

Subject: Secretary Sebelius to host Tribal Call during National Influenza Vaccination Week

On **Tuesday January 12, 2010 @ 12:30 PM EST** Secretary Sebelius is hosting a National Tribal Leader call to discuss National Influenza Vaccination Week and to provide you with an update on our H1N1 activities in Indian Country. During National Influenza Vaccination Week, HHS will be spearheading a nationwide effort to urge more Americans to get vaccinated against H1N1. We are also excited to be unveiling two new public service announcement (PSA) campaigns urging American Indians and Alaska Natives to get vaccinated against the H1N1 flu.

The number of people who get vaccinated against influenza typically drops after November. With more than 118 million doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine having been made available, and with flu illness declining in many areas, Americans who have not yet been vaccinated have a window of opportunity to protect themselves and their loved ones. Encouraging more people to get vaccinated over the next several weeks could prevent serious illness and death. That's why the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has designated January 10-16 as National Influenza Vaccination Week.

Please see the agenda below as well as the call information for the call. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Call Information

Dial In Number: 1-888-552-9182

Pass Code: 6981082

AGENDA:

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service, HHS

National Influenza Vaccination Week:

Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Department of Health and Human Services

Outreach Activities:

Dr. Susan Karol, Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Service

Dr. Ralph Bryan, Senior Tribal Liaison for Science and Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HHS

Questions and Answers:

Closing:

Jodi Gillette, Deputy Associate Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, White House

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