

# 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
- Potential to change time of this call: Chairman Lewis
- Data Update: Victoria Warren-Mears
- Indian Health Service Update: Dean Seyler, Geniel Harrison, Ashley Tuomi
- 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

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# NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report

Celeste Davis



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# COVID-19 Emergency Response - NPAIHB Situation Report: 9/14/21

*Roughly one-third of the globe is vaccinated, the USA ranks 40<sup>th</sup> – We Can Do Better*

**Be vaccinated, Mask up, Maintain space and avoid crowds, Wash hands, Stay home when ill**

- **Trends continue in the wrong direction**
  - Level of community transmission remains high for all counties in the PNW
  - Increased testing must be sustainable
  - Hospital capacity strained – crisis standards of care in ID
- **Vaccination Rates too Low = Vaccine Requirements**
  - BIE and Head Start (and IHS) require vaccination of staff
  - All employers with > 100 employees require vaccinated staff - NEW OSHA RULE
  - Boosters for all? Likely; Vaccine for kids < 12y.o.? This Fall (hopefully)
- **Return to Work and School, Open Buildings for Occupancy**
  - Assure adequate ventilation and improve the IAQ to help mitigate risk of spread

*Let us know about testing supply and capacity challenges or other unmet public health or medical needs*



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## Upcoming Indian Country ECHO telehealth opportunities

- **Trans & Gender-Affirming Care ECHO** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 2pm ET
  - Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm ET
  - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/trans-and-gender-affirming-care/>
- **COVID-19 ECHO** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 12pm PT
  - Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12pm PT
  - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/covid-19/>

# Potential Day Change for this Meeting

Chairman Nick Lewis



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# Data Update

Victoria Warren-Mears



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# COVID-19 Case Surveillance Data Summary

