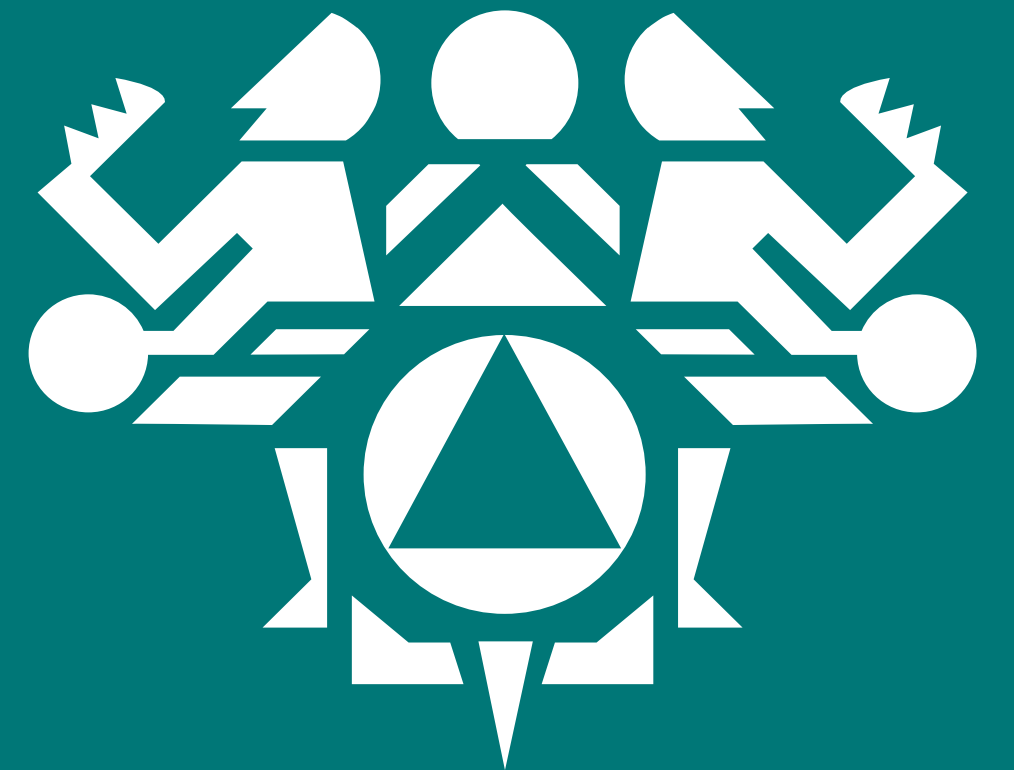


# NPAIHB

## Weekly Update

August 12, 2025





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

# Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Bridget Canniff
- NPAIHB Announcements, Events, & Resources
  - Tribal Implementation Center: Inger Appanaitis
- Legislative & Policy Updates: Hilary Edwards
- Portland Area Indian Health Service Updates: Dr. Tara Perti
- State & Tribal Partner Updates
- Questions & Comments

Please sign in, using the chat box, with your full name and tribe or organization

# Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **NW Elders, Knowledge Holders & Culture Keepers ECHO** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12pm PT
  - Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm PT
  - Didactic Topic: *Native Approaches to Resilience in Times of Anxiety*
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/82466510555?pwd=JPP3b5k9wU2dFHTxyDs7Pn7CWI5Bba.1>
- **Trauma Care ECHO** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30am PT
  - Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am PT
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/93729666650?pwd=bFhTZnA4NnlqTmR6Ylg4bnM1R1lZQT09>
- **Journey to Health ECHO** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 7am/12pm PT
  - Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7am PT
  - Didactic Topic: *Supporting School Readiness for all Children*
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/93413601610?pwd=YVhMN1NUNllyWHZUZk1CUnF0TEY5QT09>
- **Clinical Dementia ECHO** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 11am PT
  - Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am PT
  - Didactic Topic: *How Can Good Nutrition Help Persons Living with Dementia?*
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/99454243940?pwd=NG9aWGUvRTdKSmgwTGllcklmVDRWUT09>

# Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **Diabetes ECHO** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 12pm PT
  - Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am PT
  - Didactic Topic: *Recognizing Lipodystrophy*
  - To join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91887405371?pwd=ekFJTUJiV2hWQ0ZPZEwrUDQ4eGxTZz09>
- **emRIC ECHO** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 8:30am PT
  - Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am PT
  - Didactic Topic: *On the Front Lines of Epidemic Control: ED Screening for HCV and STIs*
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/89810907975?pwd=d1gydTAvdFUxSU4wb1d2TINEUTIEQT09>
- **Cardiology ECHO** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 11am PT
  - Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am PT
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/81476475100?pwd=ZnBsK2xmYnFYRW9tUVdxWDROeWtMQT09>





# COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE 2025-2026

As a community, we share our strengths and experiences about how we can uplift and support our Native youth.

Sessions include new resources and opportunities to engage with adolescent health experts.



REGISTER VIA THE  
EVENTS CALENDER  
<https://www.npaihb.org/>

CONTACT US:  
[native@npaihb.org](mailto:native@npaihb.org)



## WHEN?

Virtual gatherings are held the second Wednesday of each month starting in September 2025.

Start Time:  
10:00 AM PT

## Next Session:

September 10, 10:00 – 11 AM Pacific

## Registration:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4ljNGZ62TgyX1kuFlsWOZA>

For more information or to request CoP recording with materials, please email: [native@npaihb.org](mailto:native@npaihb.org).



# NATIVE FITNESS XIX

REGISTER HERE!



SAVE THE DATE  
SEPT. 16-17, 2025



NPAIHB  
Indian Leadership for Indian Health

For more information:  
Western Tribal Diabetes Project - [WTDP@npaihb.org](mailto:WTDP@npaihb.org)

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- DIABETES COORDINATORS
- TRIBAL FITNESS COORDINATORS
- COMMUNITY WELLNESS TRAINERS
- YOUTH COORDINATORS
- TRIBAL ELDERS

### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- RECEIVE SKILLS IN BASIC AEROBIC TRAINING
- LEARN CREATIVE FITNESS TRAINING TECHNIQUES
- LEARN TRIBAL SPECIFIC APPROACHES TO HEALTH & WELLNESS
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (UPON REQUEST)

Download the flyer:

[www.npaihb.org/modernevent/native-fitness-xix-2025/](http://www.npaihb.org/modernevent/native-fitness-xix-2025/)

Register:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025NF19](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025NF19)



**Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board  
Northwest Tribal Elders Project (NTEP)  
Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Network**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Join us for Savvy Caregiver in  
Indian Country  
Train-the-Trainer Training**

**September 16th - 18th, 2025  
Coeur D'Alene Casino  
37914 South Nukwalqw Worley  
Idaho 83876**

**Learning Deliverables:  
The Savvy Caregiver in Indian  
Country is a Train the trainer  
Training. It is designed for use by all  
American Indian and Alaska Native  
people caring for an elder with  
memory loss and thinking problems,  
referred to as dementia.**



**Youth & Elders,  
Caregivers,  
CHRs,  
Adult Protection &  
Public Safety teams,  
Social Workers,  
Tribal Health Promotion &  
Prevention staff,  
Clinical Health providers**

**REGISTER  
HERE**



**Registration:**

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# NPAIHB Weekly Update Schedule

**August 19:** Introduction to the Northwest Regional Research Center (NWRRC)

**August 26:** Legislative & Policy Updates

**September 2:** Empowering Public Health Emergency Response with WebEOC (tentative)





# Advancing Tribal Public Health Through Data Modernization

## Tribal Implementation Center

Inger Appanaitis, Data Modernization Senior Advisor





# Advancing Tribal Public Health Through Data Modernization – Tribal Implementation Center

- The Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) supports critical public health infrastructure needs of health departments across the United States.
- The Tribal Implementation Center program aims to improve interoperability of public health data systems and enhance Tribes' capacity to access and analyze data.
- Eligibility: All federally recognized Tribes and Tribal Organizations
- Funding period: Fall 2025-Fall 2027
- Anticipated funding: +/- \$600,000-\$800,000





# Implementation Project Types

Tracks	Example Projects
Track 1 – <b>Planning Data Systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assess capacity, workforce</li><li>• Develop project plan</li><li>• Develop staffing plan</li><li>• Develop data sharing agreements</li></ul>
Track 2 – <b>Building Data Infrastructure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Automate data ingestion</li><li>• Build data storage (e.g. data lake)</li><li>• Build data analysis capabilities</li><li>• Develop data dashboards</li></ul>
Track 3 – <b>Making Data Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Connection to healthcare</li><li>• Connection to intermediary (e.g., AIMS, HIE)</li><li>• Perform linkages to improve data quality</li></ul>



# Allowable Costs

- Personnel
- Direct costs relevant to/within project-scope (including but not limited to):
  - Hardware/software/vendor costs
  - System fees and maintenance costs
  - Broadband internet, network connectivity, and similar infrastructure costs
  - Fees related to connection to health information exchange (HIEs), health data utilities (HDUs), and similar intermediaries facilitating data access and exchange
- Relevant training courses or membership fees (e.g., HL7 or HIMSS)
- Related travel, meetings, and events supporting project planning, partnership building, and sharing success stories and lessons learned.



# Advancing Tribal Public Health Through Data Modernization –Tribal Implementation Center

- How can my Tribe get involved?
  - Attend Tribal Implementation Center (IC) sessions at upcoming conferences.
  - Email your ideas for potential projects and any additional thoughts, suggestions, and questions to [tribalic@nnphi.org](mailto:tribalic@nnphi.org)
  - Sign up for the [DMI Tribal IC Mailing List](#) to receive program updates (Scan QR code).
  - Tribal Implementation Center [Q&A Webinar Series](#)
    - Tuesday, August 12 at 1:00 – 2:00pm PT
    - Monday, August 25 at 11:00 – 12:00pm PT
- Inger Appanaitis, Data Modernization Senior Advisor (NPAIHB): [iappanaitis-c@npaihb.org](mailto:iappanaitis-c@npaihb.org)



# Portland Area IHS Communicable Diseases Update

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TARA PERTI, MD, MPH  
MEDICAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST  
OFFICE, PORTLAND AREA IHS  
August 12, 2025



