

The Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances

Bi-Weekly Updates



Good Afternoon,

Below you will find funding opportunities, resources, conferences, and other tribal news.

2022 U.S. MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK

On August 4, 2022, the White House declared monkeypox a public health emergency. CDC scientists are tracking multiple cases of monkeypox that have been reported in several countries that don't normally report monkeypox, including the United States. See travel health notices for [Monkeypox in Multiple Countries](#).

- The monkeypox virus is [spreading mostly through close, intimate contact](#) with someone who has monkeypox.
- You can take steps to [prevent getting monkeypox](#) and [lower your risk during sex](#).
- CDC recommends [vaccination](#) for people who have been exposed to monkeypox and people who are at higher risk of being exposed to monkeypox.
- If you have any [symptoms of monkeypox](#), talk to your healthcare provider, even if you don't think you had contact with someone who has monkeypox.
- CDC is urging healthcare providers in the United States to be alert for patients who have rash illnesses [consistent with monkeypox](#).
- [2022 U.S. Map and Case Count](#)
- [U.S. Monkeypox Case Trends](#)
- [2022 Monkeypox Outbreak Global Map](#)

On August 8, 2022, the Indian Health Service (IHS) released [therapeutic guidance on monkeypox](#), including instructions on how federal, tribal, and Urban Indian Organizations can request a distribution of JYNNEOS vaccine or Tecovirimat (also known as TPOXX). Additional information can be found [here](#).

Visit [2022 United States Monkeypox Response](#) for the latest information. Additional guidance and resources can be found [below](#).

CDC OPENING APPLICATIONS FOR MONKEYPOX VACCINE EQUITY PILOT PROGRAM

As of Thursday, September 15, 2022, local, state, and territorial health departments, as well as tribal governments and local non-governmental organizations, can partner together and begin submitting requests to access monkeypox vaccine through the recently announced [Monkeypox Vaccine Equity Pilot Program](#). This new pilot program allows tribal governments or federally-funded tribal healthcare facilities (including IHS-operated facilities, tribal health programs, and Urban Indian Organizations) to request access to monkeypox vaccine, and is intended to reach populations that may face barriers to monkeypox vaccination, which may

include differences in language, location of vaccination sites, vaccine hesitancy, mistrust of government, lack of access to on-line scheduling technology, accessibility/disability issues, immigration status, and stigma.

Local health departments and organizations interested in applying should contact their state or territorial health departments or tribal governments. More information, including details on the application, can be found [here](#).

KEEPING US WHOLE PREVENTING MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE - PODCAST SERIES

To bolster prevention efforts to mitigate the MMIP epidemic, the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Interdepartmental Council on Native American Affairs (ICNAA), developed a podcast series to raise awareness, provide prevention resources and educate listeners on MMIP. The podcast series, titled ***Keeping Us Whole: Preventing Missing and Murdered Indigenous People*** includes 10 episodes that cover four main themes, including "Preventing Violence," "Protecting our Children," "Protecting our LGBTQ2S Relatives," and "Surviving, Serving, Speaking."

Podcast episodes include interviews with a variety of speakers, from tribal leadership to federal partners, advocates, members of grassroots organizations and native athletes, that have all joined together to raise awareness of the MMIP epidemic and identify ways we can focus on prevention and continue the work of keeping us whole.

[Listen to the newest release on the *Keeping Us Whole: Preventing Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Podcast Series - What is Violence Prevention? Part 2*](#). This episode features Delight Satter, MPH (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde), Senior Health Scientist, Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances in the CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support. [Find more information about the podcast series here](#).

AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NATIVE, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN (AIANNH) VIRTUAL CAREER EXPO

CDC's first annual American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian virtual Career Expo on **November 3, 2022** welcomes college students, graduate students, and career professionals to explore careers at CDC. CDC leaders and representatives will provide insight on:

- Career Opportunities
- Pathways Programs
- Fellowship Opportunities
- Hiring Options
- Federal application process:
 - Resume writing
 - Interview tips
 - USAJobs application process

This event will help equip qualified candidates with tools to join our workforce and public health mission. Take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to explore careers at CDC! **Registration will be open October 21-28, 2022**. Visit the [AIANNH Career Expo](#) website for more details.

CDC HURRICANE RESPONSE

In the wake of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is actively monitoring the situation on the ground in several southeastern states, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands. CDC is prepared to provide post-hurricane support tailored to meet jurisdictional hurricane response and recovery efforts. **We encourage federally recognized tribes in Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia to review the attached menu and let us know whether these services are needed in your communities.** To communicate any hurricane-related tribal needs, or lack thereof, or set up a consultation call

with the CDC Hurricane Response team, contact eocevent464@cdc.gov and copy CSTLTSTribalResponse@cdc.gov.

Monkeypox

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Notices of Funding Opportunity (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 2022 Deadline

- [Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement](#)
- [Support for 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements](#)

December 2022 Deadline

- [Exploratory/Developmental Grants Related to the World Trade Center Health Program](#)
- [ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local Efforts To Reduce Environmental Exposure](#)
- [Evaluating Practice-based Programs, Policies, and Practices from CDCs Rape Prevention and Education \(RPE\) Program: Expanding the Evidence to Prevent Sexual Violence](#)

January 2023 Deadline

- [Grants for Injury Control Research Centers \(ICRC\)](#)
- [AmeriCorps State and National Public Health AmeriCorps Notice of Funding \(NOFO\)](#)

November 2023 Deadline

- [Occupational Safety and Health Research](#)
- [NIOSH Small Research Grant Program](#)
- [K01 Mentored Research Scientist Development Award](#)
- [NIOSH Exploratory/Developmental Grant Program](#)

Call for Comments/Responses

- [HHS Tribal Consultation on HHS Tribal Data Sharing Policy](#)

Legal Resources

- [CDC's Office of Public Health Law](#)
- [Telehealth and Telemedicine Resources](#)
- [The Tribal Legal Preparedness Project](#)
- [Congressional Legislative Tracker](#)
- [Statewide Tribal Legislation Database](#)
- [The National Indian Health Board's Regulations Tracker](#)
- [Health Information and Data Sharing Resources](#)
- [The Intersection of Syringe Use and HIV Criminalization Toolkit](#)
- [National Crime Victimization Survey \(NCVS\) Dashboard](#)
- [Grants Management Academy](#)

Trainings and Non-Legal Resources

- [Leveraging Funding Opportunities with TAD - "How to Develop Your Proposal"](#)
- [New Introduction to Public Health Practice: 8 Part Course](#)
- [Attention, Researchers: 2021 BRFSS Public Data Set Now Available!](#)
- [Improving Health and Well-Being in AI/AN Communities through Compliance](#)
- [Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies \(IYCF-E\) Toolkit](#)
- [Indigenous Knowledge Library](#)
- [New Resource: "Safeguarding the Health of Our Elders"](#)
- [Vaccine Confidence and Demand Resource Drive Newly Launched](#)
- [Sign Up for the NIH Director's Blog](#)

- [New Provisional Mortality Data Out from the National Center for Health Statistics \(NCHS\)](#)
- [PLACES Data Now Available](#)
- [NIHB Releases National PHICCS Survey to Capture Data on Tribal Public Health Capacity](#)
- [PHICCS I Infographics Now Available!](#)
- [NIHB Fall 2021 Health Reporter](#)
- [NativeDATA: A Data Sharing Resource for Native Peoples and Organizations](#)
- [ATSDR Launches New Chronic Stress and Environmental Contamination Training Module](#)
- [Planting the Seeds for High-Quality Program Evaluation in Public Health](#)
- [New Resources Available for Renters and Landlords](#)
- [Racial Misclassification of AI/AN Populations on Death Certificates](#)
- [CDC TRAIN](#)
- [HEADS UP to Athletic Trainers: Online Concussion Training](#)
- [CDC Foundation's Federal Grants Management Training](#)
- [NIHB E-Course: Public Health Training](#)
- [NIHB E-Course: Working with Tribal Nations](#)
- [988 Direct 3-digit Mental Health Emergency Resource](#)
- [10th International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health](#)

Employment Opportunities

Federal

- [Emergency Management Specialist](#)

Non-Federal

- [IA² Tribal Public Health and Aging Associate](#)
- [IA2 Hiring Tribal Project Coordinator – Vaccinations and Tribal Outreach](#)
- [Indigenous HIV/AIDS Research Training Program \(IHART3-Itza\)](#)
- [Open Positions at the National Indian Health Board](#)
- [Open Positions at IREACH at Washington State University](#)
- [Open Positions at StrongHearts Native Helpline](#)
- [Director of Communications and Advancement - The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center \(NIWRC\)](#)

Opportunities for Students

Federal

- [ORISE: Enhancing Opportunities for Multi-Sector Collaboration in Healthy Tribes Programs](#)
- [CDC Fellowship and Training Opportunities](#)
- [CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking Fellowship](#)
- [Public Health Student Intern Program](#)
- [Notice of Special Interest: Research Supplements to Promote Re-Entry and Re-Integration into Health-Related Research Careers](#)
- [The Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases RISE Fellowship](#)
- [ORISE Opportunity: Office of Communication within CDC's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine \(DGMQ\)](#)
- [ORISE: CDC Research Opportunity on Enhancing Tribal Data Access](#)
- [ORISE: CDC Research Opportunity in Enhancing Opportunities for Multi-Sector Collaboration in Healthy Tribes Programs](#)
- [Udall Undergraduate Scholarship](#)