Data pulled on 9/13/2021

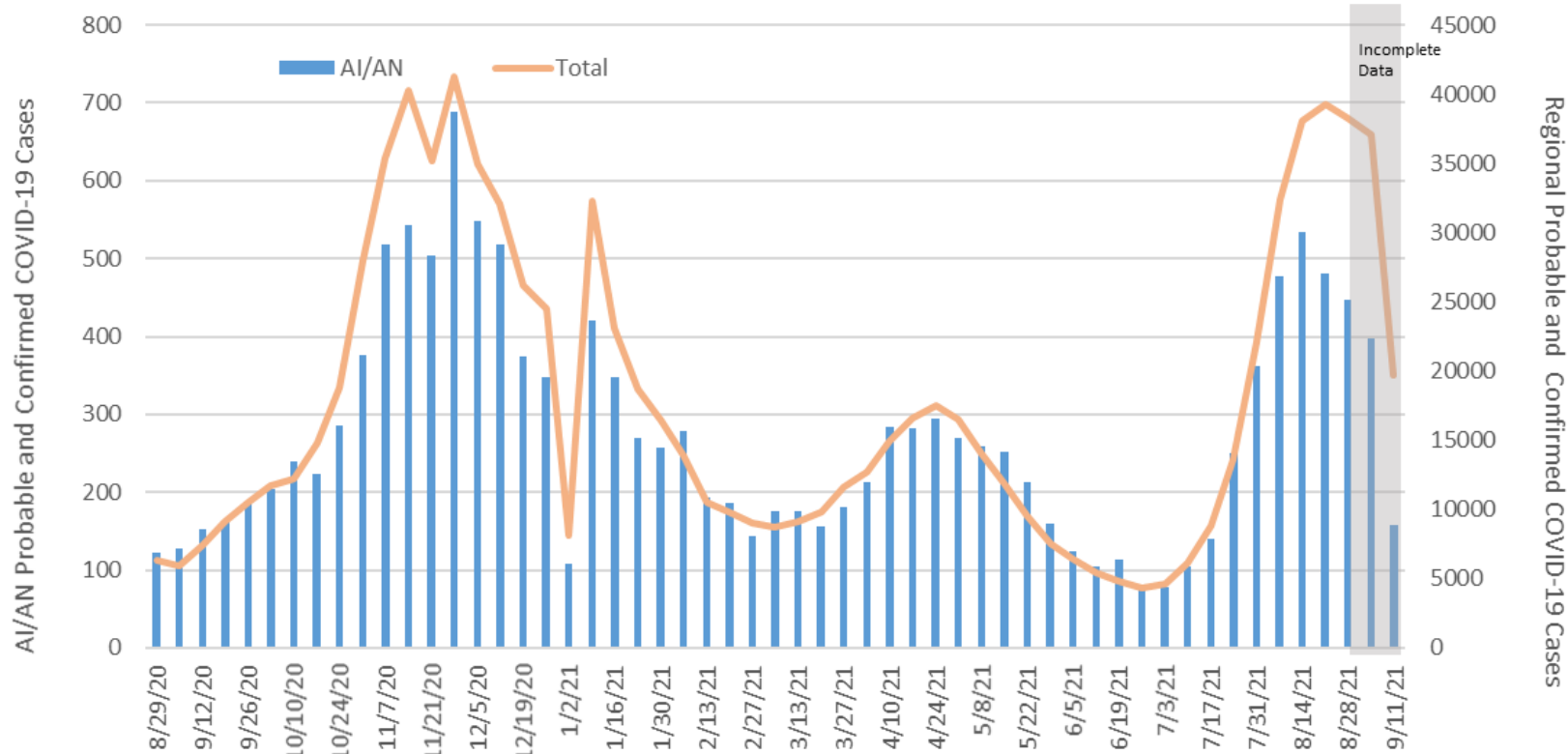


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## Regional COVID-19 Data

### EpiCurve of COVID-19 Cases by Week



## Characteristics of COVID-19 Cases through 9/13

Three-State Region			
Race		N	%
	AI/AN	18,044	1.6%
	Non-AI/AN	651,185	58.3%
	Unknown	448,199	40.1%
	Total	1,117,428	100.0%
Case Status		AI/AN	State Total
	Laboratory Confirmed	90.8%	89.2%
	Probable	9.2%	10.8%
Sex		AI/AN	State Total
	Male	45.4%	48.0%
	Female	52.3%	50.0%
	Other	0.0%	0.0%
	Missing/Unknown	2.2%	2.0%
Age Group		AI/AN	State Total
	0-9	8.4%	5.8%
	10-19	14.2%	12.0%
	20-29	20.8%	20.6%
	30-39	18.8%	17.9%
	40-49	14.5%	15.0%
	50-59	11.3%	12.5%
	60-69	7.4%	8.5%
	70-79	3.3%	4.7%
	80+	1.3%	2.9%
	Missing	0.0%	0.0%
Hospitalization Status		AI/AN	State Total
	Hospitalized	6.7%	5.3%
	Not Hospitalized	78.8%	78.4%
	Unknown	14.4%	16.3%

