

# NPAIHB COVID-19 Weekly Update

Please sign in using the chat box:

Enter the tribe or organization you are representing  
and names of all people participating with you today



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*

# Information for Today's Call

## • **Agenda**

- **Welcome & Introduction:** Chairman Lewis
- **NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report:**  
Celeste Davis
- **Indian Health Service Update:** Dean Seyler
- **Data Update:** Victoria Warren-Mears
- **State Partner Updates:**
  - Washington: Lou Schmitz, Tamara Fife, Jessie Dean and Tam Lutz
  - Oregon: Julie Johnson, Candice Jimenez, and Sue Steward
  - Idaho: Joyce Broadsword, Liz Coronado, and Jessica Leston
- **Legislative and Policy Update:** Liz Coronado and Candice Jimenez

## • **Guidelines**

- Please place yourself on mute unless speaking
- Sign in, using chat box, with your tribe/organization and names of all participants
- Use the chat box for questions, for Q&A after updates and announcements



# NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report

Celeste Davis



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*

# C-19 Emergency Response - NPAIHB Situation Report: 2/16/21

## Discipline

Wear a mask, maintain distance, avoid crowds, wash hands

- National & Regional – downward trend in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths
- Advancing to immunity: infected + vaccinated... U.S. ~ 40 million
  - **Keep up the excellent work on vaccinations!!!**
- Targeted communications for those who are hesitant, questioning, or averse to vaccination – *Contact NPAIHB Communications Team*
- Variants of concern, B.1.1.17 increased cases 61% over last week
- CDC Guidance on Schools and Child Care Programs – *Contact NPAIHB Env. Health*  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>
- CDC Guidance on improved mask wearing, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html>



# Indian Health Service Update

Dean Seyler



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*

# Data Update

Victoria Warren-Mears



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*

# NPAIHB COVID-19 Weekly Data Update

## Portland Area I/T/U Data

	ID I/T/Us	OR I/T/Us	WA I/T/Us	Portland Area (IHS-PAO/ NPAIHB)*	Portland Area (IHS HQ)**	All Areas (IHS HQ)**
Tested	-	-	-	-	96,053	2,009,862
Positive	1,778	1,587	3,621	6,986	6,988	183,480
Negative	-	-	-	-	88,251	1,679,779
Cumulative % Positive	-	-	-	-	7.3%	9.8%
7-Day Rolling Avg Positivity	-	-	-	-	4.9%	6.4%
Deceased	27	22	58	107	-	-

\*Data reported to NPAIHB/IHS-PAO through 2/11/2021 include results for some patients not tested at I/T/U clinics

\*\*Data reported through 2/14/2021 at [ihs.gov/coronavirus](https://ihs.gov/coronavirus); cumulative percent positive and 7-day rolling average positivity updated 3 days per week



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*



NPAIHB  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*

# State Partner Updates

Washington AIHC, DOH/HCA: Lou Schmitz, Tamara Fife, Jessie Dean, and Tam Lutz

Oregon OHA: Julie Johnson, Candice Jimenez, and Sue Steward

Idaho DHW: Joyce Broadsword, Liz Coronado, and Jessica Leston



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*



# Legislative and Policy Update

Liz Coronado and Candice Jimenez



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*

# Legislative and Policy Update Agenda

- Happenings on The Hill
- New and Pending Federal Policy Changes
- National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup Update
- Upcoming Consultations
- Upcoming Regional and National Meetings



# Happenings on The Hill

- **The Former President's Second Impeachment Trial**

- Ended Saturday in an acquittal

- **Biden's American Rescue Plan**

- House Oversight and Reform Committee \$20 billion in aid to tribal governments
  - \$1 billion divided equally
  - \$19 billion as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury
- House Energy and Commerce
  - \$11.5 billion (total) to the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC)
  - \$15 billion for Health and Human Services
  - \$6.094 billion for tribal health programs



# Happenings on The Hill continued

- **Biden's American Rescue Plan:** \$6.094 b for tribal health programs
  - \$ 2 b Lost revenue
  - 1.5 b Testing, tracing, and mitigating COVID-19
  - 600 m Vaccine related activities
  - 600 m Tribal health care facilities and infrastructure
  - 500 m Purchased/Referred Care
  - 420 m Mental and behavioral health prevention and treatment
  - 240 m Public health workforce
  - 140 m Information technology, telehealth, and EHR infrastructure
  - 84 m Urban Indian Programs
  - 10 m Potable water delivery



# Happenings on The Hill continued

## • **Maternal Health ‘(m)Omnibus’ Act of 2021**

- 12 bills in total reflected in both Congress + Senate

- Sharice Davids (KS) and Jeff Merkley (OR)
  - Investments in SDoH
  - Funding to CBOs working to improve maternal health outcomes
  - Focus on veterans’
  - Data collection and quality measures
  - Innovative payment models and digital tools

- Support of (WA) Smith/Strickland/Schrier; (OR) Blumenauer



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*

# New and Pending Federal Policy Changes

- Medicaid Work Requirements Rescinded
- Biden Administration Support for the Affordable Care Act
- New COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force is forming



# National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup

- Workgroup met 2/10 to 2/12 and approved by consensus the FY 2023 National Tribal Budget Recommendations.
  - Top 5 priorities include: Hospitals and health clinics, PRC, Health Care Facilities Construction, Mental Health, and Alcohol and Substance Abuse
  - Includes \$48 billion total planning base and program expansion
  - Key change: removing the community health line item and reallocating resources to H&C CHAP and CHR.
- Technical team was assigned and will be drafting the recommendations to have them prepared by April 6 for tribal consultation.



# Upcoming Consultation

- **VA IHS Revised Draft Memorandum of Understanding**
  - Final listening session February 17, 2021
  - Comments due by March 2, 2021
  - Links available in the Leg and Policy Update or by request





# Upcoming Events & Meetings

Feb 17	IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee Meeting virtual
Feb 17 12 pm	Listening Session - Veterans Health Administration and Indian Health Service Tribal Consultation 2020 Informational Meeting – Revised DRAFT Memorandum of Understanding virtual
Feb 21 – 25	2021 NCAI Executive Council Winter Session
Feb 24 – 25	Health and Human Services Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC)
Feb 26	Biden Administration COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force



# Questions or Comments



[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-SA](#)



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*