Non-Federal

- [Earn a Public Health Administration and Policy \(PHAP\) MPH from University of Minnesota](#)
- [GoodRx Helps Equity in Pharmacy Scholarship](#)
- [Washington University Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)
- [University of California to Waive Tuition for Native Students](#)

Current Issues and Tribal News

- [U.S. Representative Mary Peltola Sworn in as the First Alaska Native to Serve in Congress](#)
- [National Indian Health Board Releases Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2024](#)
- [FDA Launches Campaign Aimed at Preventing E-Cigarette Use Among American Indian/Alaska Native Youth](#)
- [New Publication! Implications for Coding Race and Ethnicity for American Indian and Alaska Native High School Students in a National Survey](#)
- [USDA Announces New Resource Guides for Tribal Governments, Citizens, and Organizations](#)
- [How the Inflation Reduction Act Helps Tribal Communities](#)
- [DOJ Launches the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information \(TAP\)](#)
- [NIMHD-Funded Study Highlights Psychosocial Factors and American Indian Adults with Diabetes](#)
- [Submit a COVID-19 Vaccine Success Story to NIHB](#)
- [HHS Announces New Office of Environmental Justice](#)
- [Amnesty International Report: Indigenous Women and Sexual Violence](#)
- [IHS Announces \\$5 Million in Funding for Ending the HIV Epidemic](#)
- [Roselyn Tso Named as Nominee for Indian Health Service Director](#)
- [Mortality Profile of the Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native Population, 2019](#)
- [“The Generational Impact of Racism on Health: Voices from American Indian Communities”](#)
- [“Trends in Physical and Mental Health, Mortality, Life Expectancy, and Social Inequalities Among American Indians and Alaska Natives, 1990-2019”](#)
- [Homicides of American Indians/Alaska Natives — National Violent Death Reporting System, United States, 2003–2018](#)
- [“Our Bodies Are Just A Shell;” A Mother’s Wisdom on Life and Death](#)
- [White House Supplying Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests and N95 Masks](#)
- [Mass General Brigham Names AAIP Member as System’s First Chief Medical Officer](#)
- [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) Lifeline Program](#)
- [DOJ’s Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons \(MMIP\) Webpage](#)
- [HOPE Committee Call for Volunteers: Treatment and Recovery Workgroup](#)

Sincerely,

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Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/tribal>

MONKEYPOX

Guidance and Resources

[COCA Calls/Webinars](#)

CDC held a COCA call on **October 6, 2022**, to provide a situational update for clinicians about severe monkeypox virus infections. Call slides can be found [here](#). Additional information can be found [here](#).

CDC held a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call on **August 11, 2022**, to provide updates on the FDA's emergency use authorization (EUA) of the JYNNEOS vaccine and CDC's Interim Clinical Considerations for using the JYNNEOS and ACAM2000 vaccines. Presenters also provided training on how to administer the vaccines using the interim clinical considerations. Call materials including the [slide deck](#) and a [video demonstrating how to administer a JYNNEOS vaccine intradermally](#), can be found [here](#).

Additional information about previous and upcoming COCA calls can be found [here](#).

[Recurring Monkeypox Calls for Partners](#)

Monkeypox Partner Meetings	Call In Info	Frequency
Monkeypox: Public Health Partner Update: Monkeypox in the U.S.	https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1605142339pwd=djdXcHNXenpxR2dpU0gycXRib2ttZz09	Thursdays 13:00-14:00 EST
Office Hours Calls for Partners	Call In Info	Frequency
Monkeypox Vaccine CDC Office Hours	https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1602581356?pwd=NvJzUUtQZHVBWnFtSDV4Uml2RUq4QT09 Passcode: H.5FEr?2 Dial in details: US: +1 669 254 5252 Meeting ID: 160 258 1356 Passcode: 77251112	Tuesdays 16:00-17:00 EST
Monkeypox ASPR Office Hours (HPOP Office Hours)	Register here: https://hhs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltduiogj0pG9nyVJCNZ6AVU70NDk5xf0	Thursdays 15:00-16:00 EST

[Graphics and Print Resources](#)

- [Visual Examples of Monkeypox Rash](#)
- [Monkeypox Information for Teens and Young Adults](#): Learn what monkeypox is, how it can spread, how to protect yourself, and what to do if you think you are infected.
- [Monkeypox and Safer Sex](#): This document discusses condom use and other ways to reduce one's likelihood of being exposed to monkeypox if sexually active.
- [What to do if you are a Close Contact of a Person with Monkeypox](#): Learn who is considered a "close contact" and action steps to protect your health and the health of others.
- [Reducing Stigma in Communication and Community Engagement](#): Learn how CDC is framing communication around monkeypox, how partners can help spread the message about monkeypox, and how to implement stigma reducing communication strategies.
- [Summer 2022 Health Tips for Gay and Bisexual Men](#): Palm card for Pride and other events.
- **Event Organizer Template** in [PDF](#) and [Word](#) format: Event organizers are encouraged to adapt the letter with their event name and logo and distribute to attendees of upcoming events.
- [All Print Resources](#)

[Additional Materials](#)

- [Signs and Symptoms](#)
- [How it Spreads](#)
- [Monkeypox Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- [Clinician Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Infection Prevention and Control:
 - [Isolation and Prevention Practices for People with Monkeypox](#)
 - [Infection Control: Healthcare Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)
 - [Disinfecting Home and Other Non-Healthcare Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)
 - [Considerations for Reducing Monkeypox Transmission in Congregate Living Settings](#)
- [A Guide to Taking a Sexual History](#)
- [Technical Report: Multi-National Monkeypox Outbreak, United States, 2022 \(released September 29th\)](#)
- [Technical Report Resources \(as of September 29th\)](#): Contains a list of resources to accompany monkeypox technical reports for scientific audiences.

[Vaccination and Treatment](#)

CDC recommends vaccination for people who have been exposed to monkeypox and people who may be more likely to get monkeypox. The preferred vaccine to protect against monkeypox is JYNNEOS, which is a two-dose vaccine. It takes 14 days after getting the second dose of JYNNEOS for its immune protection to reach its maximum. Frequently asked questions about monkeypox vaccination can be found [here](#).

- Health Departments: [Considerations for Vaccinations](#)
- Healthcare Professionals: [Vaccine Guidance](#)

Antivirals, such as tecovirimat (TPOXX), may be recommended for people who are more likely to get severely ill, like patients with weakened immune systems. Healthcare professionals can refer to [the Interim Clinical Guidance for the Treatment of Monkeypox](#) for additional information.

The IHS National Supply Service Center (NSSC) has received an initial allocation of JYNNEOS vaccine for use by federal, tribal, and Urban Indian Organization programs for post-exposure prophylaxis of eligible high-risk persons. NSSC has also received an initial allocation of oral tecovirimat for the outpatient management of eligible patients with suspected or confirmed monkeypox. **Currently, to request a distribution of either JYNNEOS or TPOXX, the individual facility should submit an IHS-413 form to aaron.wyatt@ihs.gov and cathy.thomas2@ihs.gov, with andrea.klimo@ihs.gov included in the e-mail request.** The product ships directly to the facility from the NSSC Oklahoma City, OK warehouse.

[Publications](#)

- [MMWR: Incidence of Monkeypox Among Unvaccinated Persons Compared with Persons Receiving \$\geq 1\$ JYNNEOS Vaccine Dose — 32 U.S. Jurisdictions, July 31–September 3, 2022](#)
- [MMWR: Interim Guidance for Prevention and Treatment of Monkeypox in Persons with HIV Infection — United States, August 2022](#)
- [MMWR: Epidemiologic and Clinical Characteristics of Monkeypox Cases — United States, May 17–July 22, 2022](#)

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

[Guidance and Resources](#)

[CDC Strengthens Recommendations and Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Booster Shots](#)

CDC has expanded eligibility of COVID-19 vaccine booster doses to everyone 5 years of age and older, recommending that children ages 5 through 11 years should receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series.

[COVID.gov: A New One-Stop Shop Website for COVID Resources and Information](#)

On March 30, 2022, the Biden Administration launched [COVID.gov](#), a website with information on vaccines, tests, treatments, masks, and the latest COVID-19 news. The website will also feature a new test-to-treat

locator tool to help people access the over 2,000 locations that offer COVID-19 tests and antiviral pills at one convenient location.

[COVID-19 Vaccination Field Guide](#)

The [COVID-19 Vaccination Field Guide](#) outlines selected strategies to help increase vaccine confidence and uptake. These 12 strategies are supported by positive outcomes from evaluation research. The evidence-base for Strategy 7 focuses on serving those with substance use disorder among other disproportionately affected populations. Check out the [COVID-19 Vaccination Field Guide](#) to see what your organization can do to help support COVID-19 vaccination.

[COVID-19 Test to Treat](#)

The [Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response](#) (ASPR) office within the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) (HHS) created a new [fact sheet](#) to help explain how the Test to Treat program works. The nationwide Test to Treat initiative of the Biden-Harris Administration provides people an important new way to access free lifesaving treatment for COVID-19.