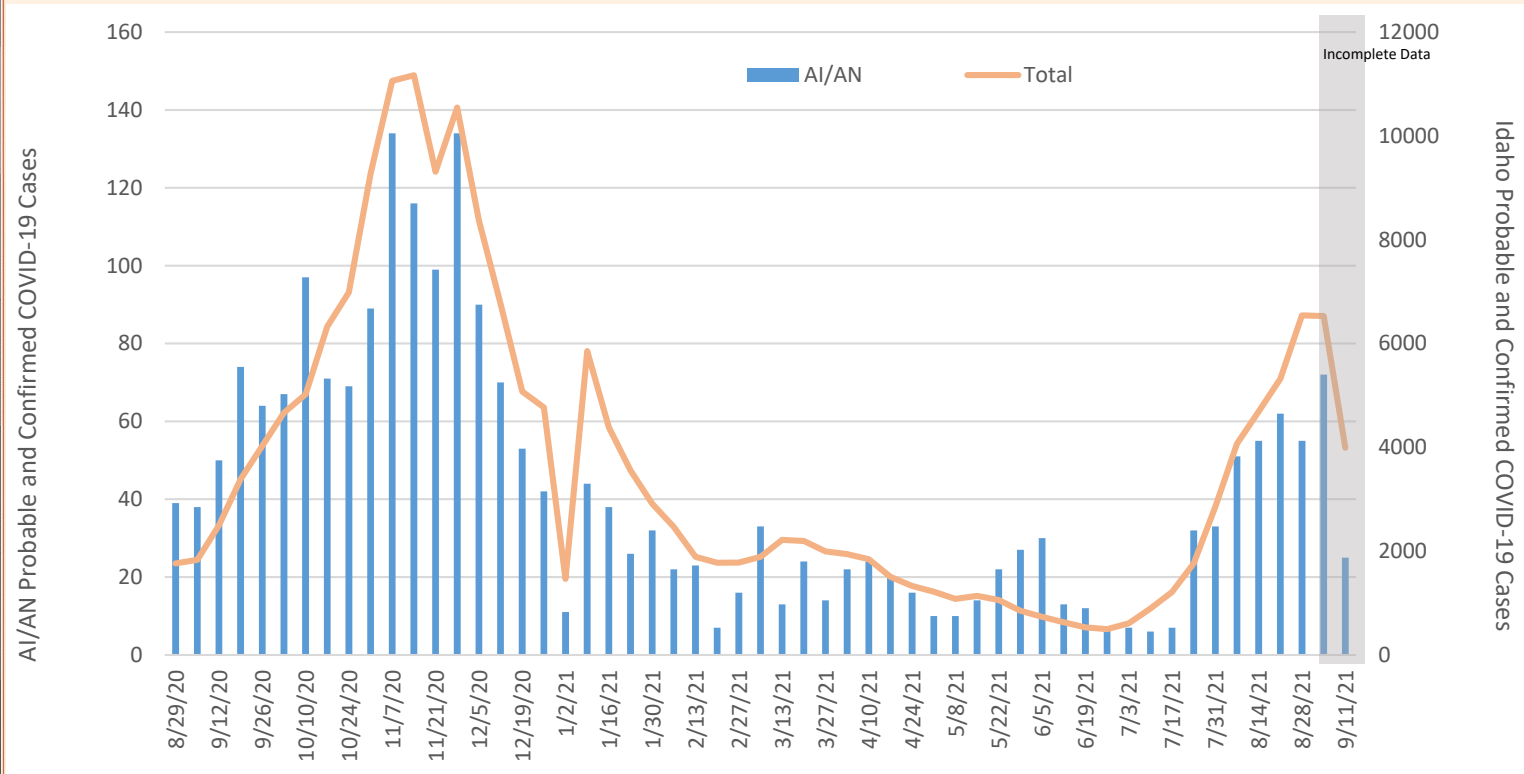


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## Idaho COVID-19 Data

IDAHO

### EpiCurve of COVID-19 Cases by Week



## Characteristics of COVID-19 Cases through 9/13

Race		N	%
	AI/AN	2,823	1.2%
	Non-AI/AN	156,380	66.9%
	Unknown	74,437	31.9%
	Total	233,640	100.0%
Case Status		AI/AN	State Total
	Laboratory Confirmed	82.1%	79.7%
	Probable	17.9%	20.3%
Sex		AI/AN	State Total
	Male	42.3%	47.6%
	Female	55.9%	51.8%
	Other	0.0%	0.0%
	Missing/Unknown	1.8%	0.6%
Age Group		AI/AN	State Total
	0-9	7.2%	4.1%
	10-19	15.4%	12.2%
	20-29	19.2%	20.2%
	30-39	18.7%	16.8%
	40-49	14.0%	15.3%
	50-59	10.4%	12.9%
	60-69	8.6%	9.5%
	70-79	4.3%	5.6%
	80+	2.1%	3.4%
	Missing	0.0%	0.0%
Hospitalization Status		AI/AN	State Total
	Hospitalized	7.0%	4.5%
	Not Hospitalized	59.6%	60.9%
	Unknown	33.4%	34.6%