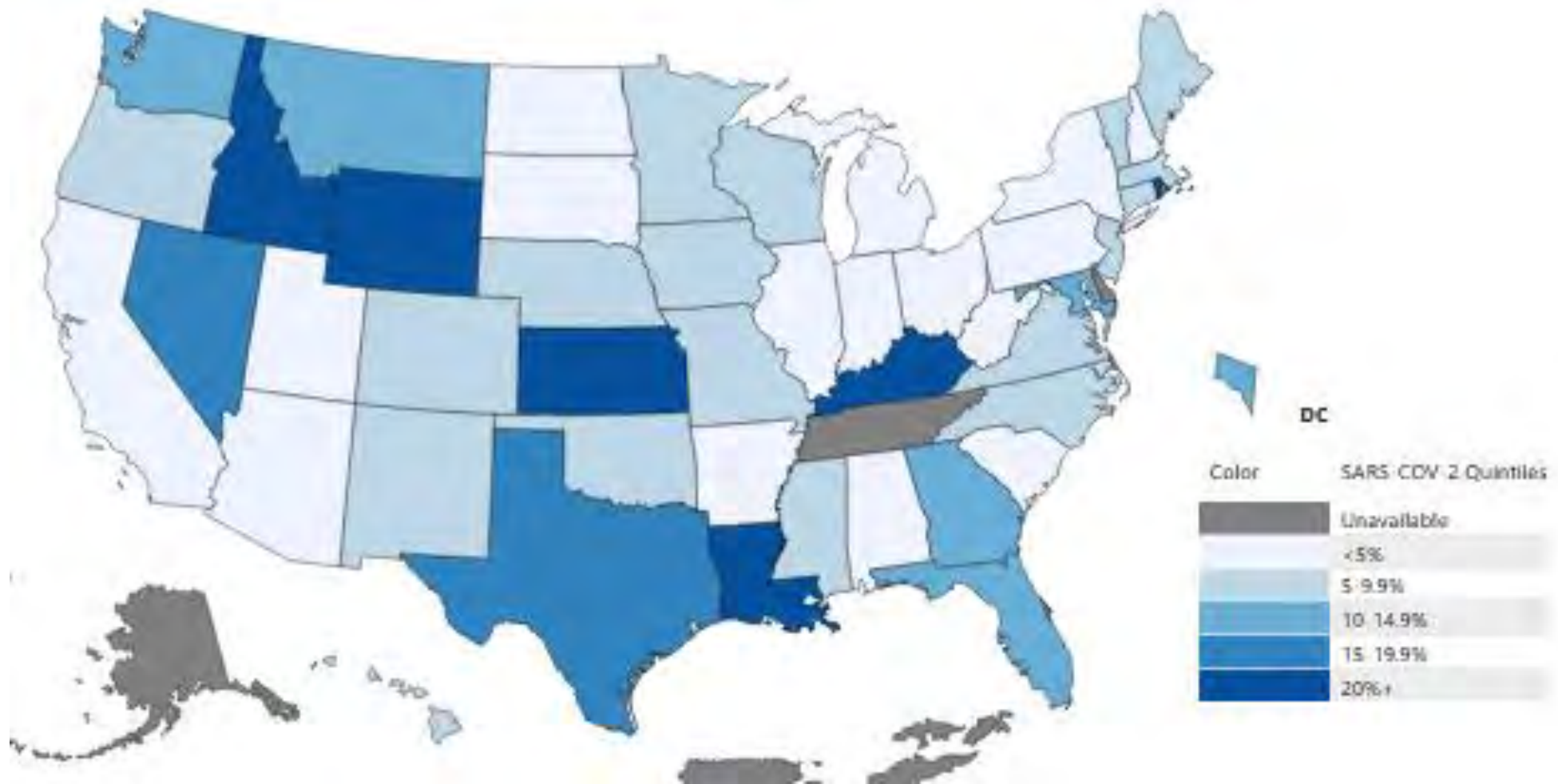


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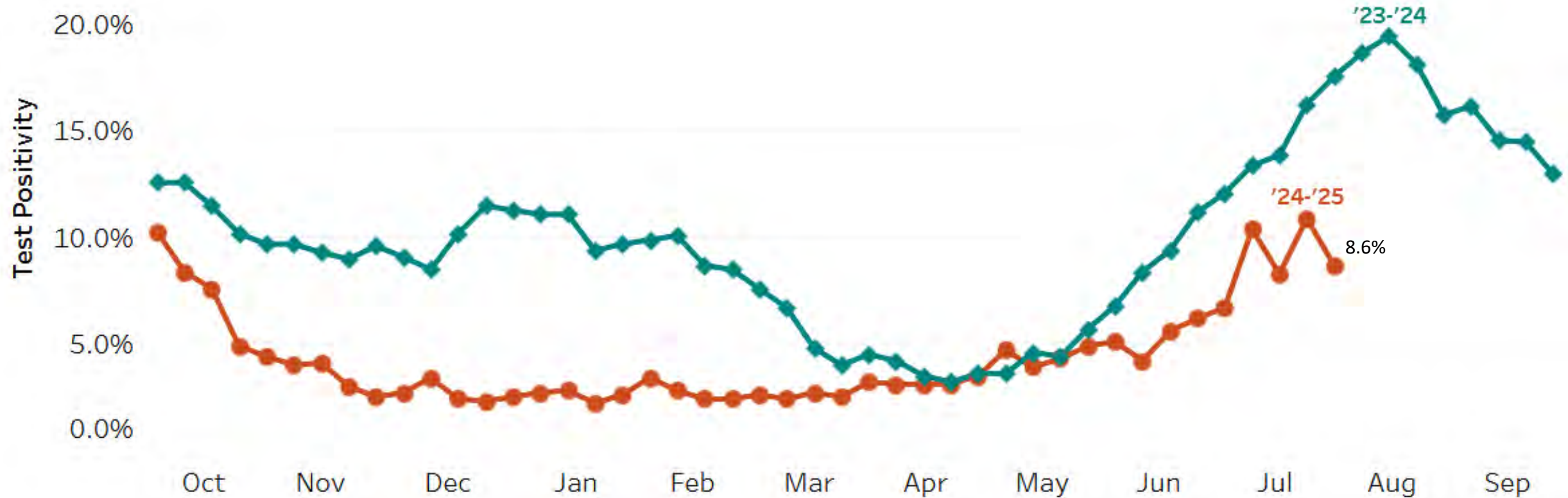
- COVID-19 update
- Measles update
- Update regarding Washington State DOH Provider Alert: Increased HIV cases among women related to heterosexual sex and increased perinatal HIV cases

# COVID-19 % Positivity — United States, Week Ending 8/2/25

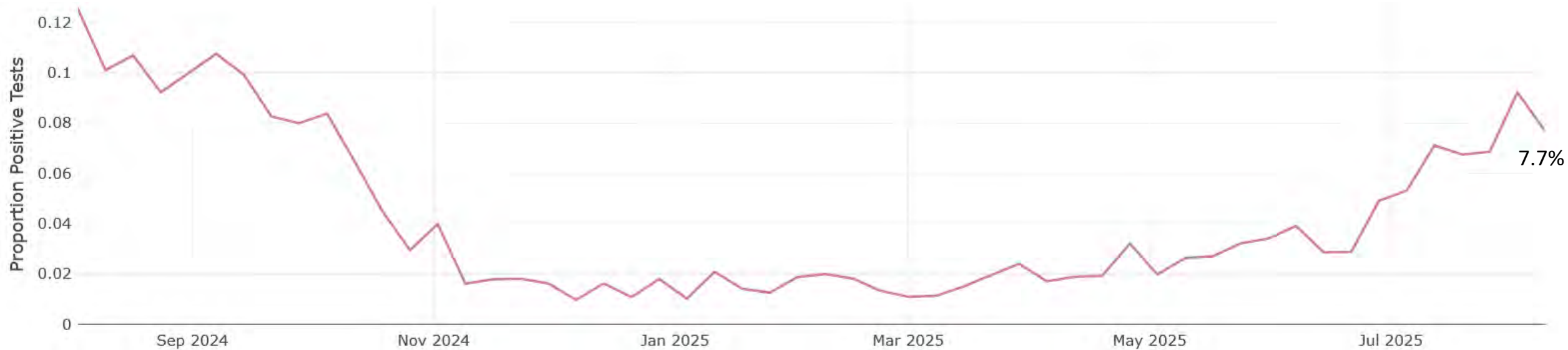




# Percent of Tests Positive for COVID-19 — Oregon, 2023-2025 (through 8/2/25)

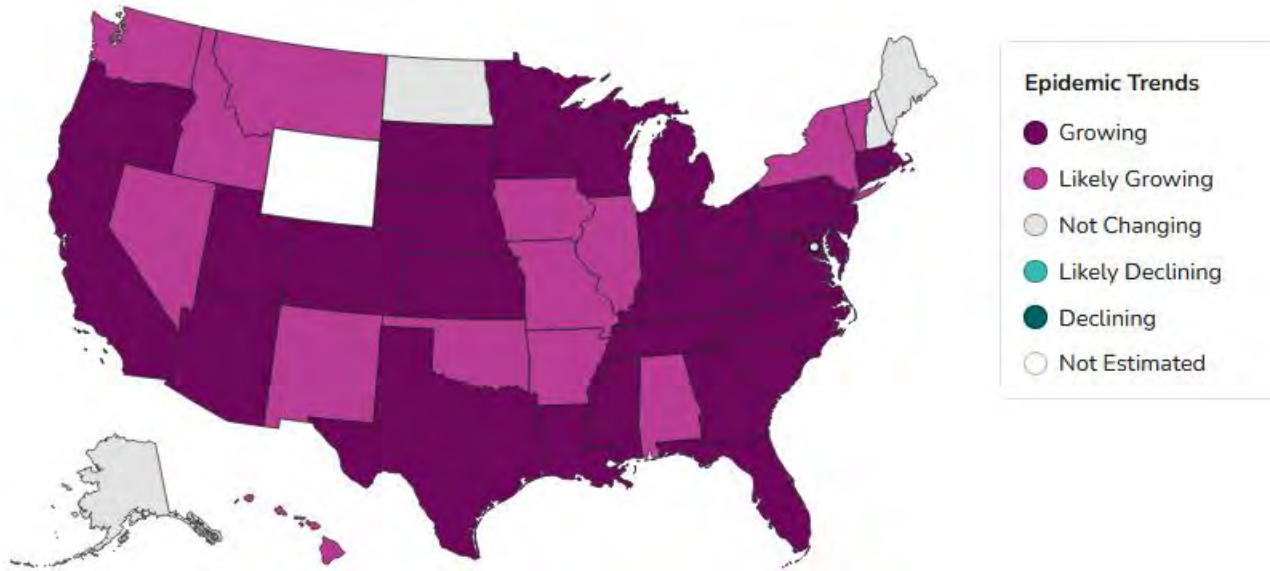


# Proportion of Tests Positive for COVID-19 in the Northwest — University of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital, 2024-2025 (through 8/9)



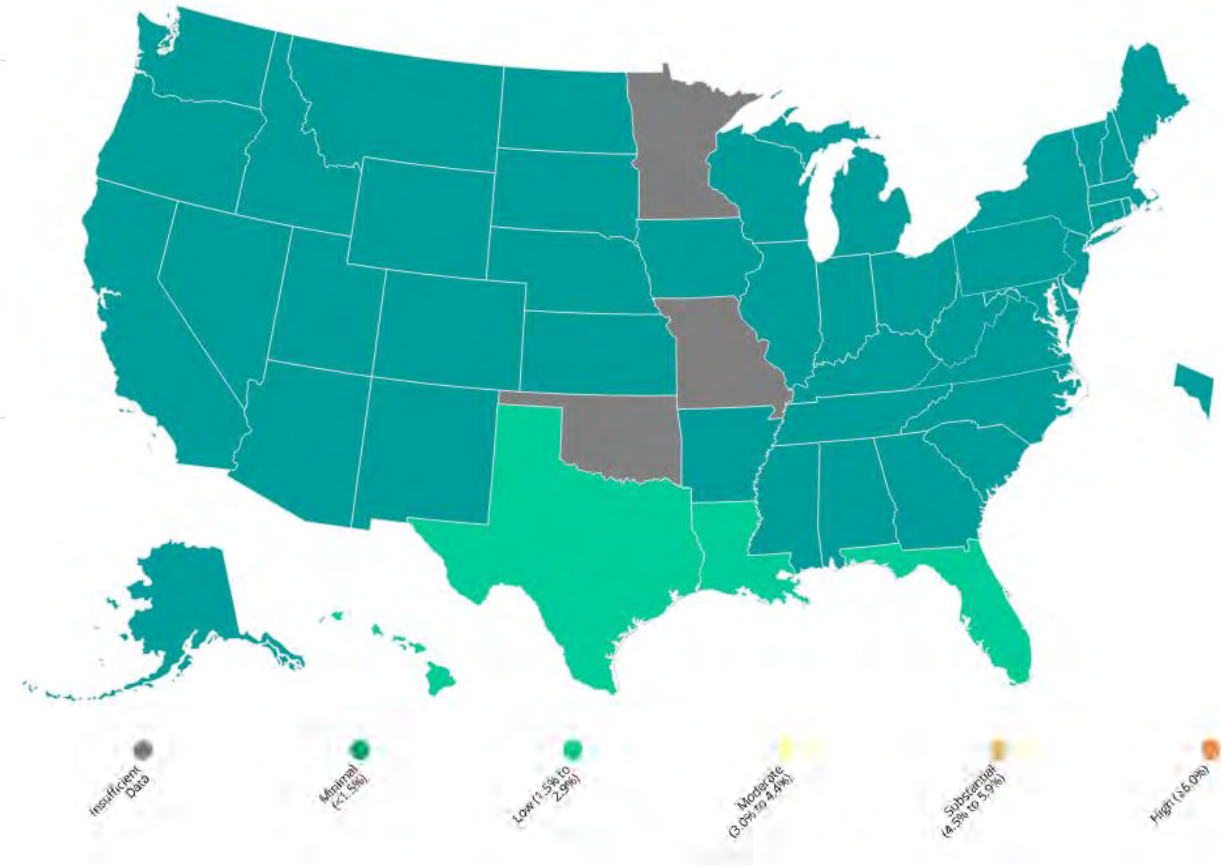
# ER Visits with COVID-19 and Estimates of Trends — United States

