

# NPAIHB COVID-19 Weekly Update

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# Information for Today's Call

## • **Agenda**

- Welcome & Introduction: Chairman Lewis
- NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report: Celeste Davis
- Indian Health Service Update: Dean Seyler
- Quick Question: 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 and Jessica Leston
- Legislative and Policy Update: Liz Coronado and Candice Jimenez

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# NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report

Celeste Davis



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# C-19 Emergency Response - NPAIHB Situation Report: 2/9/21

## Carry On

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

- Post-immunization – still need to wear a mask to protect others
- Next COVID-19 Vaccine: Johnson & Johnson seeking FDA EUA Approval
  - **COVID-19 ECHO will review safety and efficacy**
- Concern with variants - submitting specimen samples for genetic sequencing
- Opportunity to participate in wastewater surveillance for COVID-19
  - **Oregon, OSU; Nationally with ASU**



# Indian Health Service Update

Dean Seyler



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# Quick Question: What needs do you have right now?

Victoria Warren-Mears



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# State Partner Updates

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

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# Legislative and Policy Update

Liz Coronado and Candice Jimenez



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# Legislative and Policy Update Agenda

- Happenings on The Hill
- New and Pending Federal Policy Changes
- Presidential Actions
- Upcoming Consultations
- Upcoming Regional and National Meetings



# Happenings on The Hill

- **Biden's American Rescue Plan**
  - Budget Reconciliation Process
- **The Former President's Second Impeachment Trial**
  - Begins today; unlikely as 45 senators are opposed (at last count)
- **S. 112 Funding for Sanitation Facilities Construction Program**
  - Bi-partisan (Senators Sinema (D-AZ) and Romney (R-UT))
- **H.R. 588/S. 165 Behavioral Health Grants to Respond to COVID-19**
- **H.R. 649 To Authorize Office on Violence Against Women**
  - Incorporate a trauma-informed approach into initial response and investigation (domestic/dating violence, sexual assault and stalking crimes)



# New and Pending Federal Policy Changes

- **Self-Governance PROGRESS Act Negotiated Rulemaking Committee**
  - Committee tasked with advising the Secretary on the implementation of Practical Reforms and Other Goals to Reinforce the Effectiveness of Self-Governance and Self-Determination for Indian Tribes Act of 2019.
  - **Nominations and comments due March 3, 2021.**
- **IHS Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF) Rulemaking**
  - Dear Tribal Leader Letter (DTLL) issued on January 29, 2021 states that IHS intends to develop a new CHEF proposed rule consistent with how IHS treats tribally funded self-insurance plans. IHS policy does not consider these plans to be an alternate resource so this change must be made formally in a rule.
- **Annual Update of HHS Poverty Guidelines – For Medicaid Eligibility**
  - Includes last calendar year's increase in prices.
- **National Survey of Children's Health**
  - Census Bureau published notice extending comment period to 3/10/2021 on their intent to conduct the survey.



# Presidential Actions

- **Memorandum on Maximizing Assistance from FEMA. Feb 2, 2021**
  - 100% Federal cost share for work performed 1/21/2021 to 9/30/2021.
  - Additional funding for Public Assistance eligible work, such as isolation/quarantine and alternate care activities.
- **Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships**
  - Directs the agency heads to develop a detailed plan of action to implement the directives under Executive Order 13175 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments) after consultation with Tribal Nations.
- **Executive Order Strengthening Medicaid and the ACA, Jan 28, 2021**
  - Directs the Secretary of HHS to consider opening a special enrollment period for Federally Facilitated Marketplaces and to review regulations, guidance documents, policies (including demonstrations and waivers) to ensure they do not undermine the intent of the ACA to expand access to healthcare.
- **Executive Order 14001 A Sustainable Public Health Supply Chain, Jan. 21, 2021**
  - IMPACT: Secretary of HHS to consult with tribes to facilitate access to the Strategic National Stockpile for tribal governments, IHS, tribal health facilities, and UIO.



# Upcoming Consultations

- **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
- **Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (\$1 billion in funding)**
  - Feb 10<sup>th</sup> or Feb 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Meeting materials available in the Leg and Policy Update or by request



# Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Feb 9** Direct Services Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting *virtual*
- Feb 10-12** National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup Meeting *virtual*
- Feb 10 – 11am** Provider Relief Fund Webinar – hosted by SGCETC & HRSA *virtual*
- Feb 17** IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee Meeting *virtual*
- Feb 17 – 12pm** Listening Session - Veterans Health Administration and Indian Health Service Tribal Consultation 2020 Informational Meeting – Revised DRAFT Memorandum of Understanding *virtual*





# Questions or Comments



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