[WE CAN DO THIS](#)

[WE CAN DO THIS](#) is a COVID-19 public education campaign to increase public confidence in and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines while reinforcing basic prevention measures such as mask wearing and social distancing. The website provides ready-to-use tools and resources to help build and improve your COVID-19 vaccination outreach efforts. High-quality, FREE, downloadable images, videos, toolkits, and other resources are available for use and can be filtered by specific audience, language, resource type, and topic.

[COVID-19 Native Youth Vaccination Toolkit](#)

Please see the link for a new toolkit to promote COVID-19 vaccination among Native youth created by NCAI. The toolkit uses information from IHS and CDC to provide American Indian and Alaska Natives access to facts about COVID-19 vaccines and to provide additional resources. The toolkit also includes social media graphics and sample posts that may be shared with families, friends, schools, communities, organizations, Tribal Nations, and other networks.

[Recorded Webinar on Substance Use Disorder & COVID-19](#)

CDC presented at Addiction Policy Forum's webinar "[Substance Use Disorder & COVID-19](#)." Check out the recording to learn more about the CDC's addition of substance use disorders (SUDs) to the list of medical conditions that can increase risk for becoming severely ill from COVID-19 and community-level initiatives to support persons who use drugs or persons have a substance use disorder (PWUD/SUD) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot](#)

Check out CDC's website for information concerning the COVID-19 vaccine booster shot.

[Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities](#)

Launched in August 2021, CDC's Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR) initiative provides financial support and technical assistance to 69 states, localities, territories, tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, and health service providers to tribes.

[COVID-19 Travel Planner](#)

CDC has a web portal called [Travel Planner](#), that serves as a centralized communication platform for COVID-19 travel restrictions and policies enacted by state, local, tribal and territorial governments. The tool also includes COVID-19 policies and restrictions for visitors to national parks.

[Community-Based Organizations \(CBO\) COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit](#)

This toolkit will help your organization share clear and accurate information to educate community members about COVID-19 vaccines, raise awareness about the benefits of vaccination, and address common questions and concerns. This toolkit is designed for staff of organizations serving communities affected by COVID-19.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Finder is Live](#)

As of today, the [federally supported website](#) that the President announced a few weeks ago to make it easier for individuals to access COVID-19 vaccines is now live! [Vaccines.gov](#) - powered by the trusted VaccineFinder brand - is available in English and Spanish, with high accessibility standard, and will help connect Americans with locations offering vaccines near them. In addition to the website, people in the U.S. are also now able to utilize a text messaging service, available in both English and Spanish. People can text their ZIP code to 438829 (GETVAX) and 822862 (VACUNA) to find three locations nearby that have vaccines available.

[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

CDC's Data Tracker a tool for sharing maps, charts, and data about COVID-19. COVID-19 Tracker now reports trends in COVID-19 incidence and mortality rates by 2013 National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Urban-Rural Classification Scheme for Counties. This scheme classifies all counties in the U.S. into one of six metropolitan categories (4 metropolitan, 1 micropolitan, 1 non-core). Users can focus on one or more of the urban-rural classes and compare them to the national-level rate. Users can also examine the urban-rural trends in incidence and mortality at the national-, state- or Health and Human Services region-level.

[CDC COVID-19 Community Levels](#)

CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Layered prevention strategies — like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation and wearing masks — can help limit severe disease and reduce the potential for strain on the healthcare system. Some community settings such as schools and congregate settings might include additional layers of prevention (e.g., physical distancing, contact tracing) based on information and data about the characteristics of the setting. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

[CDC PSAs to Encourage Vaccination](#)

We are proud to announce the release of new COVID-19 public service announcements (PSAs) that promote COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. We'd like to ask for your help in sharing these messages. The PSAs are available at [Tribal Communities | COVID-19 | CDC](#). These updated PSAs, featuring Oscar award recipient Wes Studi, emphasize the importance of COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and prevent severe illness and death from COVID-19 in AI/AN communities. COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters can help AI/AN communities return to life in balance and protect the circle of life. The PSAs also highlight the ways in which AI/AN culture and traditions can support a robust community response to COVID-19. We hope these PSAs will enhance your community's COVID-19 response and prevention efforts.

CDC's new [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation calculator](#) takes the stress out of deciding when, and for how long, people with COVID-19 and [close contacts](#) need to stay home, get tested, and wear a well-fitting mask. The calculator provides important information about what precautions people with COVID-19 and their close contacts can take to protect loved ones and prevent COVID-19 in their communities. This online, mobile-friendly calculator provides a simple, easy-to-use way to help people follow CDC's [Quarantine and Isolation](#) guidance and get customized information that applies to their unique situation.

[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.

[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 Resources by Urban Indian Health Institute](#)

Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) is committed to obtaining and sharing accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccines with our community. They have thus produced resources meant to be used and shared by our American Indian and Alaska Native relatives and tribes. Resources are also available for any healthcare facilities serving Indian Country. Currently available resources include fact sheets on the Moderna and Pfizer

vaccines, as well as two video series discussing COVID-19 in Native communities: “Everyday Warriors: Native Stories of COVID-19” and “Native2Native: COVID-19 Vaccine and Treatment Clinical Trials Facilitated Discussion.” Current and future resources can be found on [UIHI's COVID-19 Vaccine website](#).

[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.

[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.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[October 2022](#)

[Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement](#)

Deadline: October 10, 2022

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=337086>

Description: This NOFO targets public health organizations that serve state, tribal, local, and territorial populations and are constitutionally empowered to protect the health and welfare of their respective communities, focused on executing emergency preparedness and response services. To demonstrate existing capacity for public health emergency management, applicants must submit their response organizational charts and work plans. This NOFO seeks to enhance the nation's ability to rapidly mobilize, surge, and respond to public health emergencies (PHEs) as identified by CDC by establishing a roster of approved but unfunded (ABU) applicants that may receive rapid funding to respond to PHEs of such magnitude, complexity, or significance that they would have an overwhelming impact upon, and exceed resources available to, the jurisdictions. The NOFO also provides funding for specialized public health emergency response activities tailored to the specific public health crisis.

[Support for 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements](#)

Deadline: October 25, 2022

Agency: SAMHSA

Link: <https://samhsa.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d0780dc94825e65acd61c17dc&id=0569519563&e=30b1e67160>

Description: The purpose of these cooperative agreements is to provide resources to improve response to 988 contacts (including calls, chats, and texts) originating in Tribal communities and/or activated by American Indians/Alaskan Natives. This program aims to: (1) ensure American Indians/Alaskan Natives have access to culturally competent, trained 988 crisis center support; (2) improve integration and support of 988 crisis centers, Tribal nations, and Tribal organizations to ensure there is navigation and follow-up care; and (3) facilitate collaborations with Tribal, state and territory health providers, Urban Indian Organizations, law enforcement, and other first responders in a manner which respects Tribal sovereignty. SAMHSA plans to issue up to 100 awards for a total of \$35,000,000 per year for up to 2 years.

December 2022

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

Deadline: December 6, 2022

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=337906>

Description: This NOFO seeks to achieve a suitable mix of projects and interventions focusing on sustainable health behaviors and lifestyle factors such as nutrition and diet, sleep hygiene, stress management and positive psychology, physical activity, social connectedness, and avoidance of substance misuse that influence quality of life, disease progression and recurrence, survival, adverse events, and other health-related outcomes among WTC Health Program members. NIOSH/WTC Health Program R21 grants support the early and conceptual stages of research projects that assess the feasibility of novel areas of investigation, with the potential to enhance the effectiveness of treatment and diagnostic practice. These studies may lead to breakthroughs in a particular area, or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that have a major clinical impact. These studies should break new ground or extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications. Applicants are expected to propose research approaches for which there is likely to be minimal or no preliminary data.

ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local Efforts To Reduce Environmental Exposure

Deadline: December 9, 2022

Agency: ATSDR

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340900>

Description: This new 5-year ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local Efforts To Reduce Environmental Exposure (APPLETREE) cooperative agreement program will fund approximately 34 state and local health departments and/or federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribal governments for a period of performance from April 1st, 2023, to March 31st, 2028. Through this cooperative agreement, funded applicants will receive resources and guidance to assess and respond to site-specific issues involving exposure to hazardous substances in the environment. This includes:

- identifying if and how people are exposed to toxic chemicals at specific sites
- reviewing environmental sampling data and other information to identify potential health risks
- making recommendations to prevent exposures
- engaging affected communities and local health professionals about site contamination and potential health effects

In addition to these activities, the funded applicants may use the funds to protect children from environmental hazards at new early care and education facilities for young children.