## Estimates of COVID-19 Epidemic Trends



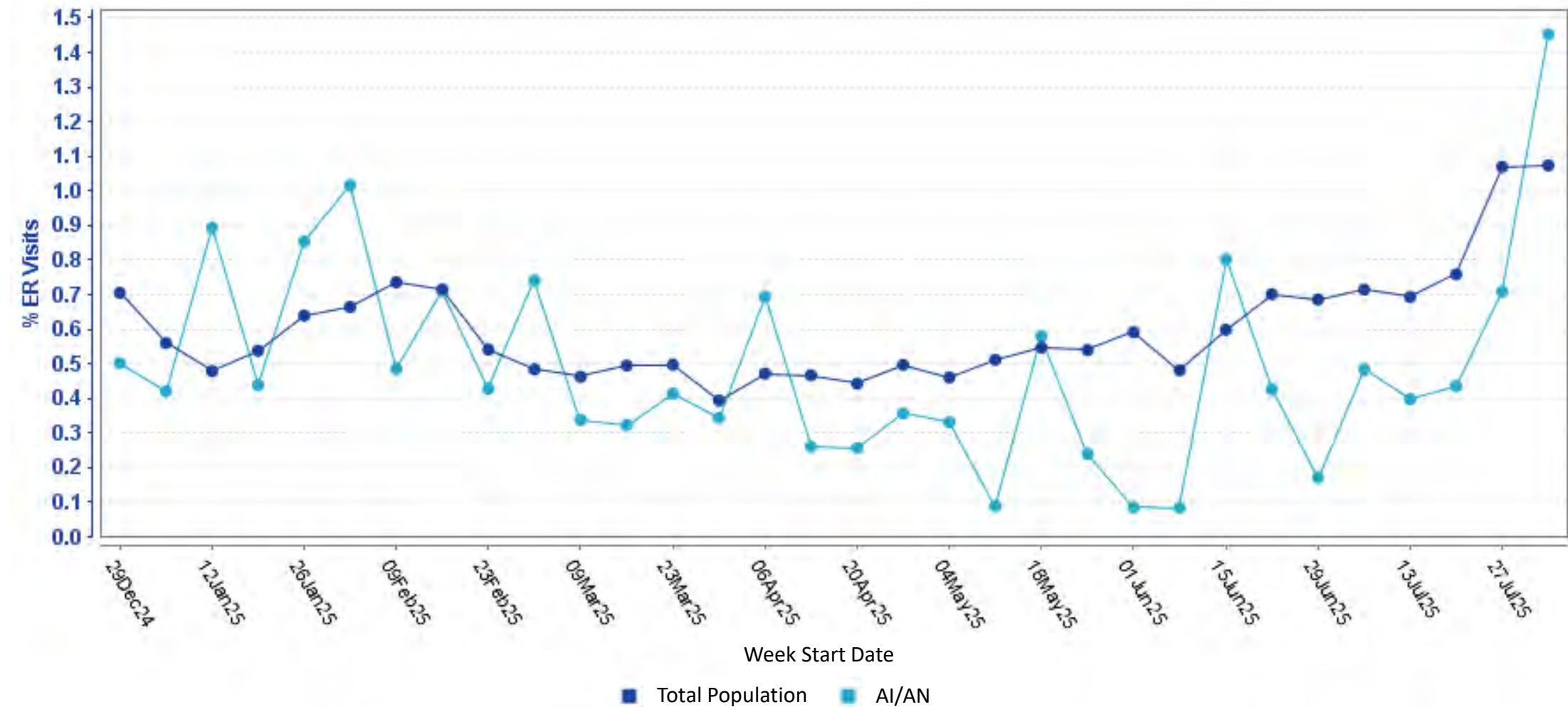
As of August 5, 2025

## Percentage of ER Visits with Diagnosed COVID-19 through August 2, 2025



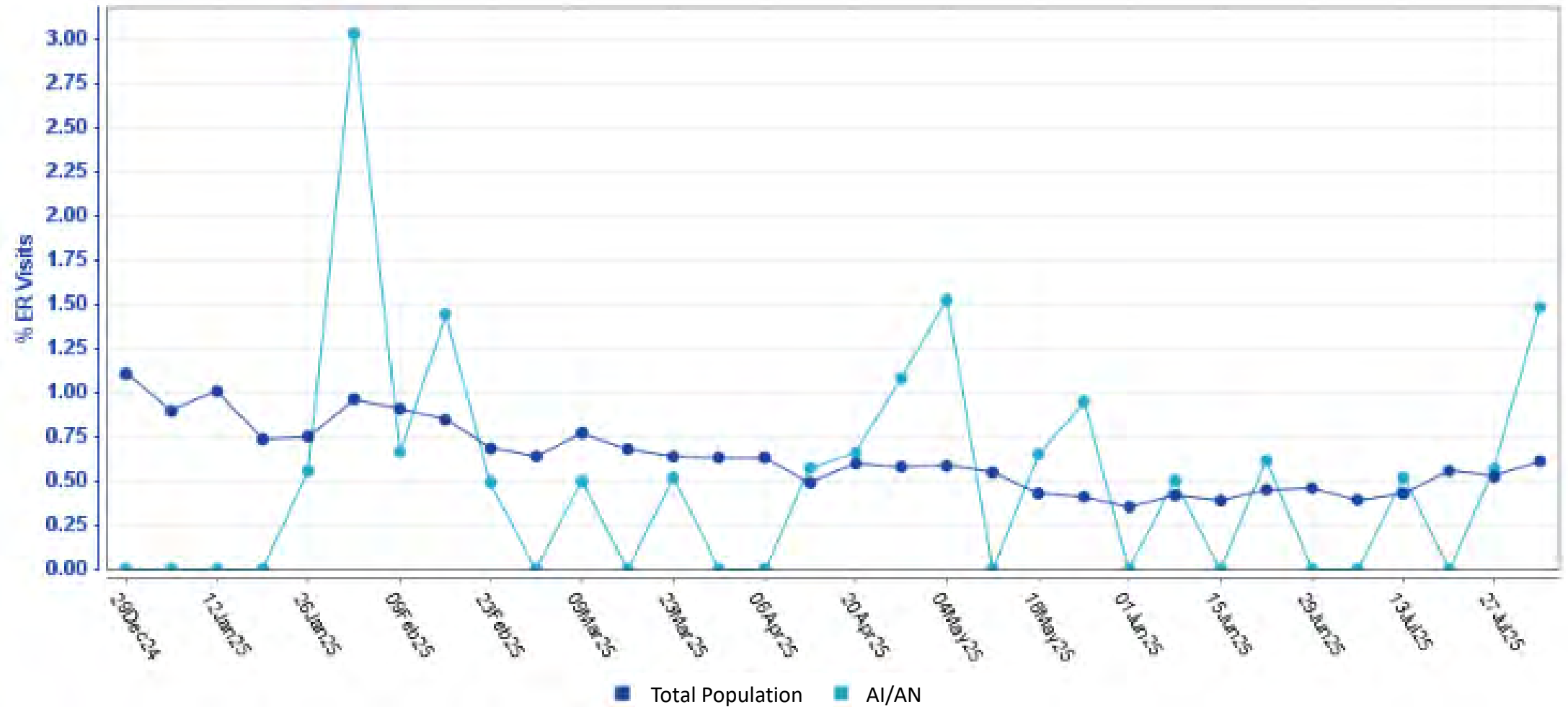


# % COVID-19 ER Visits, Total Population vs. AI/AN — Washington State, 2025 (through 8/9)

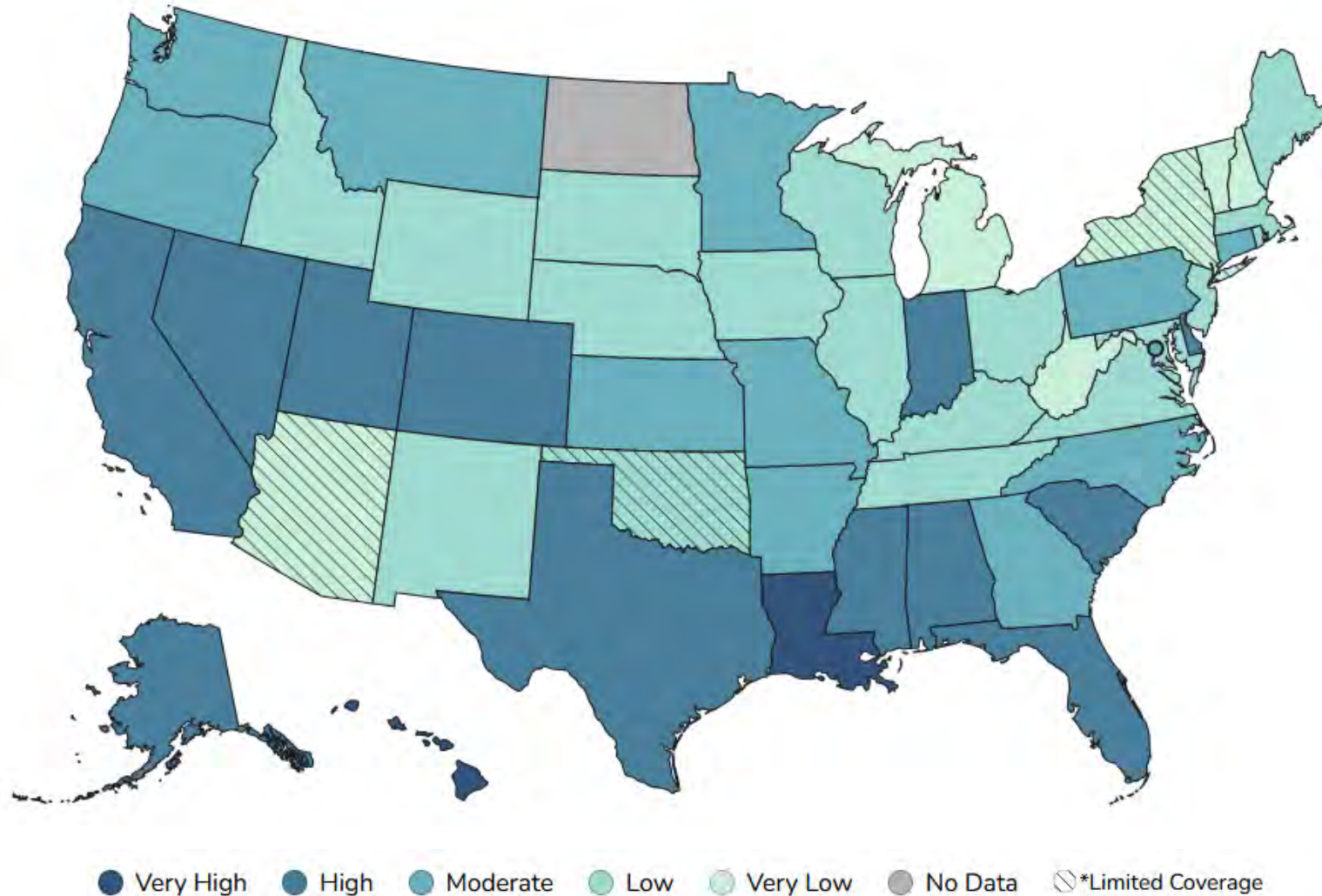




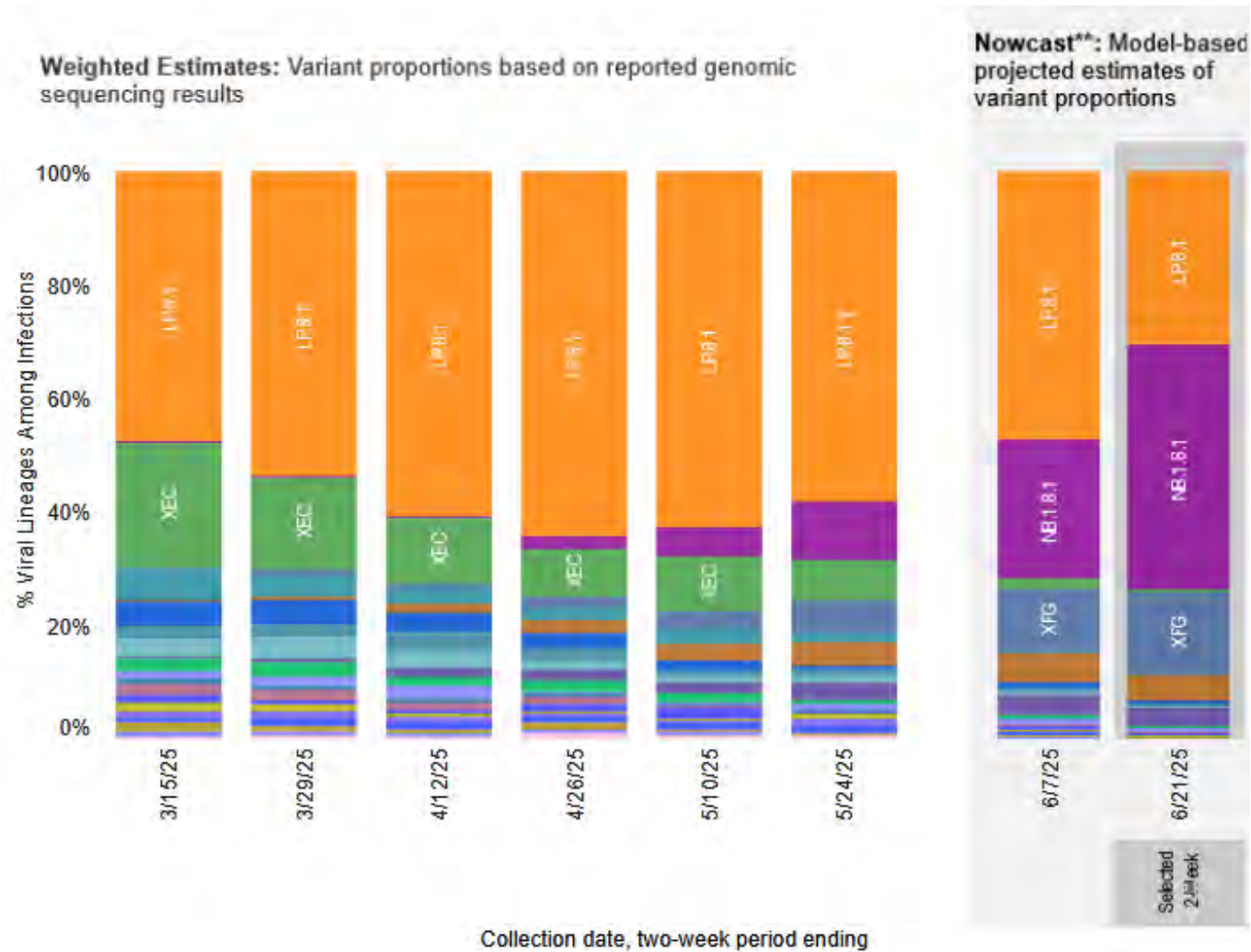
# % COVID-19 ER Visits, Total Population vs. AI/AN — Idaho, 2025 (through 8/9)