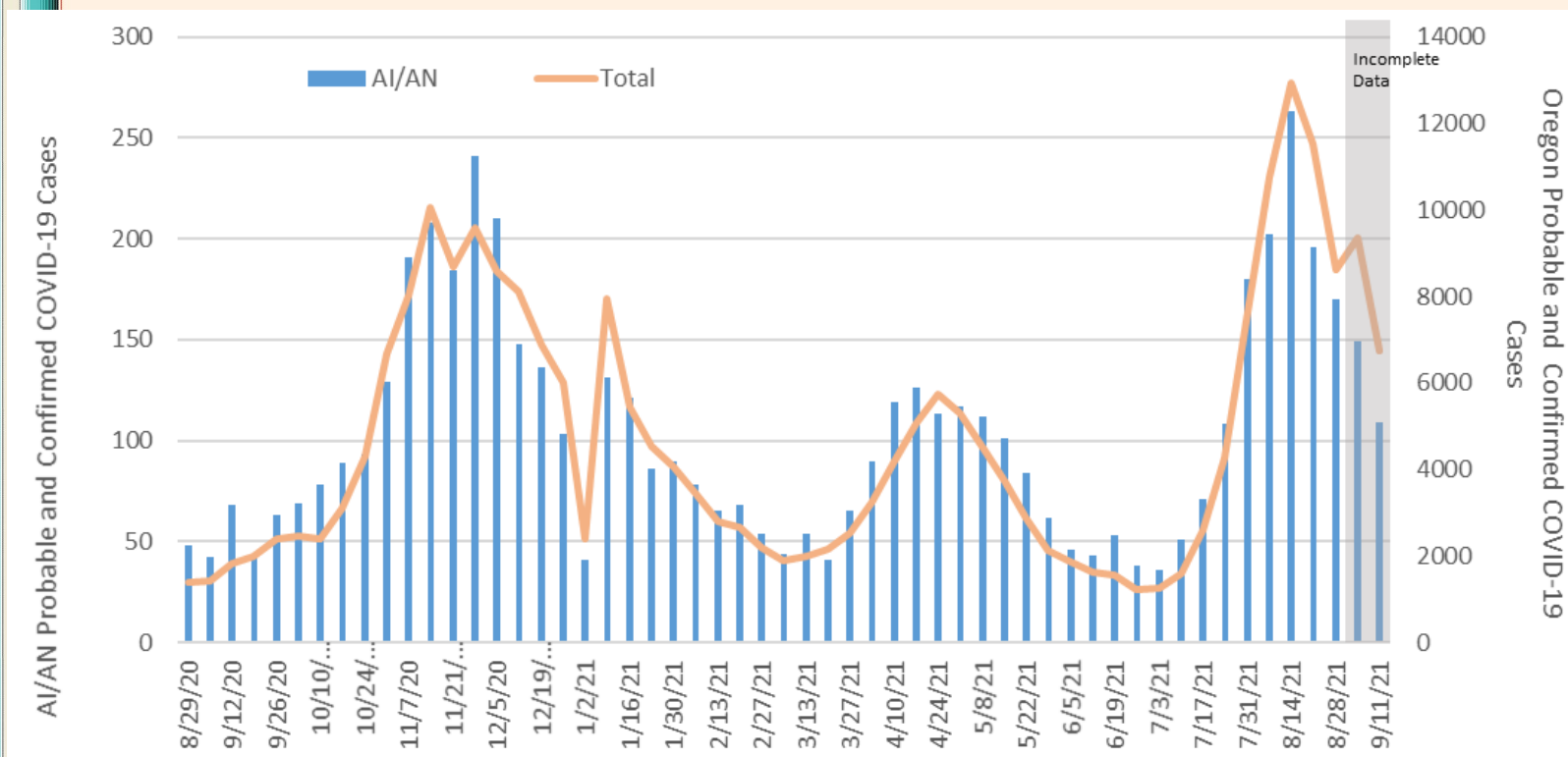


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## Oregon COVID-19 Data

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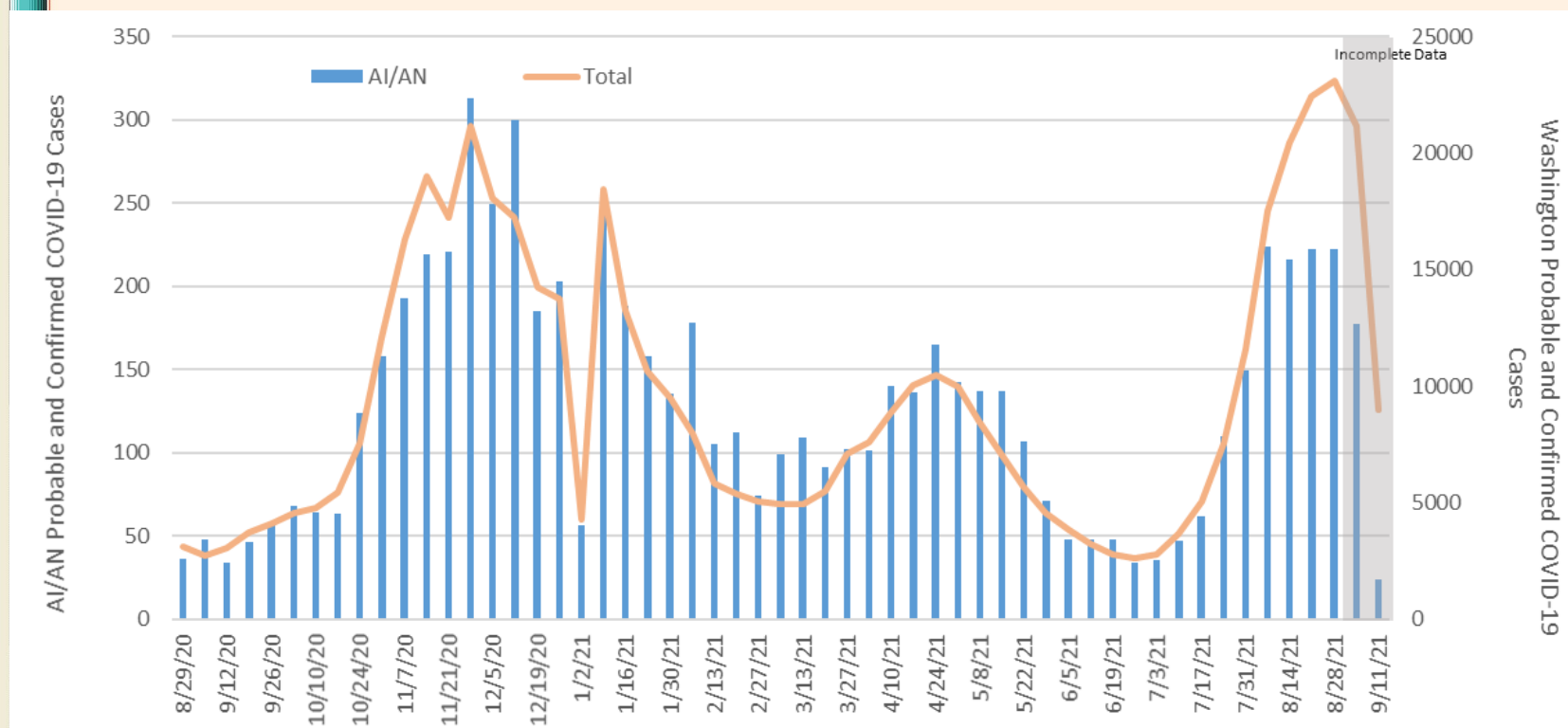
Race		N	%
	AI/AN	6,651	2.3%
	Non-AI/AN	217,700	76.1%
	Unknown	61,705	21.6%
	Total	286,056	100.0%
Case Status		AI/AN	State Total
	Laboratory Confirmed	96.7%	96.7%
	Probable	3.3%	3.3%
Sex		AI/AN	State Total
	Male	45.5%	47.8%
	Female	53.3%	50.7%
	Other	0.1%	0.0%
	Missing/Unknown	1.2%	1.5%
Age Group		AI/AN	State Total
	0-9	8.0%	5.6%
	10-19	14.0%	11.8%
	20-29	20.6%	20.5%
	30-39	19.1%	17.6%
	40-49	14.9%	15.1%
	50-59	11.4%	12.6%
	60-69	7.3%	8.7%
	70-79	3.4%	5.0%
	80+	1.2%	3.2%
	Missing	0.0%	0.0%
Hospitalization Status		AI/AN	State Total
	Hospitalized	7.3%	5.4%
	Not Hospitalized	67.7%	59.2%
	Unknown	25.0%	35.4%



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## Washington COVID-19 Data

## EpiCurve of COVID-19 Cases by Week



## Characteristics of COVID-19 Cases through 9/13

Race		N	%
	AI/AN	8,570	1.4%
	Non-AI/AN	277,105	46.4%
	Unknown	312,057	52.2%
	Total	597,732	100.0%
Case Status		AI/AN	State Total
	Laboratory Confirmed	89.0%	89.3%
	Probable	11.0%	10.7%
Sex		AI/AN	State Total
	Male	46.3%	48.3%
	Female	50.4%	49.0%
	Other	0.0%	0.0%
	Missing/Unknown	3.2%	2.8%
Age Group		AI/AN	State Total
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	Not Hospitalized	93.8%	94.4%
	Unknown	0.0%	0.0%



