

The National Indian Health Board, in collaboration with CDC, has launched a new resource hub! Many Tribal individuals, families, and communities have been impacted by childhood experiences causing physical and mental health adversities throughout the lifespan. However, with understanding and effort, individuals and communities can confront Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) for positive health outcomes. This information hub, launched by the National Indian Health Board includes a "resource basket" designed for American Indian and Alaska Native individuals, families, communities, professionals, and leaders to rummage through, harvesting resources. This Hub can assist Tribes to learn more about ACEs, research, tools, and interventions.

[Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)](#)

ACEs can impact kids' health and well-being. They can have long-term effects on adult health and wellness. Their consequences can affect families, communities, and even society. Thankfully, ACEs are preventable. These trainings will help you understand, recognize, and prevent ACEs. Get the insights you need to create healthier, happier childhoods for kids today and bright futures for adults tomorrow.

[Toolkit for USDOT Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success \(ROUTES\)](#)

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao today announced an applicant toolkit for the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative at the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). It is the latest effort by the Department and the Trump Administration to improve rural access to federal grant funds. The toolkit provides user-friendly information and resources to enhance rural

applicants' familiarity with the Department's discretionary grant programs and the funding process. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Self-Paced Course: Policy Briefs: From Plan to Action](#)

The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWCPHP) has released a training to help public health professionals craft concise, well-informed arguments that communicate the importance of policy issues and options to elected officials and other decision-makers for improving health. This self-paced course is a step-by-step guide that demystifies the structure of a good policy brief and walks learners through its key elements of defining the issue, developing recommendations, and refining an analysis. This free course takes one hour to complete and can be accessed through [PH LearnLink](#).

[NIHB E-Course: Public Health Training](#)

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) have released their interactive e-course: Public Health Training. This e-course is intended to educate Tribal leaders and Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) members on public health topics and provide information, including best practices, to support consultation on public health topics.

[NIHB E-Course: Working with Tribal Nations Training](#)

The National Indian Health Board have released their interactive e-course: Working with Tribal Nations. This free, approximately two-hour e-course is intended to educate state and federal government officials and other non-Tribal stakeholders on effective engagement with American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes.

Toolkit: Advancing the Uptake and Use of PrEP in Indian Country

This toolkit from the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) explores ways in which American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribes, Tribal organizations, community members, leaders, and service providers can build relationships and strengthen the systems needed to incorporate pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) into medical practice, social norms, and community culture. It also provides tools, language and conversation starters to bring PrEP into a community. [Click here](#) to access the toolkit.

Training: Pediatricians Can Help Prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) invites you to explore the new [Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) Training for Pediatric Medical Providers](#). This training focuses on the central role that pediatric medical providers play in understanding, recognizing, preventing, and treating ACEs and their consequences. Learn how pediatric medical care providers can uniquely help children, families, and communities heal from ACEs and prevent them from occurring altogether. To access the training, [click here](#).

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center Webinars

Register for the following webinars hosted by the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC):

- **Domestic Violence and Disabilities**

This webinar will offer data on American Indian/Alaska Native disabilities in equal access, fair accommodations, and an opportunity to make powerful contributions to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

When: Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 1 p.m. MT

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Mental Health Guide for Faith Leaders

Now more than ever, addressing mental health is important for faith communities. Many times, faith leaders don't know where to start. The Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives (Partnership Center) presents [Compassion in Action: A Guide for Faith Communities Serving People Experiencing Mental Illness and their](#)

[Caregivers](#), which outlines recommended first steps to address mental illness for those in their congregation and community. The **Compassion in Action Webinar Series** will discuss the seven principles in the **Guide** and describe ways faith and community groups are addressing the needs of those with mental illness and their caregivers.

Safe States 2020 Virtual Conference

Virtual conference attendees can expect a combination of live video meetings, recorded sessions with real-time chat discussions with presenters and participants, and opportunities to network directly with peers. You can design a custom agenda that works with your schedule and online preferences. And best of all, you will have on-demand access to all conference sessions for a full year after the conference. If you have interest in more than one topic in a concurrent session or can't make a specific time, you can view on demand at your convenience. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

When: September 9-11, 2020

2021 Public Health Law Conference

Presenters and attendees will address law and policy pathways to improve children's health, eliminate social barriers to health, legal capacity of public health departments, and more. [Click here](#) for more information.

This event has been postponed until Spring 2021

[Weekly Updates for Operation Lady Justice: How to Subscribe](#)

Operation Lady Justice (OLJ) is the Task Force looking at the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons. OLJ will be sending out weekly updates to those who subscribe to their *GoDelivery*. To subscribe, visit their website: <https://OperationLadyJustice.usdoj.gov>. Or email them at OperationLadyJustice@usdoj.gov.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Federal

CDC Fellowship and Training Opportunities

Several opportunities are open for individuals with diverse skill sets and education levels.

For more information about available opportunities, please visit [the CDC fellowships and training website](#).

[Public Health Student Intern Program](#)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) is seeking applicants for the Public Health Student Intern Program (PHSIP). Public Health Interns will complete a one-semester rotation within one of HRSA's Bureaus or Offices. This public health program offers unpaid experience for current graduate and undergraduate students in good standing at schools of public health and public health programs in the United States. Students who are interested in participating in the Public Health Intern Program at HRSA may [read more here](#) or contact the HRSA Strategic Recruitment office at PHSIP@hrsa.gov.

Non-Federal

[National Council of Urban Indian Health Project Firstline Fellowship Application](#)

The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working to provide Native American students with the opportunity to increase the work being done in urban Native public health. Project Firstline is a national partnership of nonprofit organizations and academic institutions that aims to provide infection prevention and control training to more than 6 million healthcare personnel in the United States, including Urban Indian Organization (UIO) health care workers.