# Wastewater Activity Level for COVID-19 — United States, August 2, 2025

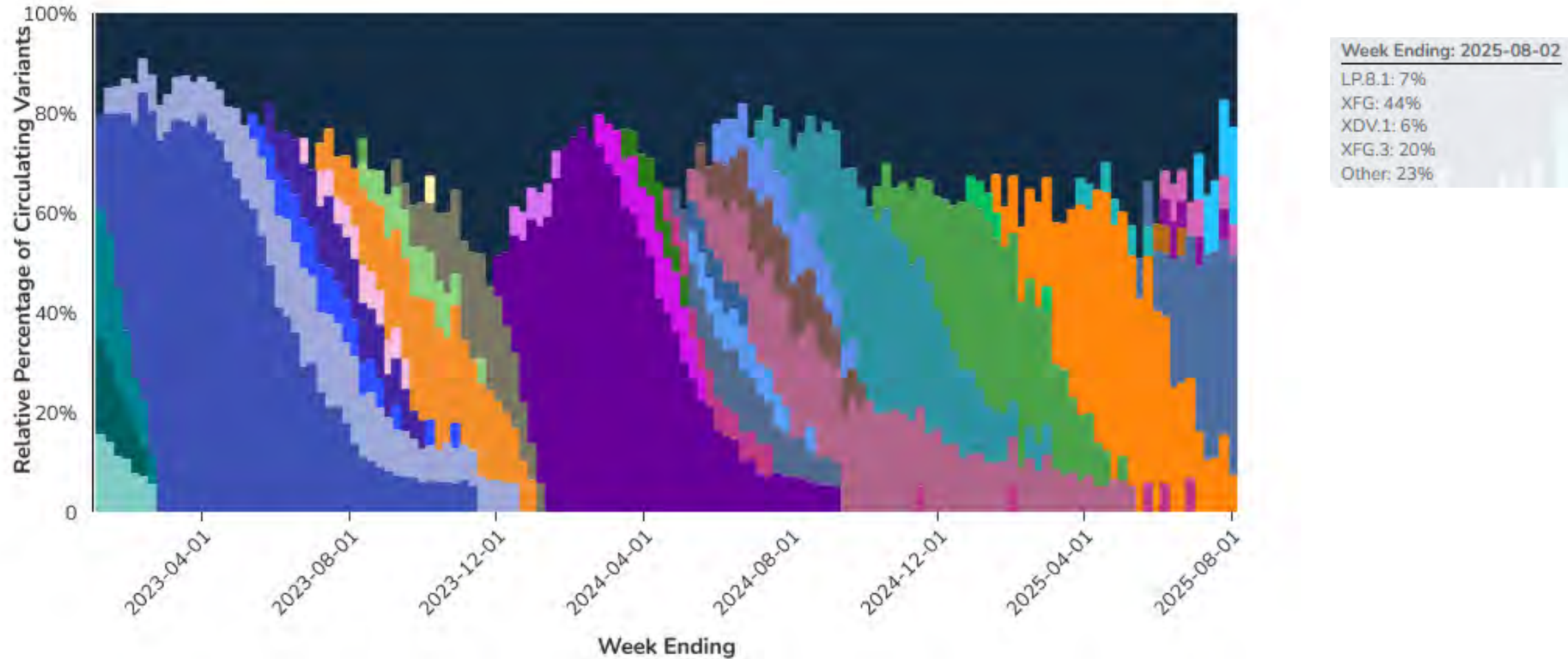


# COVID-19 Variant Proportions — United States



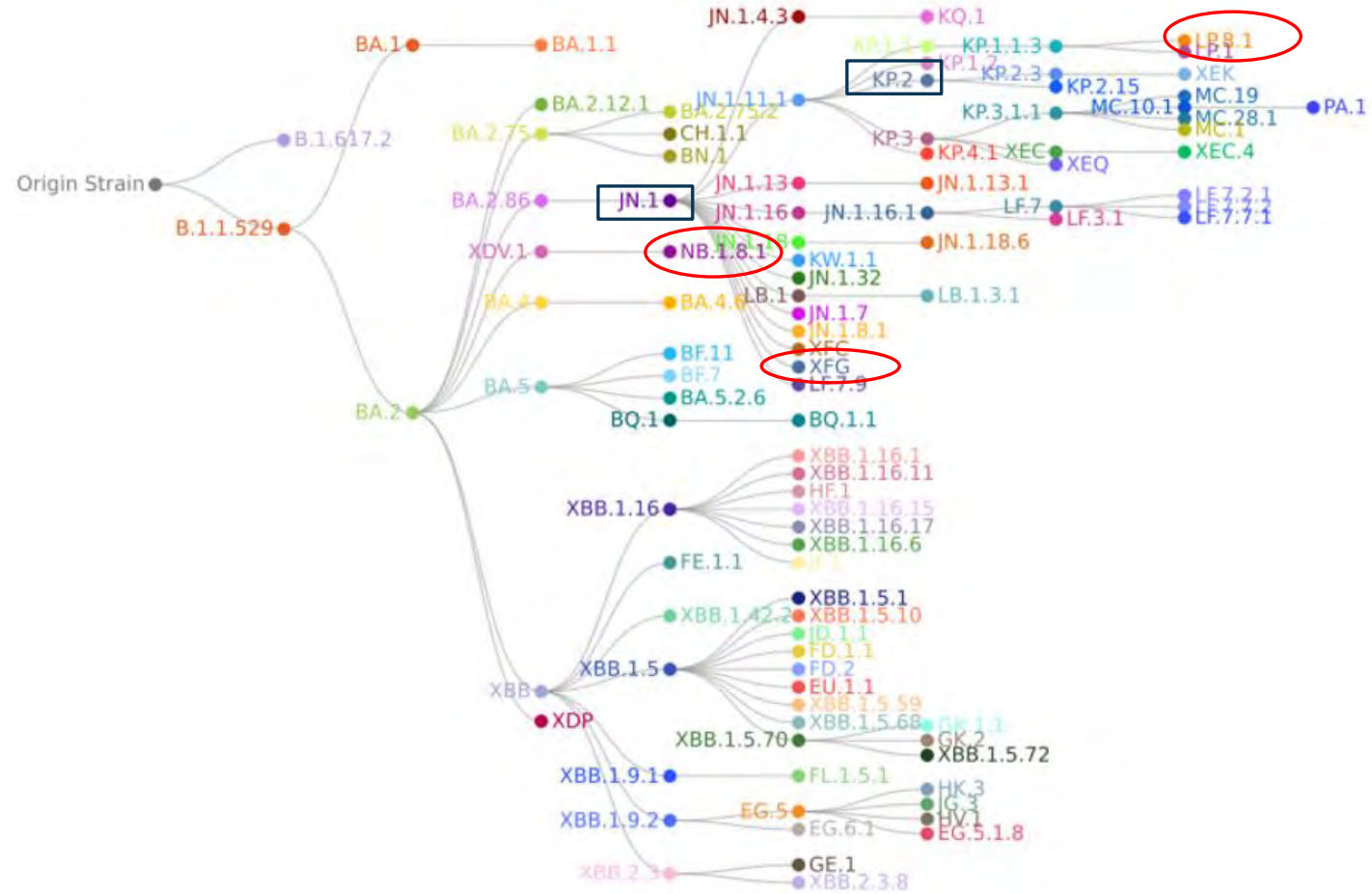


# COVID-19 Variant in Wastewater — United States



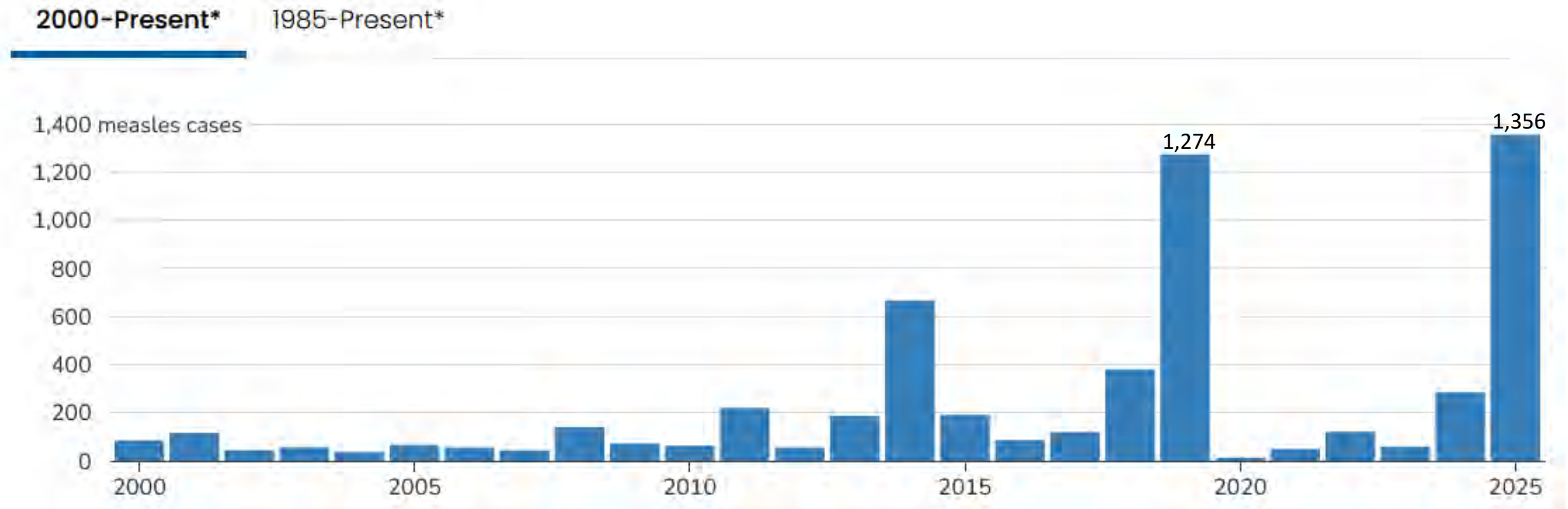


# COVID-19 Phylogenetic Tree



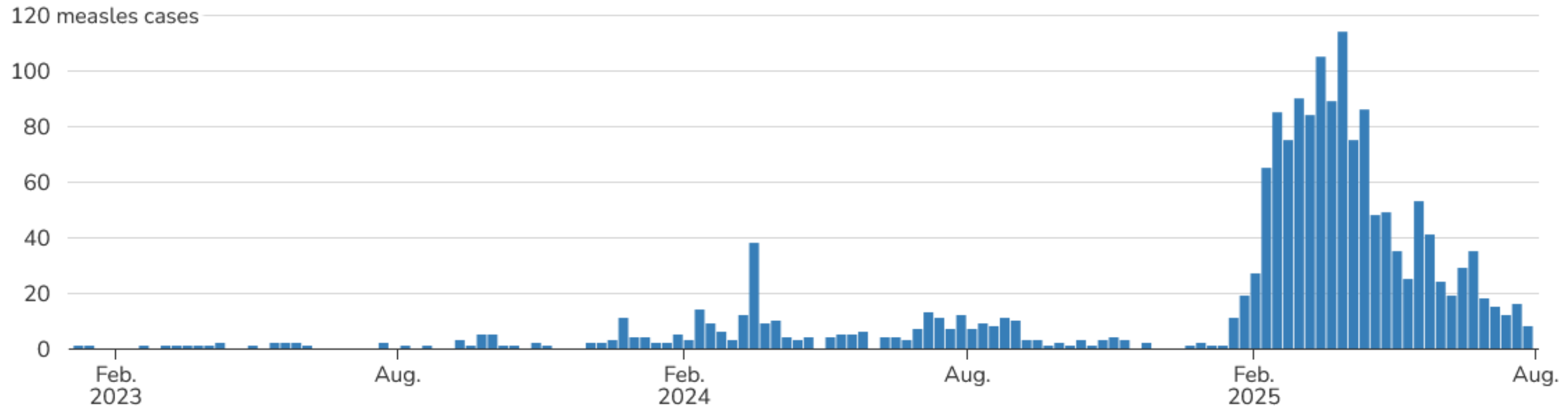
# Yearly Measles Cases – United States, 2000-Present

as of August 5, 2025



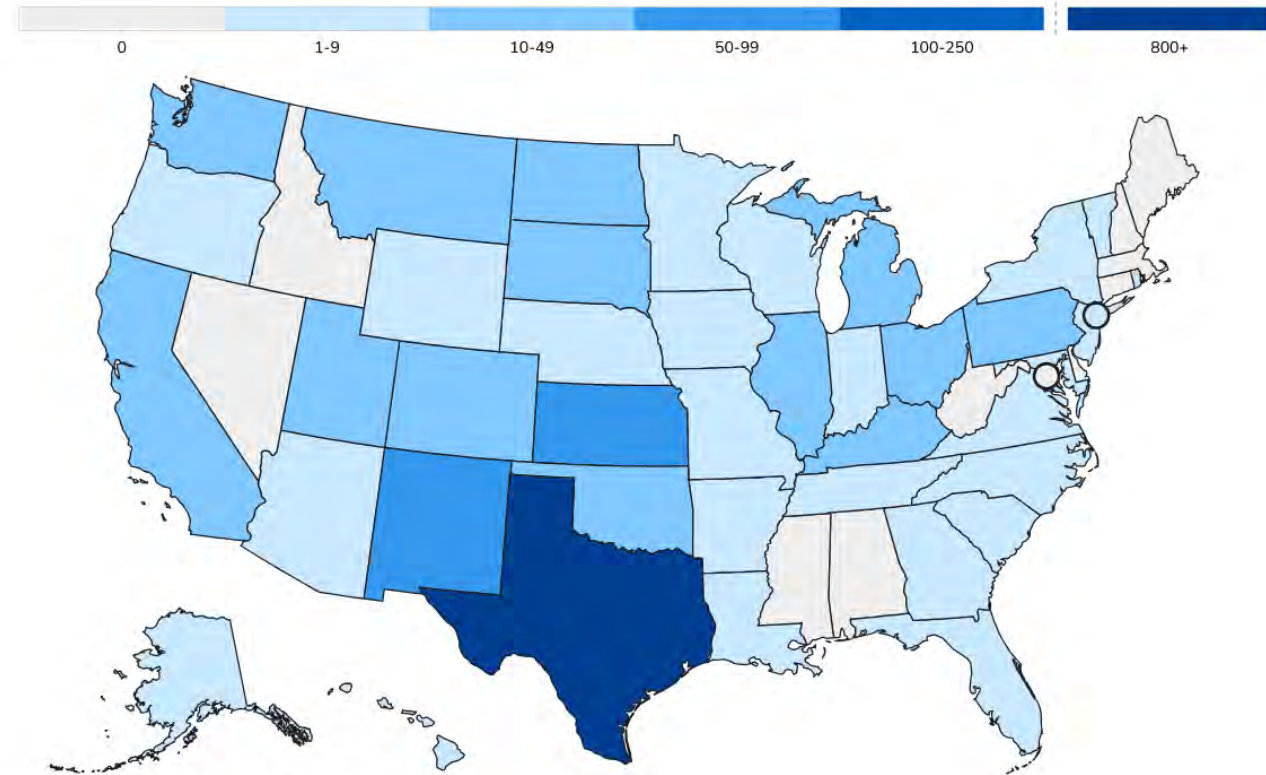
# Measles – United States, 2023-2025 (through 8/5)

2023–2025\* (as of August 5, 2025)



# Measles — United States, 2025

- 1,356 confirmed cases among 40 states through 8/5.
- 87% of cases from one of 32 outbreaks ( $\geq 3$  related cases).
- Age: 28% <5 years-old, 37% 5-19 years-old, 34%  $\geq 20$  years-old, 1% unknown.
- 13% hospitalized overall (21% of those <5 years-old hospitalized).