Evaluating Practice-based Programs, Policies, and Practices from CDCs Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Program: Expanding the Evidence to Prevent Sexual Violence

Deadline: December 16, 2022

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=319857>

Description: This NOFO seeks proposals to support research to rigorously evaluate the effectiveness of primary prevention programs, policies, or practices implemented by RPE programs to prevent sexual violence. Research funded under this announcement is intended to expand the evidence base for sexual violence prevention in one or more of the following strategy areas identified in the STOP SV technical package: Promote Social Norms that Protect Against Violence, Provide Opportunities to Empower and Support Girls and Women, and Create Protective Environments. Research conducted with these funds will rigorously evaluate practice-based prevention approaches (i.e., programs, policies, or practices being implemented in the field or that are planned to be implemented by an RPE-funded organization or partner) to increase the evidence for

sexual violence prevention programs, policies, or practices that have traction within the sexual violence field and are, therefore, feasible to implement by practitioners and acceptable to communities. Research aimed at building evidence at the community- or societal-levels and/or for populations and communities that disproportionately bear the burden of sexual violence is of particular interest under this announcement.

January 2023

Grants for Injury Control Research Centers (ICRC)

Deadline: January 6, 2023

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=342446>

Description: The purpose of this NOFO is to address strategic gaps along the public health model spectrum which are essential for achieving public health impact for priority injury and violence prevention areas. This NOFO recognizes that while injury and violence affect all communities and population subgroups, some communities and populations experience a greater public health burden from injury and violence. Applicants are expected to focus on people and populations who are disproportionately affected by injury and violence, and to consider the underlying social and structural conditions that contribute to inequities in risk for, and public health burden of injury and violence. These Centers will support NCIPC's priorities and mission through high quality research, training, and outreach, The National as well as effective translation of scientific discoveries into practice for the prevention and control of injuries and violence.

AmeriCorps State and National Public Health AmeriCorps Notice of Funding (NOFO)

Deadline: January 4, 2023

Agency: AmeriCorps

Link: <https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2023-ameri-corps-state-national-grants#publichealth>

Description: AmeriCorps recently announced a new round of [funding for Public Health AmeriCorps](#)! **See below to register for informational webinars about this opportunity.** Public Health AmeriCorps, launched in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is a \$400 million investment to grow the public health workforce. Last year, more than 80 organizations were awarded a total of more than \$60 million. Funding is open to nonprofit, faith-based, tribal, and community-based organizations; higher-education institutions; and state, local, and territorial government entities, including local public health departments.

To learn more:

- [Register](#) for the upcoming session designed to support organizations in developing their applications
 - **October 25, 2022, 1:00 pm ET:** FY23 AmeriCorps State and National NOFOs Best Practices in Developing Performance Measures
- Watch the Intro to AmeriCorps Webinar [session recording](#) (recommended for anyone new to AmeriCorps funding).
- Read about the [first cohort of Public Health AmeriCorps grantees](#).
- [Apply for funding](#).

For more information, visit americorps.gov/publichealth or contact publichealth@americorps.gov.

November 2023

Occupational Safety and Health Research

Deadline: November 17, 2023

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=305727>

Description: The purpose of this grant program is (1) to develop an understanding of the risks and conditions associated with occupational diseases and injuries, (2) to explore methods for reducing risks and preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the workplace, and (3) to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices and products that will effectively reduce work-related illnesses and injuries. The Research Project Grant (R01) supports a discrete, specified, circumscribed project in scientific areas that represent the investigators specific interests and competencies and that fall within the mission of NIOSH.

[NIOSH Small Research Grant Program](#)

Deadline: November 17, 2023

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=305572>

Description: The purpose of this grant program is to develop an understanding of the risks and conditions associated with occupational diseases and injuries, to explore methods for reducing risks and preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the workplace, and to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices and products that will effectively reduce work-related illnesses and injuries. The NIOSH R03 grant mechanism supports small occupational safety and health research projects that can be carried out with limited resources such as pilot and feasibility studies, secondary data analysis or development of research methods.

[K01 Mentored Research Scientist Development Award](#)

Deadline: November 17, 2023

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=305591>

Description: NIOSH supports K01 grants to help ensure the availability of an adequate number and diversity of highly trained scientists and educators to address critical occupational safety and health issues. The purpose of the NIOSH Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) is to provide support and 75% “protected time” for an intensive, supervised (mentored) career development experience in occupational health and safety research leading to research independence.

[NIOSH Exploratory/Developmental Grant Program](#)

Deadline: November 17, 2023

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=305594>

Description: The purpose of this grant program is to develop an understanding of the risks and conditions associated with occupational diseases and injuries, to explore methods for reducing risks and preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the workplace, and to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices and products that will effectively reduce work-related illnesses and injuries. NIOSH sponsors exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of projects.

CALL FOR COMMENTS/RESPONSES

[HHS Tribal Consultation on HHS Tribal Data Sharing Policy](#)

HHS will host tribal consultations to seek input on developing an HHS Tribal Data Sharing Policy. In March, 2022, the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report entitled, [Tribal Epidemiology Centers, HHS Actions Needed to Enhance Data Access](#), where it found varied access to epidemiological data amongst the 12 tribal epidemiology centers (TEC) serving American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). Input from tribes is essential to inform the development of any new policy and to build relationships of trust between HHS, TEC, and tribal communities.

Tribes have the following opportunities through virtual events to provide input and feedback:

Date	Time	Registration
October 13, 2022	2:00 – 3:00 PM ET	Zoom Link TBD
October 19, 2022	3:00 – 4:00 PM ET	Zoom Link TBD

Tribes are invited to share written feedback and recommendations to us at consultation@hhs.gov by **October 28, 2022**. Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work to improve data access and health outcomes for tribal nations.

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.

[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.

[National Crime Victimization Survey \(NCVS\) Dashboard](#)

The Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics released the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) Dashboard (N-DASH). The first of its kind at BJS, this dynamic analysis tool allows users to examine NCVS data on both personal and property victimization, by select victim, household, and incident characteristics.

[Grants Management Academy](#)

The Grants Management Academy provides federal training resources and guidance on how to apply for grants and navigate different grants management systems, laws, and regulations, and grant life cycles. More information can be found on [CDC's Office of Island Affairs webpage](#).

TRAININGS AND NON-LEGAL RESOURCES

[Leveraging Funding Opportunities with TAD - "How to Develop Your Proposal"](#)

The Tribal Affairs Division (TAD), within the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), has released a video on "How to Develop Your Proposal". In this video, TAD will provide key steps and resources; on developing a grant proposal, which is also commonly referred to as an application. This will assist you with developing a grant proposal for one or more of TAD's grant programs to provide your community with an opportunity to strengthen system responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sex trafficking or stalking.

TAD will be releasing one more for the "**Leveraging Funding Opportunities with TAD**" video series. The video, "**Submitting Your Proposal**" was released September 28.

Visit [the website](#) for more information and to view the videos. For questions regarding leveraging funding opportunities with TAD, contact: TribalConsultation@support.eventPower.com

[New Introduction to Public Health Practice: 8 Part Course](#)

CDC's [Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services](#) released an exciting new 8-part course, [Introduction to Public Health Practice](#), designed to build the skills of new public health professionals. It was curated using CDC's Quality Training Standards and covers topics like health equity, communication skills, data analytics, and more. Each of the eight sections is offered free through [CDC TRAIN](#). Along with CDC's [Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems grant](#), this resource will help provide education and training to new staff hired to improve critical public health infrastructure needs. **A partner promotion toolkit is attached to enable easy sharing via website, newsletter, and social media.**

[Attention, Researchers: 2021 BRFSS Public Data Set Now Available!](#)

The 2021 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data set is now publicly available. The BRFSS provides flexible, timely, and ongoing data collection that allows for state-to-state and state-to-nation comparisons, as well as the basis for small area estimates such as PLACES. State-specific data—including racial- and ethnic-specific data from the BRFSS—provide a sound basis for developing and maintaining public health programs, including programs designed to reduce racial and ethnic disparities and to address health risks and social determinants of health. Learn more about the [2021 BRFSS data](#).

[Improving Health and Well-Being in AI/AN Communities through Compliance](#)

HHS' Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) launched *Improving Health and Well-Being in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities Through Compliance*, a training series that focuses on compliance, fraud, waste, and abuse, and health care quality topics such as the opioid epidemic, challenges to delivering quality care in IHS, and protecting patients from abuse. The series is intended for organizations that administer HHS funded programs to American Indian and Alaska Native communities. It is designed for all audiences, including those new to basic compliance concepts, compliance officers, staff of organizations that receive HHS grants funds, staff of health care organizations such as IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health Program facilities, and governing board members. Access the **free** training [here](#).

[Indigenous Knowledge Library](#)

Indigenous knowledge—also known as traditional knowledge—refers to information, meanings, purposes, and values that Indigenous peoples have gathered, conceptualized, studied, and passed through generations for thousands of years. Indigenous knowledge offers solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues, from environmental crises and declining biodiversity, to equity, justice, and holistic health systems.

[Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies \(IYCF-E\) Toolkit](#)

CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO) recently released an [Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies \(IYCF-E\) Toolkit](#). This toolkit provides information and resources for emergency preparedness and response personnel, families, and the public to ensure that infants and toddlers are fed safely when natural disasters strike, such as hurricanes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes, and tornadoes. This toolkit focuses on IYCF-E preparedness and response efforts specific to the U.S. and its territories.

