

NPAIHB COVID-19 Weekly Update

March 30, 2021

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Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Celeste Davis
- NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report: Celeste Davis
- Indian Health Service Update: Dean Seyler
- 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

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NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report

Celeste Davis



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C-19 Emergency Response - NPAIHB Situation Report: 3/30/21

Proceed with caution

Get vaccinated, wear a mask, maintain distance, avoid crowds, wash your hands

- Case counts on the rise, viral variant concerns continue
- Priority interventions to achieve community immunity
 - Vaccine passes or passports
 - Screening testing strategies – work, schools, event-based; combo with vaccine passes
 - Keep masking up, but consider mask-free events in combo with vaccine passes
- Scientific updates
 - WHO Report on SARS-CoV-2 origin: animal to human, report under review
 - CDC Study: COVID vaccines work in real-life conditions, 90% effective against any infection
- Reach out for any technical assistance or unmet needs



Indian Health Service Update

Dean Seyler



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State Partner Updates

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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
- Hearings on The Hill
- New and Pending Federal Policy Changes
- Upcoming Consultations
- Upcoming Regional and National Meetings



Happenings on The Hill

- **S. 981 Protecting Tribal History, Respecting Tribal Consultation**
 - Stops the sale of the National Archives in Seattle
 - Requires tribal consultation occur before any such sale of federal real property
 - The National Archives in Seattle stores historical documents for 272 federally recognized tribes
- **H.R. 1025 Kids' Access to Primary Care Act of 2021**
 - Requires the Medicaid program to pay family medicine and pediatric physicians at the Medicare rate
 - Increases access as Medicare payments are higher than Medicaid payments
- **S. 914 / S. Res. 141 Water Infrastructure**
 - S. 914 – Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021
 - S. Res. 141 – Resolution recognizing the critical importance of access to reliable, clean drinking water



Hearings on The Hill

- **House Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health**

- Hearing on Mar 23, 2021 on “Building on the ACA: Legislation to Expand Health Coverage and Lower Costs”
- H.R. 1888 Improving Access to Indian Health Services Act
 - Eliminates the 4 Walls limitation
 - Extends 100% FMAP to Urban Indian Organizations



New and Pending Federal Policy Changes

- **Health and Human Services (HHS) SUNSET Rule Delayed Effective Date to Mar 22, 2022**
- **CMS Issues Health Disparities Report**
- **CMS Withdraws Federal Approval of Medicaid Work Requirements**



IHS - \$95 million for Telehealth Funding

- \$67 million for telehealth to I/T facilities
 - Using existing distribution formulas for the following program increases:
 - Hospitals and Health Clinics
 - Alcohol and Substance Abuse
 - Mental Health
- \$24 million retained by IHS for:
 - Support of nationwide outreach
 - Education, training, and technical assistance
 - Acquisition of a clinical video telehealth solution
 - Contract management, and other activities
- \$4 million for UIOs



Upcoming Consultations

- **Office of Management Budget Consultation on Tribal Consultation Policy**
 - Apr 02 or Apr 05, 2021, 11am – 1pm Pacific
- **Health and Human Services Annual Tribal Budget Consultation**
 - Apr 06 – Apr 07, 2021, 8:30am – 1:30pm Pacific
- **Veterans Affairs, Small Business Association, and U.S. Treasury Joint Listening Session Regarding Tribal Consultation**
 - Apr 07, 2021, 7am – 8:30am Pacific



Upcoming Regional & National Meetings

Mar 30	ATNI Tribal Leader Meeting to Prepare for OMB Tribal Consultations 3pm Pacific
Mar 31 Apr 01	Indian Health Service Information Systems Advisory Committee Meeting 8am – 11am, 12pm – 2pm Pacific (both days)
Apr 02 or Apr 05	Office of Management and Budget Consultation on Tribal Consultation Policy 11am – 1pm Pacific
Apr 06 Apr 07	HHS Annual Tribal Budget Consultation 8:30am – 1:30pm Pacific (both days)
Apr 07	Veterans Affairs, Small Business Administration, and U.S. Treasury Listening Session on Tribal Consultation Policy 7am – 8:30am Pacific

Please contact Liz Coronado at ecoronado@npaihb.org or Veronica Smith at vsmith-contractor@npaihb.org for more information on any of these meetings



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Questions or Comments



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