- 3 deaths among unvaccinated individuals, including 2 healthy school-aged children.
- 92% unvaccinated or with unknown vaccination status, 4% one MMR dose, 4% two MMR doses.





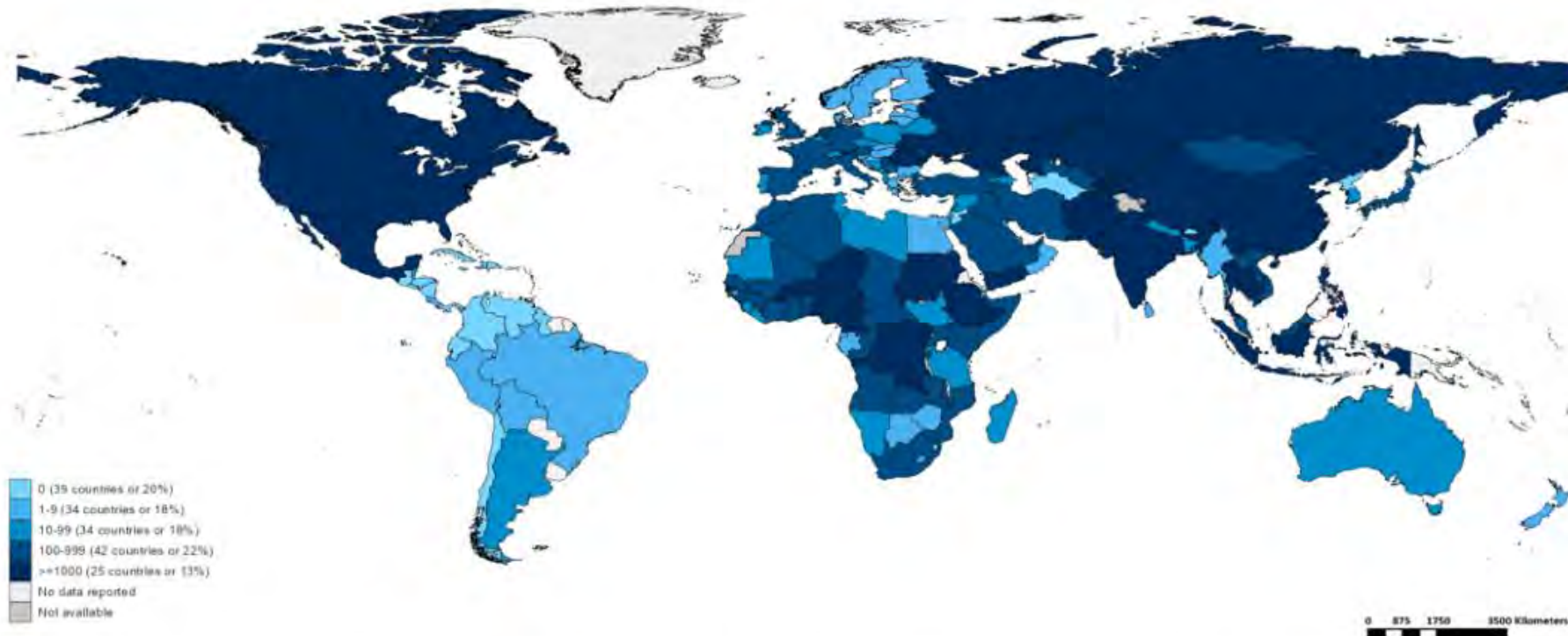
# Measles — Portland Area Residents, 2025

Date Reported	County	<u>Washington (N=10)*</u>		Exposure
		Age		
2/26/25	King	Infant		International Travel
3/17/25	Snohomish	Adult		Linked to 1 <sup>st</sup> Case
4/1/25	Snohomish	Adult		International Travel
4/4/25	King	Adult		International Travel
4/20/25	King	Infant		International Travel
5/20/25	King	Adult		International Travel
6/20/25	Whatcom	Not provided		Not Provided
6/23/25	Whatcom	Not provided	Linked to 1 <sup>st</sup> Case in Whatcom County	
6/25/25	King	1 adult and 1 child in the same household		International Visitor

\*There have also been 3 additional cases among travelers to Washington State, who are not residents of Washington State.

