

# Public Health Emergency Preparedness AIHC - Washington State Update

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# AIHC's PHEPR Priorities

- Strengthening Tribal Capacity
  - Tribal Community Emergency Preparedness Toolbox (2016)
  - Facilitated Community Preparedness Self-Assessments (2018)
  - Medical Countermeasures Distribution Tabletop Exercises (2018)
  - Proposed Legislation – Washington Emergency Management Council Representation (2019)
  - Emergency Vaccine Distribution Planning Meetings (2016)
  - Emergency Vaccine Distribution Tabletops (2016)
  - Tribal PHEPR Needs Assessments (2015)
  - Training and Technical Assistance (Ongoing)



# AIHC's PHEPR Priorities

- Strengthening Relationships with PHEPR Partners
  - Mutual Aid Agreement for Tribes and Local Health Jurisdictions in Washington State (2017)
  - Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration Planning Meetings (2018)
  - Advocacy with CDC on Medical Countermeasures Distribution to Tribes (2018)
  - Emergency Vaccine Distribution Planning (2016)
  - Training and Technical Assistance (Ongoing)



## AIHC's PHEPR Work - National Efforts

- National Public Health Law Conference 2018
- National Academy of Science – Evidence-Based Public Health Emergency Preparedness Study
- Department of Homeland Security – Smart Cities Assessment Project
- National Indian Health Board – Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Initiative, January 30 Webinar



## Work Ahead

- Develop draft language for CDC/ASPR
  - Clarify roles and responsibilities for CDC/ASPR, states, local governments, tribes
  - Clarify process for tribes who choose to work directly with CDC/ASPR
- Develop draft language for DOH
  - MCM Distribution to Tribes Guidance Document
  - Annex 9 revisions



## Work Ahead

- Develop draft language for LHJs' plans
  - Process for including tribes in communication, decision-making and coordination of response actions during responses
- Develop Model Tribal MCM Plan
  - Host training webinar



## Work Ahead

- Analyze WA State Pharmacy MOU
  - Determine whether it is a viable mechanism for tribes to access MCM
  - If not, develop a more appropriate alternative
- Develop system for tribes and other PHEPR partners to share essential information for public health emergency responses





## Work Ahead

- Develop curriculum and provide training to tribes and urban programs on Point of Dispensing (POD) planning and operations
- Provide information and technical support for tribes to participate in the statewide T-Rex MCM distribution exercise



## Work Ahead

- Host MCM distribution planning meetings for each of the 9 regions with tribes, LHJs, DOH and other PHEPR partners
- Host a Mutual Aid Agreement workshop for the tribes and LHJs in Region 9 (Colville, Kalispel, Spokane)