Specifically, the IYCF-E toolkit contains:

- Information, resources, and tools for states, communities, programs and emergency preparedness and response personnel on how to best support families and provide optimal nutrition to infants and young children during emergencies, including health equity [considerations](#).
 - Printable handouts that can be used with or given to families.
 - Information for families and caregivers on common questions and how to be prepared to feed infants and young children during emergencies.
 - Information for the public on donations during emergencies.
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[New Resource: "Safeguarding the Health of Our Elders"](#)

The Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) is pleased to announce a first-of-its-kind community health profile, "Safeguarding the Health of Our Elders." This new resource reports on health strengths and challenges for urban Native Elders and offers data-informed strategies organizations can implement to support the well-being of Elder communities. View and download the resource [here](#).

[Vaccine Confidence and Demand \(VCD\) Resource Drive Newly Launched](#)

All on one platform, you will find a variety of VCD resources including CDC toolkits/guidance/materials (organized in a user-friendly format so that you can more easily find relevant CDC web-content), journal articles, partner resources, VCD email digests, and recordings from quarterly all-partner calls and monthly learning community sessions. Please feel free to share this link among your organization. We will update the drive regularly, so we invite you to **send us any materials that you wish to share with the VCD partner community** from your organization.

[Sign Up for the NIH Director's Blog](#)

Get the latest news from the director of NIH. The most recent blog discusses the latest information on Omicron Variant, and how the COVID-19 Vaccine can help protect from it. To subscribe, click the mail icon in red on the top right.

[New Provisional Mortality Data Out from the National Center for Health Statistics \(NCHS\)](#)

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) are pleased to share that you can now access [preliminary mortality estimates](#) from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) through CDC WONDER! Expanded access to provisional mortality data will address critical public health information needs and advance public health surveillance.

This is the first time the NCHS Division of Vital Statistics (DVS) has featured preliminary estimates on the CDC WONDER platform. These preliminary estimates are based on the current flow of death certificate data to the National Vital Statistics System. DVS worked closely with the Division of Health Informatics and Surveillance in CDC's Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services to implement this enhancement to their CDC WONDER platform.

Making provisional death data available on CDC WONDER provides a powerful tool for researchers and policymakers to analyze early mortality data. These near-real time data can provide timely insights and actionable information sooner than the final mortality data, released approximately 11 months after the end of the data year. The provisional data on CDC WONDER include more detail than other early mortality data releases, such as the [quarterly provisional mortality releases](#).

Adding provisional mortality data to CDC WONDER provides significant benefits:

- expanded functionality for customized visualizations, dashboards, and ad-hoc data queries
- monthly updates for near real-time surveillance
- increased opportunities for rapid analysis to identify emerging issues

[PLACES Data Now Available](#)

PLACES provides modeled data estimates for all U.S. counties, incorporated and census designated places, ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs), and census tracts. This release includes estimates for 29 chronic disease related measures across 4 geographic levels: U.S. counties, incorporated and census-designated places, census tracts, and ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs). Twenty-two of the estimates are based on 2019 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data and 7 are based on 2018 data. Additional enhancements include:

1. Two new measures ([depression](#) and [fair or poor health status](#))
2. Links to Census Profile data at the county and place-level added to the [PLACES Interactive Map](#) application
3. New webpage on [Social Determinants of Health Data](#) that can be merged with PLACES data
4. New Help section for using the PLACES [data portal](#)
5. Multiple [new FAQs](#) (e.g., aggregating data for groups of areas, comparing estimates for two or more areas)
6. Measures re-organized into 4 categories (health outcomes, health risk behaviors (renamed), health status (new category), and prevention)
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Please visit www.cdc.gov/PLACES for more information about PLACES and to explore the new local data and system functionality.

[**NIHB Releases National PHICCS Survey to Capture Data on Tribal Public Health Capacity**](#)

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB), with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is pleased to announce the release of the second iteration of the Public Health in Indian Country Capacity Scan (PHICCS).

PHICCS is a national scan that is conducted every three years by NIHB. The purpose of PHICCS is to determine the capacity of Tribal public health and health organizations. NIHB conducted the first iteration of this assessment in 2019, leading to the publication of the [PHICCS Report](#) in 2020. Through the data collected from the first iteration of PHICCS, NIHB has begun to develop a national Tribal public health profile, creating an invaluable resource for Tribal Leaders and Tribal public health professionals to advocate for the advancement of the health and well-being of American Indians and Alaska Natives. NIHB hopes to build upon these successes through the second iteration of PHICCS.

The 2022 PHICCS survey has been shared with Tribal Health/ Public Health Directors and Tribal Administrators working at Federally Recognized Tribes across the nation. These leaders in Tribal public health will complete the PHICCS survey, answering questions on a range of topics related to the public health services offered to the Tribal population, Tribal public health priorities, and the resources needed for improved public health service delivery or capacity. The knowledge gained will be used to guide NIHB's work, and can inform national and regional resource allocation, policy development, and advocacy efforts.

For more information and to view a copy of the scan instrument, visit NIHB's [PHICCS webpage](#).

[**PHICCS I Infographics Now Available!**](#)

NIHB has produced a set of three infographics from the 2019 Public Health in Indian Country Capacity Scan report (PHICCS I). Each graphic highlights important findings from PHICCS I around Tribal health organization characteristics, Tribal public health needs and priorities, and key Tribal public health activities. Collectively they demonstrate the central role Tribal health organizations play in providing essential public health services. These infographics are designed to be used by Tribal public health professionals, Tribal leaders, community members, and partners at the local, state, and federal level. To view the infographics, visit the NIHB PHICCS [website](#).

[**NIHB Fall 2021 Health Reporter**](#)

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is pleased to present a special digital edition of the Health Reporter. The board of directors and staff are continuing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic while carrying out the mission of the organization - to achieve the highest level of health and well-being for Native communities. This issue includes articles on the Doctrine of Discovery, COVID-19 vaccinations and data, Open Enrollment for healthcare coverage, and an update on managed care for Indian Country. Read the Fall 2021 Health Reporter [here](#).

[**NativeDATA: A Data Sharing Resource for Native Peoples and Organizations**](#)

The Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center's IDEA-NW project is pleased to announce the launch of NativeDATA – a free online data sharing resource for Native peoples and organizations.

At times, Tribes and Native-serving organizations face barriers in accessing health data. These groups are also frequently asked to share data without any guarantee of benefit to the community or communities they

serve. To support Tribes and Native-serving organizations in obtaining and sharing health data, the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center's [IDEA-NW Project](#), alongside an inter-disciplinary team of experts from across the nation, developed NativeDATA.

Throughout, NativeDATA offers practical guidance for obtaining and sharing health data in ways that honor Tribal sovereignty, data sovereignty, and public health authority.

Inside users will find expert advice on:

- Requesting health data
- Building strong data sharing partnerships
- Developing protective data agreements
- Planning for the approvals process
- Sharing your health data
- Exercising data sovereignty
- Communicating effectively about data sharing
- Learning about your rights

NativeDATA also offers inspirational stories from Tribes, Tribal organizations, and their partners who have successfully navigated the data sharing process.

To learn more, visit NativeDATA.npaihb.org, or email the NativeDATA team at ideanw@npaihb.org.

[ATSDR Launches New Chronic Stress and Environmental Contamination Training Module](#)

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has been working to better understand and develop resources to address the psychological and social impacts associated with living in a community affected by long-term environmental contamination. The agency is pleased to announce the launch of a new [Chronic Stress and Environmental Contamination Training](#).

This self-guided online training complements the ATSDR [Community Stress Resource Center](#) launched in March 2021. The training is intended for public health professionals working with communities affected by environmental contamination. It covers the biology of psychological stress, reasons why environmental contamination can be a source of chronic stress, the role of community resilience, and ways to tailor public health activities to support community psychosocial health. Please direct questions to ATSDRStress@cdc.gov.

[Planting the Seeds for High-Quality Program Evaluation in Public Health](#)

Evaluation and evidence-informed decision making are central to public health practice. In recent decades, the professional discipline of evaluation has experienced tremendous growth that can be leveraged for use in public health. To meet the growing need for program evaluation training, the National Asthma Control Program presents the [e-textbook *Planting the Seeds for High-Quality Program Evaluation in Public Health*](#). This free e-textbook is designed to help public health students and professionals understand evaluation approaches and techniques to improve public health programs.

[New Resources Available for Renters and Landlords](#)

On July 28, 2021, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) debuted a new look up tool titled the [Rental Assistance Finder](#), designed to help renters and landlords find information on rental assistance in their area to help cover rent, utilities, and other housing costs. A [toolkit](#) is available to help spread important information about the CFPB's tools and resources related to housing insecurity during the coronavirus pandemic. The CFPB's site also includes other resources to help renters and landlords navigate various

financial hardships related to the pandemic.

[New Report - Racial Misclassification of American Indian and Alaska Natives on Death Certificates: The Role of Funeral Directors in Policy and Prevention](#)

Racial Misclassification of American Indian and Alaska (AI/AN) people endangers lives. It marginalizes AI/AN people and leaves the organizations that serve them without sufficient data to make decisions or fund the services they provide. [This report](#) examines the problem of racial misclassification on death certificates, with a particular focus on the role of funeral directors in urban communities. For over a year, the National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) investigated possible factors that may create racial misclassification and looked for solutions to prevent these factors. This document is intended as a broad and introductory guide for a variety of stakeholders that can help prevent this problem, including funeral directors, businesses and industry associations, statisticians and public health experts, and policy stakeholders.