Date Reported	County	<u>Oregon (N=1)</u>		Exposure
		Age		
6/24/25	Multnomah	Not provided		International Travel

# Number of Measles Cases Globally, 12/2024-5/2025



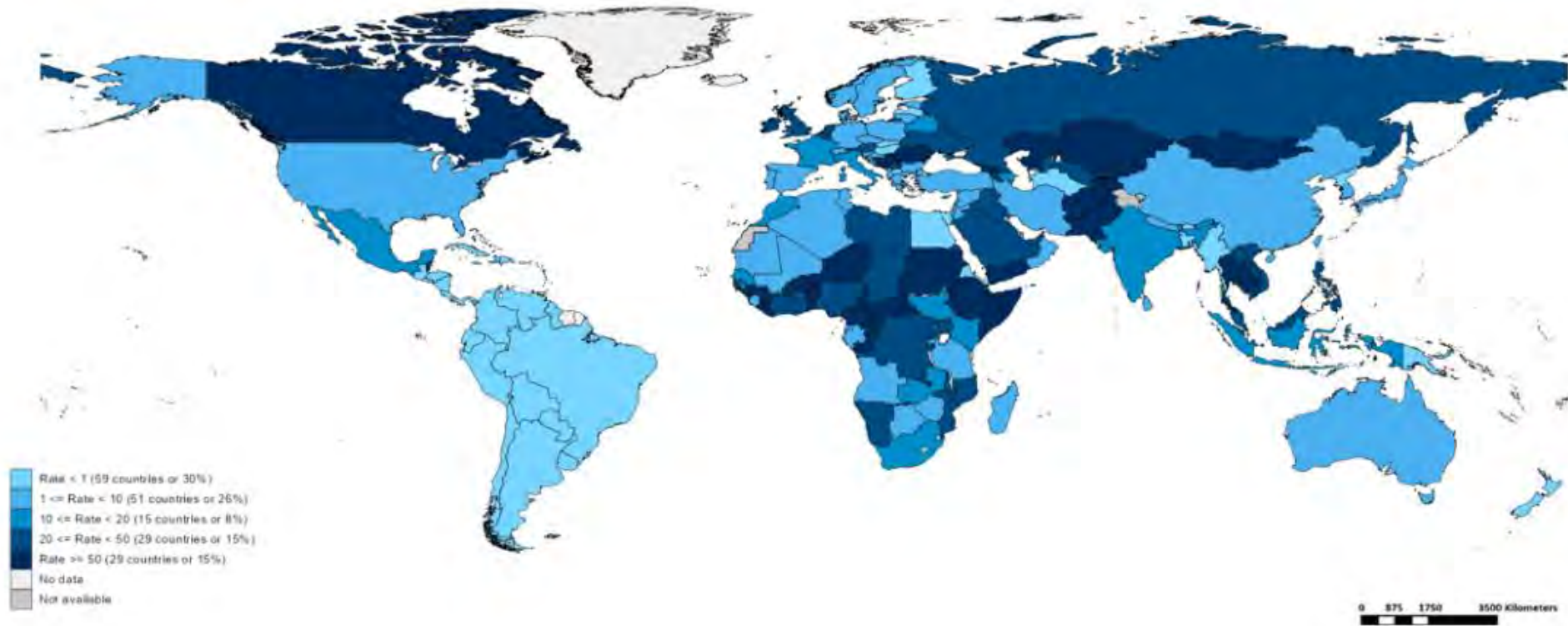
Country	Cases*
Yemen	15,683
Pakistan	12,732
India**	10,299
Kyrgyzstan	8,497
Afghanistan	7,615
Ethiopia	5,370
Romania	4,739
Nigeria	3,395
Canada	3,053
Russian Federation	2,781



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# Measles Incidence (Cases per Million), 6/2024-5/2025



## Highest incidence rates

Country	Cases	Rate
Kyrgyzstan	10972	1,526.86
Romania	13071	687.40
Yemen	25987	640.34
Afghanistan	11631	272.72
Georgia	696	182.79
Kazakhstan	3275	159.04
Tajikistan	1676	158.25
Serbia	962	142.81
Mongolia	394	113.36
Thailand	7825	109.18



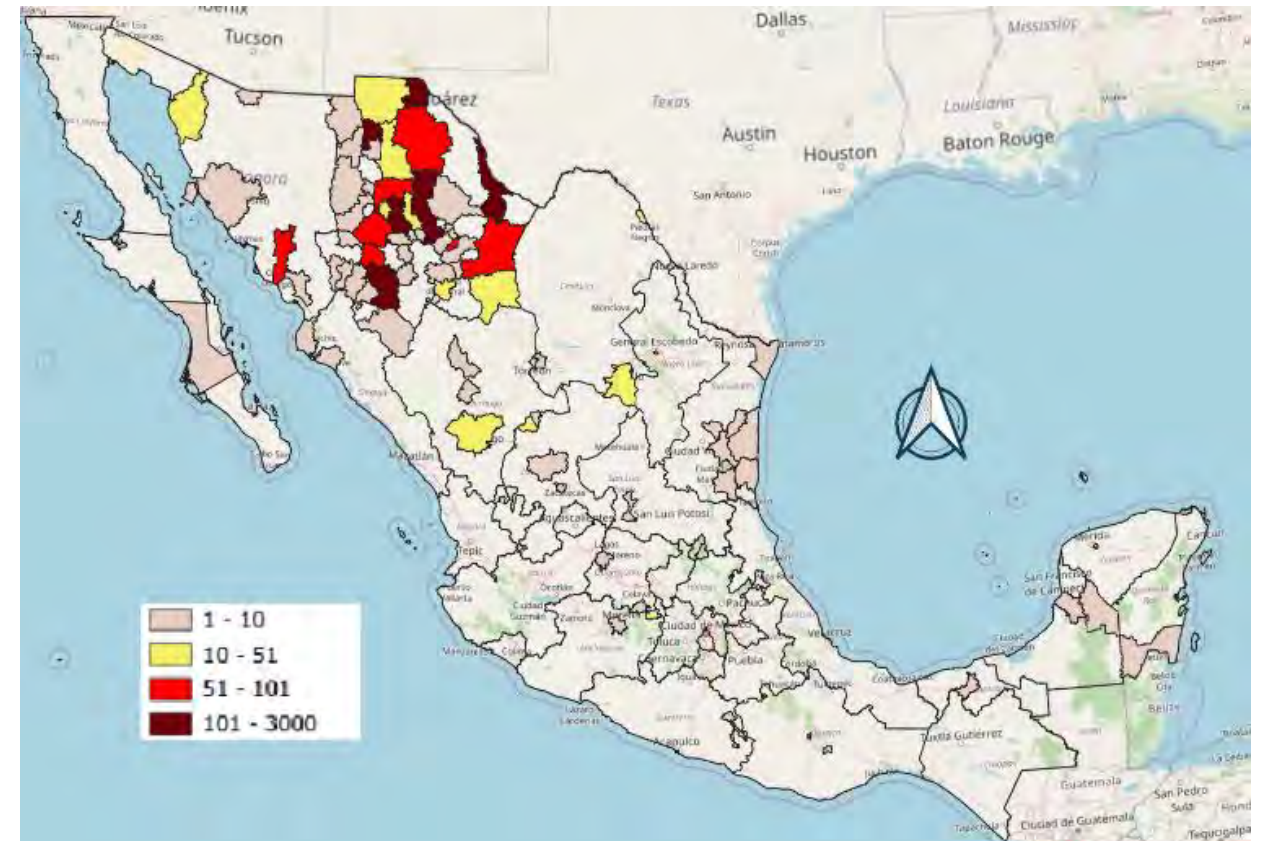
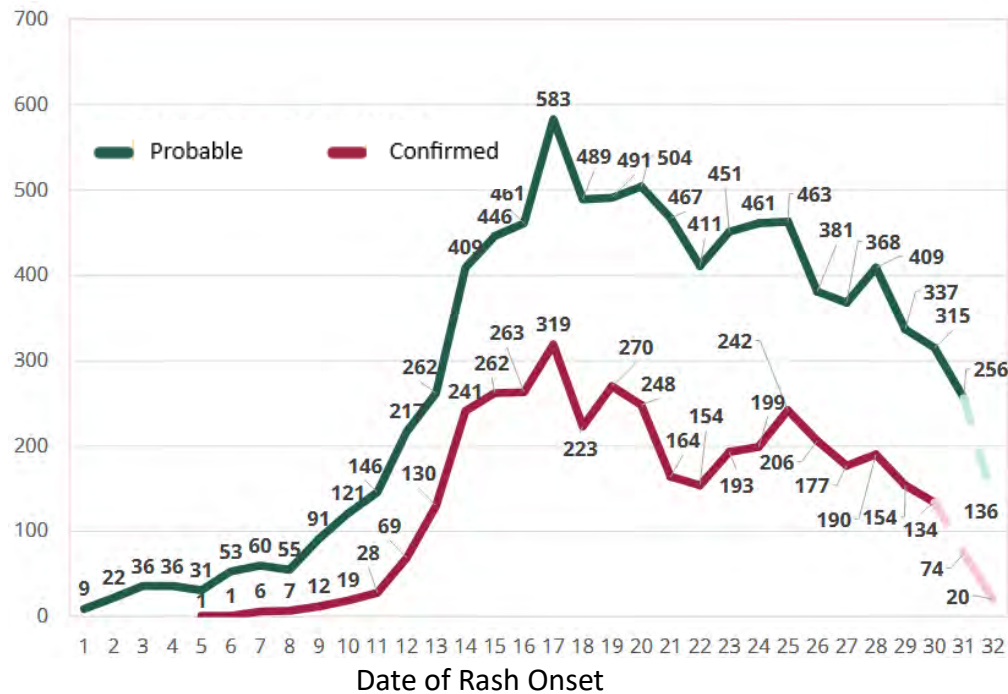
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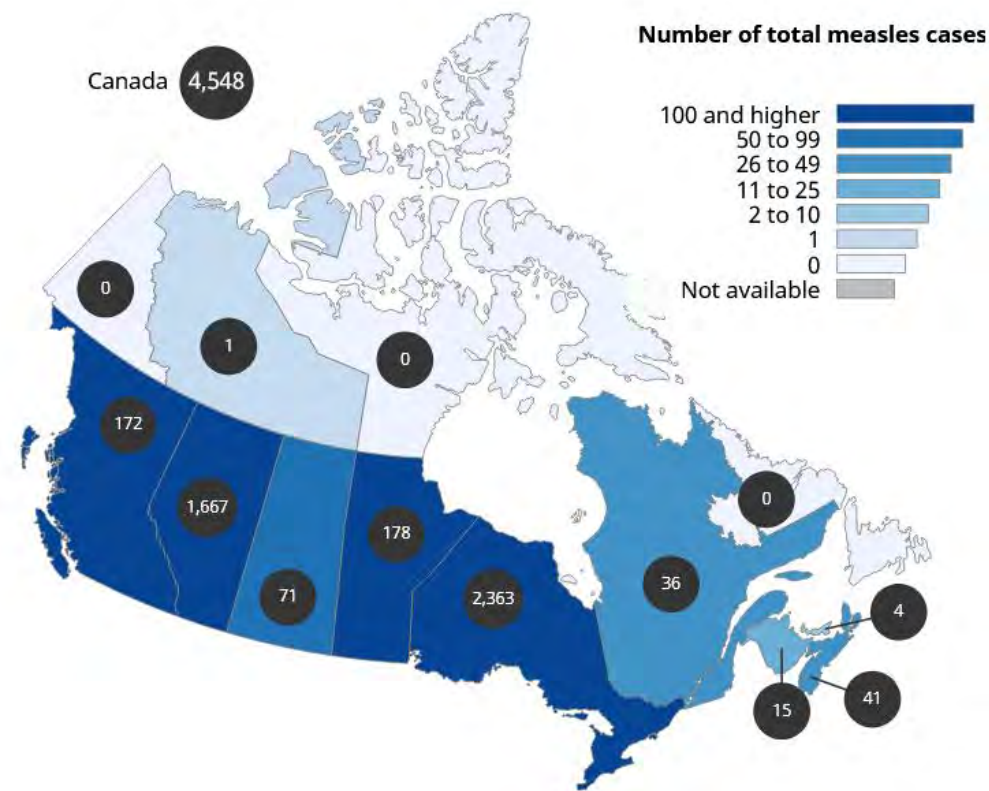
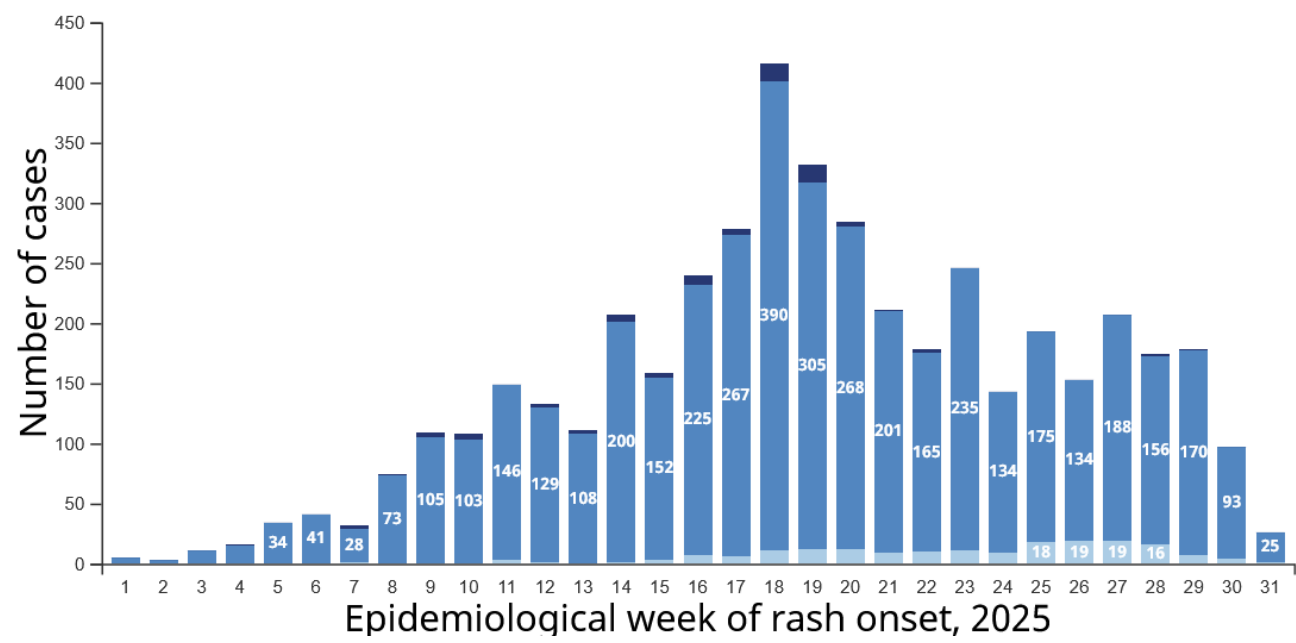
# Measles — Mexico, 2025 (through 8/11)