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# Data Notes

- Data Source: CDC's COVID-19 Case Surveillance Data, accessed through the HHS Protect System
- Data Notes:
  - Data include probable and laboratory confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 reported to CDC by state health departments
  - AI/AN cases include all records where the variable race\_aian = "Yes"
  - Data are restricted to cases among residents of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington



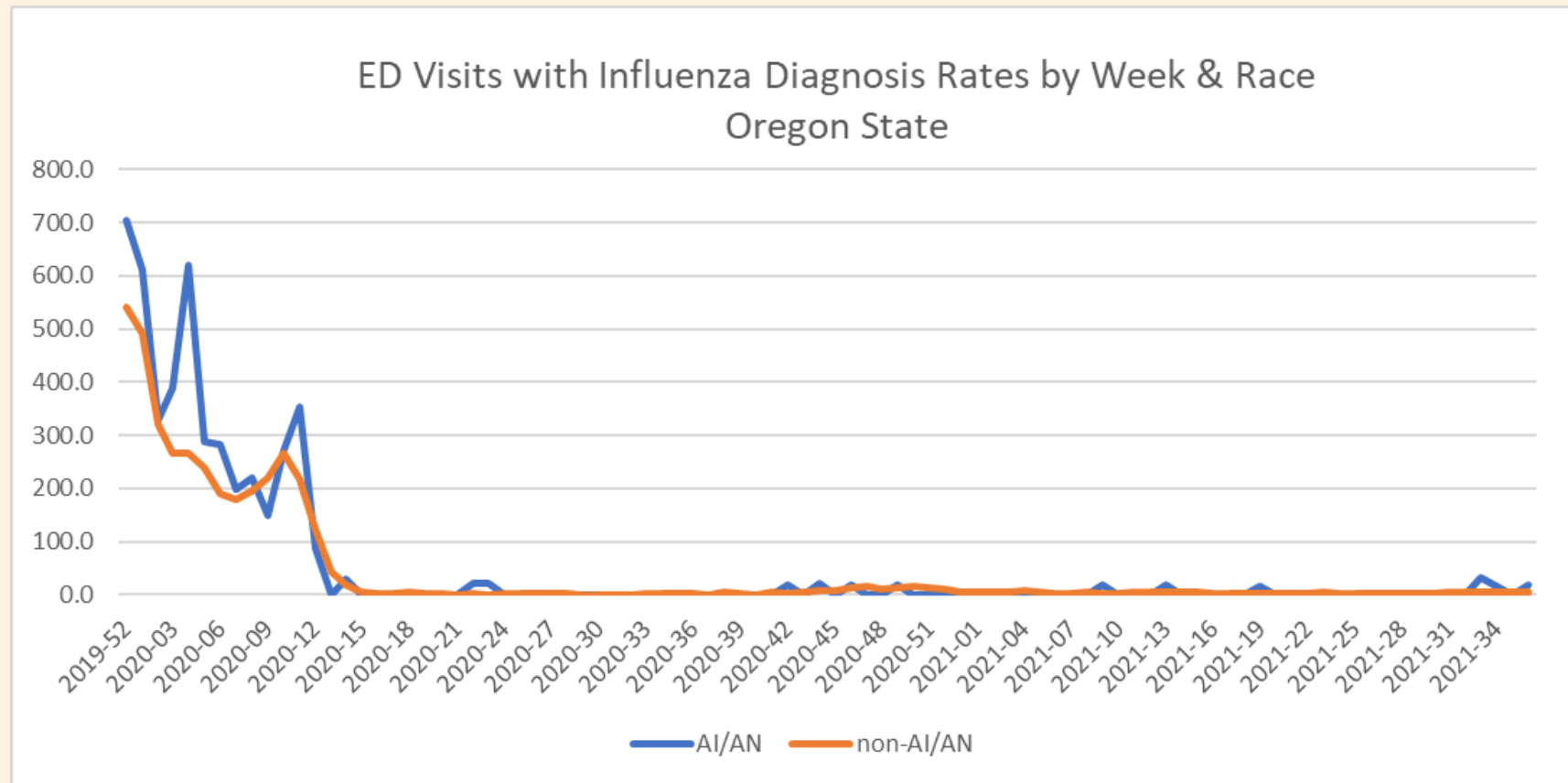
# Influenza Update

- Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged  $\geq 6$  months who do not have contraindications.
- If vaccine supply is limited, see priority groups for vaccination in the ACIP statement.
- Vaccine should be ideally administered by the end of October, but should continue to be offered as long as influenza viruses are circulating locally and unexpired vaccine is available
- <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip/summary/summary-recommendations.htm>