[CDC TRAIN](#)

CDC TRAIN is a gateway into the TRAIN Learning Network, the most comprehensive catalog of public health training opportunities. TRAIN is a service for learners from the Public Health Foundation. Included are highlighted trainings addressing accreditation:

- [A General Overview of Public Health Accreditation](#)
- [An Introduction to the PHAB Accreditation Process](#)
- [The Nuts and Bolts of the PHAB Accreditation Process](#)
- [Understanding the PHAB Standards and Measures and Documentation Requirements](#)

Although training topics are highlighted here, CDC TRAIN provides access to more than 1,000 courses developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) programs, grantees, and other funded partners. Courses offered by CDC course providers have been approved and verified by CDC.

[HEADS UP to Athletic Trainers: Online Concussion Training](#)

The [HEADS UP to Athletic Trainers: Online Concussion Training](#) was developed through a partnership between CDC and the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) to share the latest guidance on concussion prevention, evaluation, and management. Athletic trainers can earn two (2) continuing education credits through NATA after completing the training.

Athletic trainers will learn how to:

- Promote a culture of concussion safety.
- Identify strategies for bringing stakeholders together.
- Create and implement concussion prevention and response plans.
- Manage athletes through the return-to-school and return-to-play processes.
- Document concussion care based on best practices.

Expert videos and illustrated case studies in the training guide athletic trainers through practical scenarios they can use in their daily on-field care and other activities. Take a look today!

Check out our other CDC HEADS UP resources for concussion safety:

- Training for [school professionals](#)
 - Training for [coaches](#)
 - Training for [healthcare providers](#)
 - Videos on [concussion safety](#)
 - [Graphics and infographics](#)
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[CDC Foundation's Federal Grants Management Training](#)

The [Federal Grants Management Training](#) series helps public health staff, particularly those working with grants, understand roles and responsibilities in federal grant management and how to be good stewards of their federal awards.

This is a self-guided, three-video training series designed to provide federal grant recipients with the information needed to ensure the successful management of federal grants and cooperative agreements. The training series is divided into three modules: federal grant basics; notice of award, award budget, and subrecipients; and federal grant management. Additional information can be found on [CDC's Office of Island Affairs webpage](#).

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

NIHB has 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](#)

NIHB released its 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.

[988 Direct 3-digit Mental Health Emergency Resource](#)

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board's suicide prevention project, THRIVE (see: <http://www.npaihb.org/thrive/>), has partnered with the Indian Health Services, tribes, and tribal organizations across Indian Country to write up a description of what the 988 direct 3-digit mental health emergency resource is and how it can affect Tribal Nations and Communities. This resource will be updated and re-circulated as the 988 line and partners answering the calls evolve. You can also access the document [here](#).

988 social media shareables, including videos and graphics, can be found [here](#). 988 messaging for all phone companies rolled out on July 16, 2022: "If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health emergency now, please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or text NATIVE to 741741 to get connected with a Crisis Text Line counselor 24/7."

[10th International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health](#)

Save the date for the 10th International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on **March 24-26, 2023**. Plan to attend the only conference dedicated to the health and well-being of Indigenous children and youth in North America and around the world. From mental health to infectious diseases, early childhood to adolescence, the International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health is a forum for exploring a range of health-promoting programs and strategies.

Poster abstract submissions are due **November 6, 2022**. To submit a poster abstract, or to find out more information visit this [link](#).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[Federal](#)

[Emergency Management Specialist](#)

This position is located with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central Office, Office of Emergency Management, in Idaho, Washington, Montana, and Oregon. This position serves as the bureau point of contact and coordination for these activities for their respective counterparts for the tribes/tribal governments in their area of responsibility. To learn more and apply, visit the [USAJOBS listing](#).

Non-Federal

IA² Tribal Public Health and Aging Associate

The International Association for Indigenous Aging (IA²) is dedicated to identifying and implementing effective solutions to the most significant issues facing American Indian, Alaska Native, and Indigenous people. The Tribal Public Health and Aging Associate is responsible for coordinating and supporting various activities for the International Association for Indigenous Aging's Healthy Brain Initiative, dementia wandering, cancer prevention, and other IA² projects. Additional information and the associate application can be found [here](#). For questions, contact Mary Ann Franks, MPH, Public Health Communications Associate, at maryann@iasquared.org.

IA² Hiring Tribal Project Coordinator – Vaccinations and Tribal Outreach

The International Association for Indigenous Aging (IA²) seeks an experienced project coordinator for a remote temporary (8-month), full-time position. Hiring immediately. Primary responsibilities are to independently coordinate two primary projects 1.) tribal community flu and COVID-19 vaccination outreach, awareness, and partnership building, and 2.) development of a series of resources to educate non-tribal organizations and state agencies on American Indian and Alaska Native communities and means of engagement. Other activities as assigned and as time allows. The coordinator will be responsible for an 8-month grant (9/1/2022 - 4/30/2023) to include new project start-up, implementation, and close-out for a vaccination outreach and education campaign. Work will include targeted engagement with a local tribal community (to be selected) and national dissemination of campaign materials to tribes and urban Indian populations. [Learn more about this position and to apply through Indeed.com](#).

Indigenous HIV/AIDS Research Training Program (IHART3-Itza)

The IHART3-Itzá program is a 24-month-long research training program for early stage investigators (ESI) who are up to 10 years post-Ph.D. and interested in developing novel expertise in HIV prevention research, especially scholars residing in or working in the U.S. HIV hot spot regions (e.g., Southeast; West/Southwest). The goal of the IHART program is to develop a cadre of culturally grounded Native scholars capable of serving as PIs on extramurally funded HIV/AIDS-related prevention and disparities studies with Indigenous populations.

IHART3-Itzá is the third iteration of the Indigenous HIV/AIDS Research training program. It extends the reach of the original IHART programs to include candidates from the historically underserved Indigenous Latinx Populations (ILP) and multiple race Indigenous populations (MRI), in addition to Program Fellows from AI/AN, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders (NHPI), underrepresented racial/ethnic groups (UREM), and non-Natives working in Indian Country.

Applications for the first cohort of Program Fellows will begin in early Spring 2022. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with a priority deadline of January 5, 2022. Additional information, including the application, can be found [here](#).

Open Positions at the National Indian Health Board

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.

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.

[Open Positions at StrongHearts Native Helpline](#)

StrongHearts Native Helpline is now hiring for select positions. These are on-site positions where your presence in an office will be required unless otherwise stated. Click on each title to open the full job description.

- [Administrative Assistant](#)
- [Advocate](#)
- [Communications Coordinator](#)
- [Deputy Executive Officer](#)

How to Apply: [Download the application form here](#). To apply, please submit all three required items below to jobs@strongheartshelpline.org.

1. Completed application form
 2. Resume
 3. A letter of interest with the position title in the subject line
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[Director of Communications and Advancement - The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center \(NIWRC\)](#)

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) is dedicated to ending violence against Native women and children by supporting Tribes and grassroots advocates in establishing and strengthening their responses to violence. NIWRC staff take a culturally grounded and highly specialized advocacy approach to the areas of domestic violence, sexual violence, missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, stalking, and sex trafficking, among other forms of gender-based violence and intersecting issues.

To apply, please complete and submit an [employment application](#), a resume with three references, cover letter, and two writing examples. Although not required, if you have a communications portfolio, please submit additional materials for review. Submit all documents to Lucy Simpson, Executive Director, at careers@niwrc.org. Open until filled

View our latest [open positions](#) and apply to join our team!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

[Federal](#)

[ORISE: Enhancing Opportunities for Multi-Sector Collaboration in Healthy Tribes Programs](#)

Under the guidance of a mentor, the participant will learn how to develop program guidance based on examination of practice-based evidence, and provide resources and support to American Indian Tribes, Alaska Native villages, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian Organizations, and Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs) recipients on supporting multi-sector strategies to address the social determinants of health (SDOH)/ chronic disease prevention. The mentor for this opportunity is Mary Hall (moh4@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

[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](#).

[CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking Fellowship](#)

CDC's National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) is seeking one candidate for a full-time fellowship administered by ORISE. The fellow will train with the Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice's [National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program](#). The Tracking Program connects environmental and public health information to drive innovative, cutting-edge programs and solutions to protect and improve the health of communities across the country.

The selected participant will gain experience by providing critical support for the [Science Development and Informatics Teams](#). The qualified candidate should be currently pursuing or have received a master's degree in one of the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within five years of the appointment start date. This is a full-time one-year ORISE fellowship with the possibility of extending for additional years. The point of contact is Joseph Ralph (cmq8@cdc.gov).

[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.