- 4,006 confirmed cases as of 8/11/25
- 20 states; 3,736 (93%) confirmed cases in Chihuahua
- Deaths: 14 (13 in Chihuahua and 1 in Sonora)



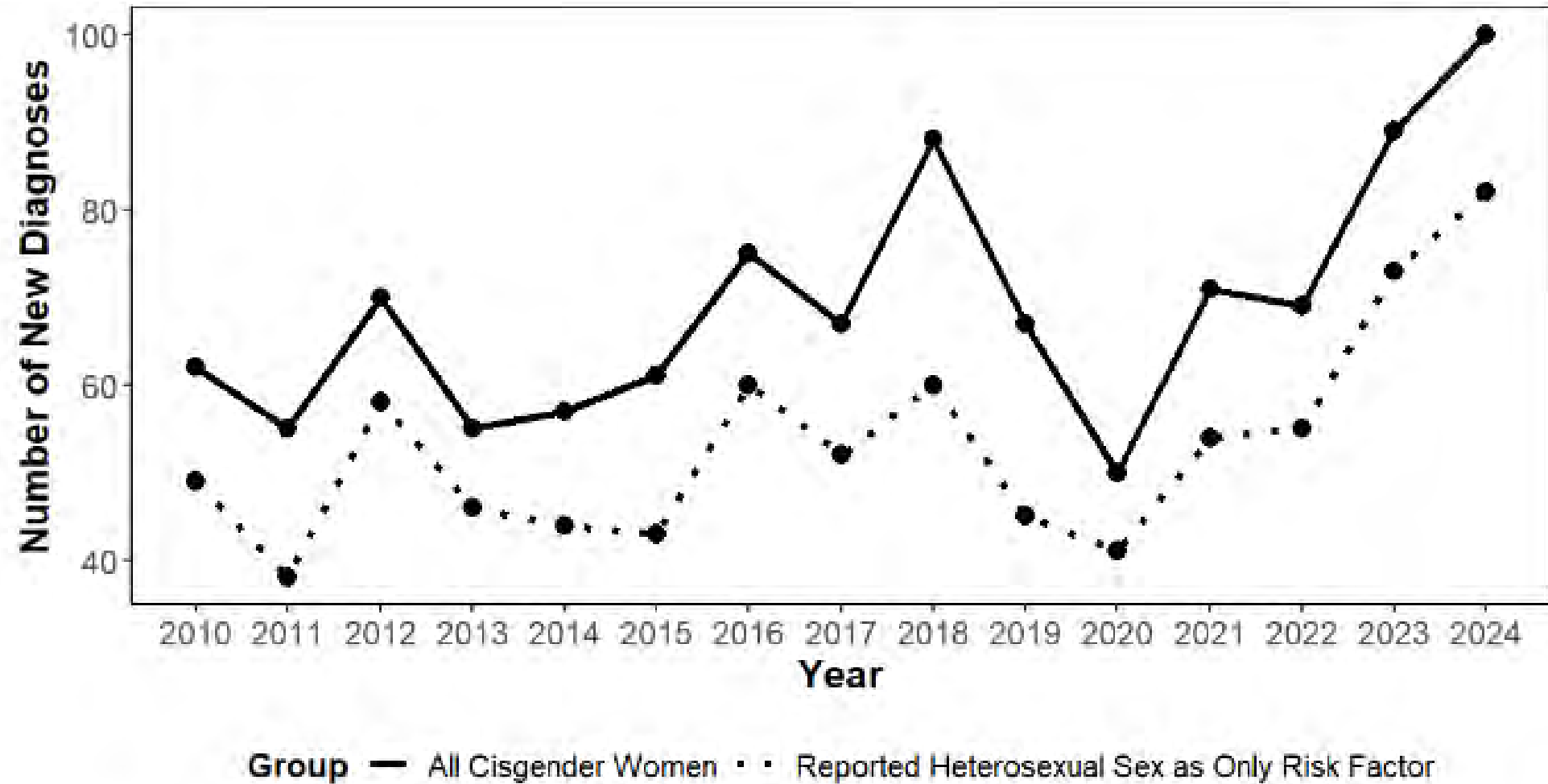


# Measles — Canada, 2025 (through 8/2)

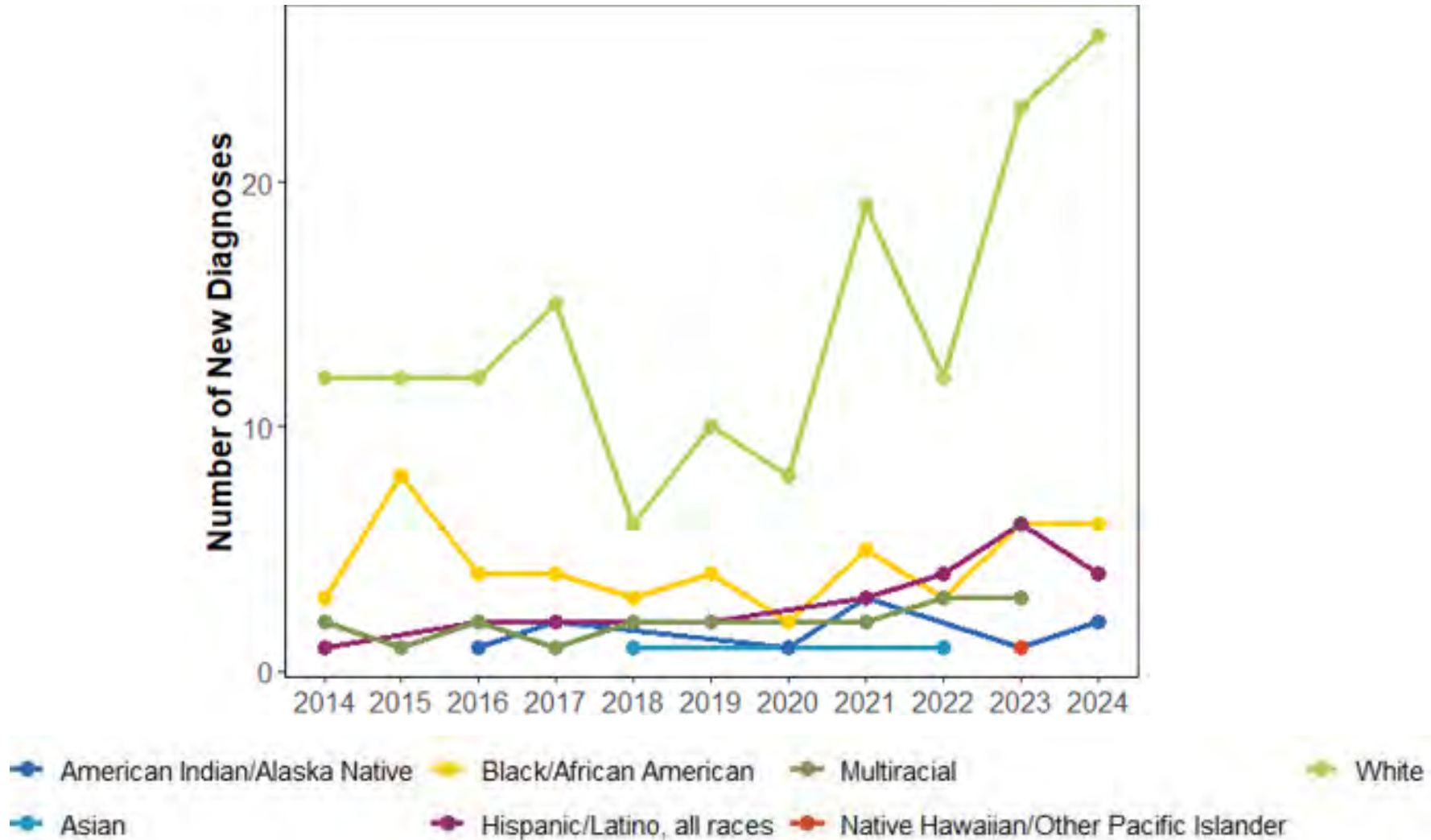


Number of confirmed cases: 4,221

# HIV Diagnoses Among Women — Washington State, 2010-2024



# HIV Diagnoses Among Women Reporting Heterosexual Sex as Only Risk Factor for Transmission by Race/Ethnicity — Washington State, 2014-2024