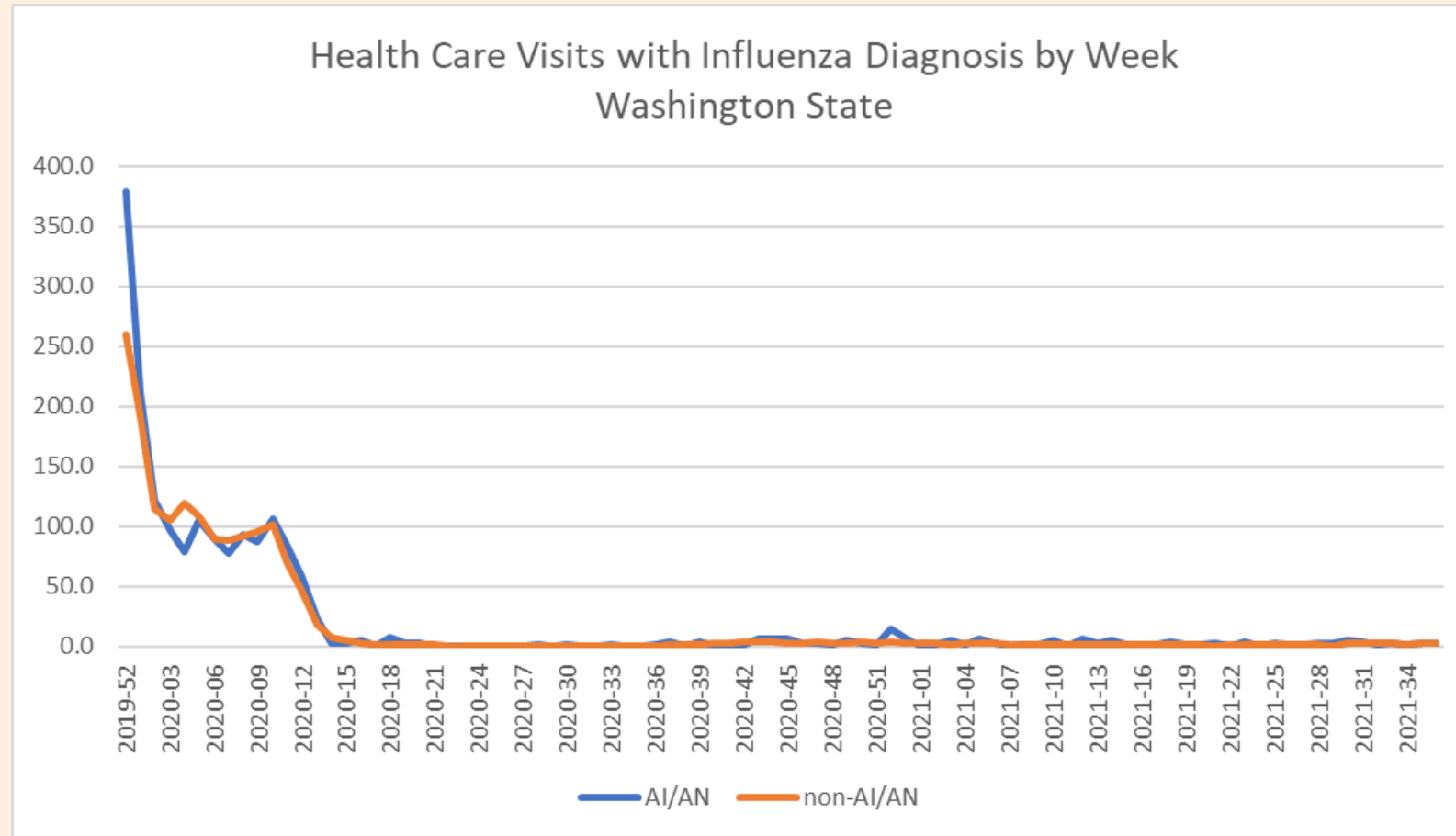




# Oregon State Influenza Diagnosis



# Washington State Influenza Diagnosis



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# COVID 19 Vaccine Hesitancy Update CDC