[Notice of Special Interest: Research Supplements to Promote Re-Entry and Re-Integration into Health-Related Research Careers](#)

The goal of this program is to provide support for a mentored research training experience for individuals with high potential to re-enter or re-integrate into an active research career, after an interruption for family responsibilities or other qualifying circumstances described below. This program encourages re-entry and re-integration administrative supplement applications to existing NIH research grants to support full or part-time mentored research experiences by these individuals. The supplement grants are intended to provide these scientists an opportunity to update or extend their research skills and knowledge and prepare them to re-establish their careers in basic biomedical, behavioral, clinical, translational, or social science research. It is anticipated that by the completion of the supplement support period, the re-entry/re-integration scientist will be prepared to apply for a fellowship (F), career development (K) award, a research award (R), or other types of independent research support.

[ORISE Opportunity: Office of Communication within CDC's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine \(DGMQ\)](#)

The Fellow would sit on CDC's Evaluation Team and support CDC's COVID-19 Response and other public health emergencies through communication and evaluation projects reaching globally mobile populations (e.g., travelers, immigrants, refugees, migrants, binational populations). Interested individuals can apply through CDC's [online job post](#). Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. For questions, email orise.cdc.ncezid@orau.org and include reference code CDC-DGMQ-2022-0050.

[ORISE: CDC Research Opportunity on Enhancing Tribal Data Access](#)

A research opportunity is available with the Division of Population Health (DPH), within the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Healthy Tribes Program (HT) in Atlanta, Georgia. The Healthy Tribes program includes a portfolio of three programs that aim to strengthen the public health infrastructure, promote cultural and traditional practices that support health and wellness, and integrate evidence-based chronic disease interventions to improve the health of Tribal communities. Under the guidance of a mentor, the participant will learn how to develop program guidance, based on examination of existing practice, and provide resources and support to American Indian Tribes, Alaska Native villages, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian Organizations, and Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs) recipients on maximizing access and use of chronic disease and related data. The application and additional information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: October 17, 2022, at 3:00 PM EST. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

[ORISE: CDC Research Opportunity in Enhancing Opportunities for Multi-Sector Collaboration in Healthy Tribes Programs](#)

A research opportunity is available with the DPH, within the Healthy Tribes Program (HT) in Atlanta, Georgia. Under the guidance of a mentor, the Fellow will Under the guidance of a mentor, the participant will learn how to develop program guidance based on examination of practice-based evidence, and provide resources and support to American Indian Tribes, Alaska Native villages, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian Organizations, and Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs) recipients on supporting multi-sector strategies to address the social determinants of health (SDOH)/ chronic disease prevention. The application and additional information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: October 10, 2022, at 3:00 PM EST. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

[Udall Undergraduate Scholarship](#)

The Udall scholarship honors the legacies of Morris Udall and Stewart Udall, whose careers had a significant impact on Native American self-governance, health care, and the stewardship of public lands and natural resources. The Udall Foundation anticipates awarding 55 scholarships of up to \$7,000 each.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

[ORISE: Youth Violence Prevention Program, Preventing Violence Affecting Young Lives \(PREVAYL\)](#)

A research opportunity is currently available with the Prevention Practice and Translation Branch (PPTB) of the Division of Violence Prevention (DVP) in the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) at CDC in Atlanta, Georgia. The fellow will conduct programmatic activities under the mentorship of the Adversity Prevention and Implementation Practice Team (APIPT) Lead. The APIPT team currently supports three primary programs. The fellow will contribute research to one of these programs: [Preventing Violence Affecting Young Lives \(PREVAYL\)](#). The PREVAYL program is a 5-year cooperative agreement that funds recipients to address multiple forms of violence impacting adolescents and young adults in communities with high rates of violence. Start date is flexible and will depend on a variety of factors.

For questions about the application process please email ORISE.CDC.NCIPC@orau.org, or email Khiya Marshall (kmarshall@cdc.gov) if you are interested in the position.

[Non-Federal](#)

[Earn a Public Health Administration and Policy \(PHAP\) MPH from University of Minnesota](#)

The PHAP MPH at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health focuses on developing skills in management and leadership, policy writing and analysis, and data analytics. Starting in the Summer of 2020, the PHAP program began offering **full scholarships to Native American students** who meet the regular criteria for admission. The program has made this commitment for up to \$100,000 in total scholarship awards a year for five years. As of Spring 2022, there are six Native American scholarship recipients in PHAP MPH

programs. Interested applicants, please contact the program for more information. Contact information and more details about the program can be flyer attached to this email.

[GoodRx Helps Equity in Pharmacy Scholarship](#)

GoodRx Helps is offering 10 scholarships to support students from underrepresented groups who are pursuing healthcare careers. Each scholarship will award **\$5,000 to 10 students (5 PharmD students and 5 pharmacy technician students)** with the most compelling ideas for addressing some of the biggest challenges in healthcare. This year, applicants are asked to share their opinions on [expanding pharmacists' prescribing responsibilities](#). Such policies are already in effect in several states and offer yet another way for pharmacists to impact patients' lives. The varying degrees of authority to assess and prescribe treatments to patients could redefine the pharmacist's role in patient care. In addition, applicants are invited to share career goals, work experience (if applicable), and education information. To learn more about GoodRx Helps and apply for a scholarship, students can visit goodrx.com.

[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.

[University of California to Waive Tuition for Native Students](#)

Tuition at the University of California's campuses will be **free** for AI/AN students from federally recognized tribes who are reside in California beginning in **Fall 2022**.

CURRENT ISSUES AND TRIBAL NEWS

[U.S. Representative Mary Peltola Sworn in as the First Alaska Native to Serve in Congress](#)

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, U.S. Rep-elect Mary Peltola (D-AK) was sworn in at the Capitol. Peltola beat Sarah Palin and Nick Begich in a special election for Alaska's sole House seat. She becomes the first Alaska Native to serve in Congress. Read the full article on NativeNews.net.

[National Indian Health Board Releases Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2024](#)

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is pleased to announce the fiscal year (FY) **2024 Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup Budget Book**. Continuing to advocate for budget increases for the Indian Health Service (IHS), the Budget Book provides 16 recommendations for Tribal health parity and equity. This year's budget book theme is *"Advancing Health Equity through the Federal Trust Responsibility: Full Mandatory Funding for the Indian Health Service and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships."* Following the unique historic commitment to Indian healthcare that the Biden Administration outlined in the FY23 Budget Request, the first budget recommendation requests full mandatory funding of the Indian Health Service at a minimum of \$51.42 billion. For a complete list of the budget recommendations, please see the [FY 2024 Budget Book](#).

[FDA Launches Campaign Aimed at Preventing E-Cigarette Use Among American Indian/Alaska Native Youth](#)

The FDA announced the launch of the *"Next Legends"* Youth E-cigarette Prevention Campaign as part of the agency's ongoing efforts to protect youth from the dangers of tobacco use. The campaign will educate

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth, ages 12-17, about the harms of vaping through unique branding and tailored messaging created to inspire a new generation to live Native strong and vape-free. There are approximately 400,000 Native teens in the U.S., and more than half of them are at-risk of using tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. Studies show that Native youth are more susceptible to e-cigarette use than their non-Native peers, and they demonstrate disproportionately high experimentation and current use of e-cigarettes. Read the [full news release here](#). Learn more about the *Next Legends* campaign [here](#).

[**New Publication! Implications for Coding Race and Ethnicity for American Indian and Alaska Native High School Students in a National Survey**](#)

On August 22, 2022, CDC staff from NCCHSTP and CSTLS (Sherry Everett Jones, PhD, MPH, JD & Delight E Satter, MPH) published a paper in [Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved](#). The findings of this study show that most American Indian or Alaska Native high school students are multiracial or Hispanic/Latino; thus, to limit analyses of health data to those students who identify themselves as AI/AN alone captures only about 18% or one in six AI/AN students. When the number of students who are single race AI/AN is particularly small, such data may be entirely suppressed (i.e., not reported) and the needs of a population known to suffer significant health disparities may go ignored among policymakers. Combining multiple years of data, and reconsidering the use and reporting of data among only those youth who are single race AI/AN, are two ways to address the dearth of data describing health behavior prevalence among AI/AN youth.

[**USDA Announces New Resource Guides for Tribal Governments, Citizens, and Organizations**](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Tribal Relations has released the newest editions of the [USDA Resource Guide for American Indians and Alaska Natives 2022](#) and the [USDA Native Youth Resource Guide 2022](#). Each of these guides provides valuable information to Indian Country and can serve as a roadmap of USDA resources and services available to tribal governments, citizens, and organizations. One is a Tribal Resource Guide, and it provides a general overview of USDA programs, funding opportunities, and other essential information helpful to Indian Country. The second is a Tribal Youth Resource with useful information such as scholarship opportunities, employment programs, and youth funding.

[**How the Inflation Reduction Act Helps Tribal Communities**](#)

On August 18, the Biden Administration approved the passage of the historic Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The IRA has provisions with huge positive impacts for Indian Country. The IRA takes the most aggressive action on climate and clean energy in American history. And it does so by providing funding specifically for Tribes to plan for and adapt to climate change, mitigate drought, support fisheries, and shift to clean energy production and use.

The White House has released a fact sheet for [How the Inflation Reduction Act Helps Tribal Communities](#). The fact sheet is filled a tremendous amount of useful information about the specific benefits of the historic Inflation Reduction Act for Indian Country.