Training content will include foundational information on infection control to protect the nation from infectious disease threats, such as COVID-19.

Applications due September 30, 2020

Open Positions at IREACH at Washington State University

IREACH at Washington State University is recruiting for several open positions. IREACH works with underserved communities – American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Hispanic/LatinX, and rural – across the country. IREACH conducts community-based engaged research and has established highly successful training programs that serve priority populations. To access the open positions and to apply, [click here](#)

[StrongHearts Native Helpline is Now Hiring](#)

StrongHearts Native Helpline is seeking qualified applicants for several positions. Competitive pay, generous vacation package, 100% employer-paid health insurance including vision and dental available after the first 60 days, and retirement plan available after one year.

[National Indian Health Board Open Positions](#)

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions based in Washington, DC. Those who are interested in making a positive difference in the health of America's Native Peoples' lives are encouraged to apply.

Washington University Postdoctoral Fellowship

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, announced a transdisciplinary postdoctoral training program in obesity and cardiovascular disease. This training program is currently recruiting talented postdoctoral trainees from diverse scientific backgrounds (e.g., genetics, molecular cell biology, psychology, social work, public health, neurosciences) that are interested in developing the transdisciplinary research skills necessary to address the complex problems of obesity and cardiovascular disease prevention and treatment across the lifespan. To apply, please download and complete the application form found [here](#) and send to Sherri Gabbert, PhD, program administrator, at gabberts@wustl.edu

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

CURRENT ISSUES AND TRIBAL NEWS

[Transforming Tribal Communities: Indigenous Perspectives on Suicide Prevention](#)

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) is excited to announce the release of a new video in our series [Transforming Tribal Communities: Indigenous Perspectives on Suicide Prevention](#). In this brief webinar clip, Rob England of the Yurok Tribe and United Indian Health Services, Inc., highlights the merits of weaving culture into evidence-based suicide prevention strategies to engage multiple generations of Native community members in prevention efforts that are effective and transformative.

[Reducing Polysubstance Use in Pregnancy](#)

The live web stream of the August session of Public Health Grand Rounds, "Reducing Polysubstance Use in Pregnancy" was viewed by 1,174 people in 4 foreign countries, 49 states, and the District of Columbia. The use of multiple substances, including tobacco, alcohol, and opioids, during pregnancy can have negative effects on a pregnant person and the developing baby. Research suggests that polysubstance use (using more than one substance at a time) during pregnancy is common. Recent evidence suggests that polysubstance use is highest during early pregnancy.

[MMWR—COVID-19 Among American Indian and Alaska Native Persons—23 States](#)

American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) persons appear to be disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; however, limited data are available to quantify the disparity in COVID-19 incidence, severity, and

outcomes among AI/AN persons compared with those among other racial/ethnic groups. In 23 states with adequate race/ethnicity data, the cumulative incidence of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 among AI/AN persons was 3.5 times that among non-Hispanic white persons. A large percentage of missing data precluded analysis of some characteristics and outcomes. [Click here](#) to see press release for MMWR.

Report Examines Longstanding Inequities in American Health System

House Ways and Means Chairman Richard E. Neal (D-MA) released a staff report, titled “*Left Out: Barriers to Health Equity for Rural and Underserved Communities*” that analyzes the barriers to healthcare in underserved communities and discusses the challenges associated with scalable and sustainable solutions. From massive geographic coverage deficiencies to structural environmental factors, the report examines the realities millions of Americans face that adversely affect their health. The report also takes a close look at how these challenges are byproducts of systemic racism and economic inequality. The committee has prepared a [full report](#), [a 3-page summary](#), and [state maps](#). [Click here to read more](#).

[Neighborhood Polarization and Hospitals Associated with Maternal Morbidity Risk](#)

Could segregation contribute to the socioeconomic and racial disparities in maternal morbidity in the United States? A recent NIMHD-funded study says yes. The study, published in Health Affairs, analyzed birth and hospitalization rates in New York City between 2012 and 2014. The analysis showed a significant difference in risk of severe maternal morbidity (SMM) across neighborhoods, with higher rates of SMM for women in the ZIP codes with the most racial and economic polarization—the highest concentration of poor Black people relative to wealthy non-Hispanic White people. The study also found that 35% of this difference was attributable to the delivery hospital.

Missing and Murdered Native Americans: How to Combat the Worsening Crisis in the U.S.

Fortune Magazine is shedding light on the issue of Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives, and prominently features the work of the Operation Lady Justice Task Force. To read the full article, click [here](#).

[Best Practices for American Indian and Alaska Native Data Collection](#)

Current standard data collection practices by many entities omit or misclassify American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations, both urban and rural. This is particularly concerning in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic as these current standards of practice are resulting in a gross under count of the impact COVID-19 has on Native people. Learn the best practices for collecting complete and accurate data for American Indian and Alaska Native populations.

[2020 Census Tribal Resources](#)

The Tribal Affairs team works closely with American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribal nations on a government-to-government basis to address issues concerning tribal self-government. The government-to-government relation is based on the United States Constitution, federal treaties, policy, law, court decisions, executive orders, and the ongoing political relationship among tribal nations and the federal government. The Intergovernmental Affairs Office serves as the principal liaison office for tribal affairs and is the principal advisor to the Director and executive staff on tribal issues and concerns. The team's work focuses on collaborating with other agencies, building and maintaining relationships with tribal leaders, tribal associations, and tribal citizens in order to educate, inform, consult and share program information from across the U.S. Census Bureau.