- Emerging themes in social media:
- **Some parents are desperate to vaccinate children under 12 years old, while others question the need.**
- **Some consumers believe ivermectin is safer and more effective than COVID-19 vaccines.**
- **Consumers faced layered misinformation aimed at discrediting the safety and effectiveness of the newly approved Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (Comirnaty).**
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/vaccinate-with-confidence.html#reports>



# Dual Messaging Needed

- Promote COVID-19 Vaccination and factual information about vaccines
- Promote seasonal influenza vaccination with the goal of vaccination by the end of October, as per CDC information.
  - Continue vaccinating as long as vaccine is available and flu is circulating.



# Indian Health Service Update

Dean Seyler, Geniel Harrison, Ashley Tuomi



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# Legislative and Policy Update

September 14, 2021

NPAIHB COVID-19 Update

*virtual*



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# Legislative and Policy Update Agenda

- FY 2022 Budget Resolution
- Administrative & Regulatory
- Upcoming Tribal Consultations
- Upcoming Deadlines
- Upcoming Regional & National Meetings
- NPAIHB Policy Resources



# FY 2022 Budget Resolution Updates

- **Biden's Build Back Better Plan**

- **To address priorities such as climate change, the tax code, health care, and immigration**
- **Incorporates reconciliation instructions with the following:**
  - \$20.5 billion for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs;
  - \$1.8 trillion investment for working families, elderly, and environment and historic tax cut for those making less than \$400k to the Finance Committee;
  - \$726 billion for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions;
  - \$25.6 billion for House Natural Resources Committee



# Administrative and Regulatory Updates

- **HRSA Tribal Health Affairs Reorganization**
  - New HRSA Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (IEA)
  - Led by Natasha Coulouris, MPH, Associate Administrator
- **CMS Releases Guidance on Extension of 100% FMAP for UIOs**
- **CMS Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule**
  - **NPAIHB Submitted Comments on Sep. 13**



# Administrative and Regulatory Updates

- **HRSA Health & Public Safety Workforce Resiliency TA Center**

- Date(s) to apply: July 16, 2021 thru September 20, 2021
- Estimated award date: January 1, 2022

- **Not Invisible Joint Commission on Reducing Violent Crime Against Indians**

- Nominations are due **Sep. 20, 2021** to [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov)



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# Upcoming Tribal Consultations

- **OMB Tribal Consultation on FY 2023 President's Budget**
  - **Sep 23, 2021 11 am Pacific**
  - Comments due **Oct. 4, 2021**
- **IHS Tribal Consultation on Designating AZ as PRC Delivery Area**
  - Session 1 **Sep 22, 2021 2-3 pm Pacific**
  - Session 2 **Sep 28, 2021 10-11:30 am Pacific**
- **HRSA Annual Tribal Consultation**
  - **Oct 8, 2021 8-10 am Pacific**
  - Testimony is due **Sep 24, 2021**



# Upcoming Regional & National Meetings

Sep 14	TLDC Meeting 10:00 AM Pacific
Sep 14-16	2021 Virtual Broadcast Tribal Self-Governance Conference
Sep 16	HHS Region 10 Quarterly Tribal Call 3:00 PM Pacific
Sep 21-23	2021 AI/AN Health Summit
Sep 22	OMB Tribal Consultation on FY 2023 Budget 11:00 AM Pacific
Sep 23	IHS Tribal Consultation on Designating AZ as Purchased Referred Care Designated Area 2:00 PM Pacific
Sep 24	ISAC Monthly Meeting 11:00 AM Pacific



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# NPAIHB Policy Resources

- Weekly – COVID-19 Call Lists (Mondays)
- Weekly – Legislative and Policy Updates (Tuesdays)
  - Federal Health Agency and Congress Tracker (*FHACT*)
- Weekly – Cindy Darcy's D.C. Legislative Update (Fridays)
- Monthly – Tribal Advisory Committee updates
- NPAIHB COVID-19 Funding Chart
  - Emailed Aug 2, 2021; will be included in the Leg and Policy Update





# Questions or Comments



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# State Partner Updates

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

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



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