[**DOJ Launches the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information \(TAP\)**](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) launched the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP) in August 2015 and has expanded yearly to provide Tribes access to [national crime information systems](#) for federally authorized criminal justice and non-criminal justice purposes. TAP allows select federally recognized tribes to more effectively serve and protect their nation's citizens by ensuring the exchange of critical data across the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) systems and other national crime information systems. Learn more about TAP on the [DOJ website](#).

[NIMHD-Funded Study Highlights Psychosocial Factors and American Indian Adults with Diabetes](#)

American Indian adults with Type 2 diabetes (T2D) are more likely to have a lower health-related quality of life (HRQoL) than those without T2D. A new study in Cherokee Nation citizens from Oklahoma finds that this increased risk may be due to factors that influence psychological or social well-being, collectively called psychosocial factors. Some psychosocial factors that may lower HRQoL include experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), lacking social support, or having low levels of resilience. Addressing these factors could improve HRQoL for American Indians with diabetes. Read more [here](#).

[Submit a COVID-19 Vaccine Success Story to NIHB](#)

COVID-19 has taken a toll, both physically and mentally, on AI/ANs and tribes across the country. To inspire those who are unvaccinated to get their COVID-19 vaccine or those who are hesitant to get their booster shots, NIHB is collecting COVID-19 vaccine success stories from tribes, tribal leaders, tribal citizens, and tribal organizations. NIHB plans to share these stories on social media, through email newsletters, websites, and other promotional materials. To submit a vaccination success story, you can record a short video or send NIHB a photo and a short blurb about your success story (why you got vaccinated or how you helped someone else get vaccinated). If you have a COVID-19 success story you want to share, reach out to Darby Galligher, Project Coordinator, Public Health Policy and Programs at dgalligher@nihb.org, or fill out this [form](#).

[HHS Announces New Office of Environmental Justice](#)

The HHS is establishing an Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) to better protect the health of disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations on the frontlines of pollution and other environmental health issues. The new office will sit within the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity at HHS, which President Biden created as part of his Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad to ensure the Biden-Harris Administration strengthens and safeguards the health and well-being of the American people as it confronts climate change.

[Amnesty International Report: Indigenous Women and Sexual Violence](#)

More than half of all American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime; one in three have experienced rape. Since Amnesty International first reported on this issue in 2007, rates of violence against Indigenous women have not significantly changed, and the US government continues to fail to adequately prevent and respond to such violence. This [report](#) details some of the factors that contribute the high rates of sexual violence against Indigenous women, and the barriers to justice that they continue to face. The executive summary can be found [here](#).

[IHS Announces \\$5 Million in Funding for Ending the HIV Epidemic](#)

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is announcing \$5 million in funding for “Ending the HIV Epidemic in the US” to support work towards eliminating HIV and hepatitis C in Indian Country. Learn more [here](#).

[Roselyn Tso Named as Nominee for Indian Health Service Director](#)

On March 9th, 2022, the Biden Administration announced the nomination of Roselyn Tso (Navajo Nation) to serve as Director for IHS. A citizen of the Navajo Nation, Roselyn Tso is currently the Director of the Navajo Area of IHS, and previously held the position of Director of the Office of Direct Services and Contracting Tribes at IHS. Tso began working for IHS in 1984, and prior to working with the Navajo Area, she spent years working in the Portland Area, which included roles such as the Portland Area Planning and Statistical Officer, Equal Employment Officer, Special Assistant to the Area Director, and as Director of the Office of Tribal and Service Unit Operations.

[Mortality Profile of the Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native Population, 2019](#)

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) released a new report, Mortality Profile of the Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native Population, 2019. This report presents a mortality profile of the U.S. non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN) population for 2019. Standard mortality statistics, adjusted

for race and Hispanic-origin misclassification on death certificates, are provided along with comparisons with the three major U.S. populations: non-Hispanic white, non-Hispanic black, and Hispanic.

[“The Generational Impact of Racism on Health: Voices from American Indian Communities”](#)

Structural racism toward American Indians and Alaska Natives is found in nearly every policy regarding and action taken toward that population since non-Natives made first contact with the Indigenous peoples of the United States. The intergenerational effect is one that has left American Indians and Alaska Natives at the margins of health and the health care system. The effect is devastating psychologically, eroding a value system that is based on community and the sanctity of all creation. Using stories collected from American Indian people who have experienced the results of racist policies, Solomon et al. (2022) describe historical trauma and its links to the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

[“Trends in Physical and Mental Health, Mortality, Life Expectancy, and Social Inequalities Among American Indians and Alaska Natives, 1990-2019”](#)

The US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Service Administration, Office of Health Equity has now been published in the *International Journal of Translational Medical Research and Public Health*, Volume 5, Issue 2, pages 1-27. The objective of the paper is to address the continuing gap in data and research on health and socioeconomic inequities characterizing Native Americans in the United States, this study examines major health and social inequality trends for the American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations covering several broad areas, including infant and child health, life expectancy and leading causes of death, physical and mental health, chronic disease prevalence, disability, health-risk behaviors, and health care access and quality.

[“Homicides of American Indians/Alaska Natives — National Violent Death Reporting System, United States, 2003–2018”](#)

CDC’s Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control and Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances, Center for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support published a paper in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. Homicide is a leading cause of death for American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/ANs). Intimate partner violence (IPV) contributes to many homicides, particularly among AI/AN females. This report summarizes data from CDC’s National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) on AI/AN homicides. Results include victim and suspect sex, age group, and race/ethnicity; method of injury; type of location where the homicide occurred; precipitating circumstances (i.e., events that contributed to the homicide); and other selected characteristics.

[“Our Bodies Are Just A Shell;” A Mother’s Wisdom on Life and Death](#)

One fall day in 1999, Carolyn DeFord’s mother, a Puyallup tribal member, disappeared on her way to a friend’s house in La Grande, Oregon, and was never seen again. It’s just one case in the nationwide crisis of missing or murdered Indigenous women. Carolyn first came to StoryCorps in 2019 to remember receiving the phone call that her mother, Leona Kinsey, had gone missing. But she still had more she wanted to share, so two years later, she came back to reflect on how she carries her mother’s disappearance and remember the stories that have given her comfort and hope in her healing journey. Listen to [Carolyn’s story here](#).

[White House Supplying Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests and N95 Masks](#)

In January 2022, the White House announced that they will be supplying Americans with free at-home COVID-19 tests and N95 masks. **Residents of the U.S. and territories can now place their second order of the free at-home rapid tests!** If you never placed your first order, complete the order process twice. N95 masks will be available to pick up at thousands of pharmacies and community health centers across the country. Free N95 masks are available to pick up at [local pharmacies](#) and [community health center sites](#) across the country.

Order COVID-19 tests [here](#). Learn more about N95 masks [here](#).

[**Mass General Brigham Names AAIP Member as System's First Chief Medical Officer**](#)

On February 15, 2022, Thomas D. Sequist, MD, MPH, was [named the first Chief Medical Officer of Mass General Brigham](#). Dr. Sequist is an internationally renowned physician leader who has dedicated his career to addressing equity and racial disparities in healthcare. Dr. Sequist has been with the health system since beginning his residency in 1999 at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where he currently practices medicine as a primary care physician. Most recently he served as Chief Patient Experience and Equity Officer at Mass General Brigham, where he led systemwide initiatives to improve patient experience, quality, safety, equity and community health. As a member of the Taos Pueblo tribe in New Mexico, Dr. Sequist has conducted influential health policy research to advance understanding of healthcare for indigenous Americans.

[**Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) Lifeline Program**](#)

[The FCC Lifeline Program](#) provides a monthly discount for qualifying, low-income households—up to \$9.25 per month for general service, or up to \$34.25 per month for consumers living on qualifying Tribal lands! To help advocates provide education about the Lifeline program and how to apply, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has launched a [Lifeline Consumer Advocate Toolkit](#). The Toolkit contains a variety of resources, including flyers, social media messages, newsletter articles, radio announcements, and videos. Advocates can electronically send, print, and freely distribute all resources to their communities. USAC also encourages translation of resources for communities whose primary language is not English.

[**DOJ's Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons \(MMIP\) Webpage**](#)

The Department of Justice (DOJ) recently launched the [MMIP webpage](#) as part of the Department's Tribal Justice and Safety website, which houses other tribal initiatives at DOJ such as the Tribal Access Program, grant opportunities, Consultations, and several other resources for tribes. The new MMIP page details DOJ's efforts to address the disproportionately high rates of violence experienced by Native Americans, and relatedly, the high rates of indigenous persons reported missing.

[**HOPE Committee Call for Volunteers: Treatment and Recovery Workgroup**](#)

The IHS National Committee on Heroin, Opioids, and Pain Efforts (HOPE Committee) is requesting volunteers for the Treatment and Recovery Workgroup. IHS is looking for volunteers with a behavioral health background or those with a strong interest in treatment of substance use disorder. Please review the [website](#) to see if this is a good fit for you. The website houses resources for the field and recent deliverables, in addition to more information related to IHS' opioid response and the [HOPE Committee](#). Estimated time commitment is 4 hours per month. Please email Sherry.Daker@ihs.gov indicating your interest, facility role, and supervisory support for engagement in this activity. Thank you for your potential interest in becoming part of the HOPE Committee Treatment and Recovery team!