# Summary

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- COVID-19:
  - Test positivity has been increasing.
  - The percentage of ED visits for patients with diagnosed COVID-19 remains minimal in most of U.S. including WA, OR and ID; in WA the % has been increasing among AI/AN at a higher rate since 7/20.
  - Wastewater activity levels in WA and OR were moderate during week ending on 8/2.
- Measles:
  - 1,356 measles cases in 40 states (through 8/5) with 3 deaths. 92% unvaccinated or with unknown vaccination status. 87% of cases associated with one of 29 outbreaks.
  - There have been 10 cases of measles among Washington State residents (King, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties), most related to international travel; no outbreak so far. Last case reported on 6/25.
  - One case of measles in Oregon (Multnomah County) reported on 6/24.
  - Overall numbers decreasing, but ongoing risk of outbreaks from imported cases.
- HIV: Increased numbers of HIV cases among women in Washington State related to heterosexual sex, largely among non-Hispanic white women and to a lesser extent, non-Hispanic black women.



# Recommendations

- **Ensure patients at your clinics are up to date on immunizations, including COVID-19, to protect your patients and the community.**
- **Ensure anyone traveling internationally (including to Mexico and Canada) without presumptive evidence of immunity are vaccinated at least 2 weeks prior to travel (those  $\geq 12$  months old should receive 2 doses at least 28 days apart, infants  $\geq 6$  months old should receive 1 dose (revaccinated with 2 dose series starting at 12 months)).**
- **Consider using multiple strategies to increase vaccination rates** (e.g. reminder/recall, electronic prompts, standing orders, increasing patient access, provider audit and feedback with benchmarks, CME on provider communication techniques (e.g. boostoregon.org webinars including on motivational interviewing), vaccine clinics, reviewing/addressing vaccination status with WIC beneficiaries, messaging utilizing trusted messengers).
- **Prepare for measles:**
  - Ensure all health care workers have presumptive evidence of measles immunity and that N95 Respirator Fit Testing has been done in the past year.
  - If a measles case is identified in your community:
    - Develop signage and a protocol to screen patients for possible measles (e.g. fever and rash, with international travel, travel to a community with a measles outbreak, or known exposure to measles in the past 21 days).
    - Provide patients with possible measles a mask to wear and to immediately bring back to a designated room available (e.g. airborne infection isolation room if available).
    - Train staff, including front-desk to recognize, isolate, and evaluate patients with possible measles and in infection prevention (e.g. Project Firstline: Measles Infection Control Microlearn with discussion guide).
    - Ensure you have supplies for measles testing.
- **Consider measles** in anyone with a fever and generalized maculopapular rash with recent international travel or travel to an area with a measles outbreak, or exposure to a measles case.
- **Recommend testing performed in collaboration with local health jurisdiction** (throat or NP swab for measles PCR in viral transport media, possibly urine for measles PCR, blood for measles IgM and IgG).

# Recommendations

- **HIV screening**
  - Everyone age 13-64 should be tested for HIV at least once, with at least annual testing (for HIV and syphilis) for those with any risk factors, every 3-6 months for those at increased risk.
  - Washington DOH: HIV screening should be repeated in third trimester (before 36 weeks) **and** during labor, delivery or the post-partum period for women who have not been previously tested during their pregnancy, have had little or no prenatal care, or are at increased risk (recent STI; male partner who has sex with men or injects drugs; drug use; exchange of sex for money/drugs/shelter; recent history of homelessness; partner with HIV; new or >1 sex partner during pregnancy).
- **Syphilis screening** is recommended by IHS annually for everyone age 13 years or older and for all pregnant women three times: first prenatal visit, beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester, and delivery: [IHS Recommended Guidelines for Syphilis Testing, Treatment, and Prevention](#)
- **Recommend HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)** for those at increased risk (or who request):
  - Sexual partner with HIV and detectable or unknown viral load.
  - Does not consistently use condoms.
  - STI in past 6 months.
  - Injection drug use.
  - Use of post-exposure prophylaxis more than once.

# Patient Education Resources for Immunizations for Measles and Other Vaccine Preventable Diseases

- IHS: <https://www.ihs.gov/epi/health-surveillance/educational-resources/>; <https://www.ihs.gov/NIPHC/public-health-messaging/>
- NPAIHB: Email [vaccinative@npaihb.org](mailto:vaccinative@npaihb.org) to access the vaccine resource folder (while website is down; in the future, resources will be available at [indiancountryecho.org](http://indiancountryecho.org)).
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/resources/index.html>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/illness-and-disease-z/measles>; <https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/immunization>; <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/820310-MeaslesCommunicationsToolkit.pdf>
- Oregon Health Authority: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/diseasesconditions/diseasesaz/pages/measles.aspx>; <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preventionwellness/vaccinesimmunization/gettingimmunized/pages/index.aspx>
- Idaho Department of Health & Welfare: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/children-families/child-and-adolescent-immunization>; <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/children-families/adult-immunization>
- American Academy of Pediatrics: <https://www.aap.org/immunization>; <https://www.healthychildren.org/immunizations>
- Boost Oregon: <https://boostoregon.org>
- Immunize.org: [https://www.immunize.org/clinical/a-z/?wpsolrfq%5B0%5D=audiences\\_str%3AVaccine%20Recipients&wpsolrfq%5B1%5D=imm\\_language\\_str%3AEnglish](https://www.immunize.org/clinical/a-z/?wpsolrfq%5B0%5D=audiences_str%3AVaccine%20Recipients&wpsolrfq%5B1%5D=imm_language_str%3AEnglish)
- Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: <https://www.chop.edu/vaccine-education-center>  
<https://www.chop.edu/vaccine-update-healthcare-professionals/resources/vaccine-and-vaccine-safety-related-qa-sheets>
- Indian Country ECHO/UNM Project ECHO: <https://projectecho.app.box.com/s/piod28mg2rv66c7zpb13u9lr3hzhup>  
“Making a Strong Vaccine Recommendation: Vaccine Communication”; “MMR Vaccine Outreach Strategies”; “Current Measles Response and Clinical and Prevention Best Practices”

# Additional Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics. Measles. In: Kimberlin DW, Banerjee R, Barnett ED, Lynfield R, Sawyer MH, Long SS, eds. Red Book: 2024–2027 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases. 33rd Edition. Itasca, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics; 2024: 570-585.

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## WA DOH Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations

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**Tuesday August 12, 2025**  
**NPAIHB Meeting**



# Dear Tribal Leader Letters

2025

Date	Letter Subject	Meeting Information	Additional Materials
August 5	<a href="#">Informative – information on agency rulemaking for July 16-31, 2025 (PDF)</a>		
August 4	<a href="#">Informative – CDC public health emergency preparedness notice of award budget period 2 2025-2026 (PDF)</a>		
July 18	<a href="#">Informative – information on agency rulemaking for July 1-15, 2025 (PDF)</a>		
July 17	<a href="#">Collaborative – Department of Health 2026 proposed legislative package review webinar (PDF)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tribal webinar: 3-4 p.m. <b>August 26</b> - <a href="#">Teams link</a></li><li>General webinar: 3-4 p.m. <b>August 27</b> - <a href="#">Registration link</a></li></ul>	
July 17	<a href="#">Collaborative – updates to Tribal Shellfish Consent Decree and attachments of minimum position requirements (PDF)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Listening session: 2-4 p.m. <b>August 12</b> - <a href="#">Zoom link</a></li></ul>	<a href="#">Collaborative updates handout (PDF)</a>
July 17	<a href="#">Informative – 988 contact hubs application process (PDF)</a>		
July 17	<a href="#">Informative – Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) federal accreditation update (PDF)</a>		
July 15	<a href="#">Consultation closure – Tribal foundational public health services funding allocation for state biennium 2025-2027 (PDF)</a>		<a href="#">Consultation closure slides (PDF)</a> <a href="#">Tribal funding agreement template (PDF)</a> <a href="#">Tribal statement of work template (PDF)</a>



July 1	<a href="#">Informative – end of the 2025-2026 legislative session (PDF)</a>	
July 1	<a href="#">Informative – information on agency rulemaking for June 16-30, 2025 (PDF)</a>	
June 17	<a href="#">Collaborative – environmental justice grants listening sessions (PDF)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Listening session 1: 8:30-10 a.m. <b>August 14</b> - <a href="#">Zoom link</a></li><li>Listening session 2: 10-11:30 a.m. <b>August 21</b> - <a href="#">Zoom link</a></li></ul>
June 17	<a href="#">Informative – Tribal distribution list for monthly emergency medical services opioid surveillance reports (PDF)</a>	
June 16	<a href="#">Informative – information on agency rulemaking for June 1-15, 2025 (PDF)</a>	
June 9	<a href="#">Informative – opportunity to participate in the Washington Syndemic Planning Group (PDF)</a>	
June 3	<a href="#">Collaborative – environmental health disparities map listening sessions (PDF)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Listening session 1: 10-11:30 a.m. <b>June 20</b></li><li>Listening session 2: 2-4 p.m. <b>July 15</b></li></ul>
June 3	<a href="#">Informative – information on agency rulemaking for May 16-31, 2025 (PDF)</a>	
May 28	<a href="#">Collaborative – listening session for revising the 2026 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) (PDF)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Listening session: 10 a.m. <b>June 6</b></li></ul>



## Upcoming Listening Sessions, Roundtables, & Consultations

Date/Time	Meeting Title/Type	Meeting Platform	DTLL
Tuesday August 12, 2025 at 2-4:00pm	Collaborative – Shellfish Consent Decree Listening Session	<a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a>	<a href="#">Informative- Updates to Tribal Shellfish Consent Decree</a>
Thursday August 14, 2025 at 8:30-10:00 am	Collaborative – Environmental Justice Grants Listening Session #1	<a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a>	<a href="#">Collaborative – Environmental Justice Grants Listening Sessions</a>
Thursday August 21, 2025 at 10-11:30 am	Collaborative – Environmental Justice Grants Listening Session #2	<a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a>	<a href="#">Collaborative – Environmental Justice Grants Listening Sessions</a>
Tuesday August 26, 2025 at 3-4:00pm	DOH Tribal Webinar – DTLL DOH 2026 Proposed Legislative Package Review	<a href="#">Teams Link</a>	<a href="#">DTLL – Collaborative- Department of Health 2026 Proposed Legislative Package Review Webinar</a>



# International Overdose Awareness Day

## August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

On this day, we remember and honor those we've lost to overdose and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind. We grieve the loss of life, love, and potential.

**Events will be happening all over the state!**

Visit [www.overdoseday.com/usa/washington](http://www.overdoseday.com/usa/washington) to find an event near you. If you know of an event in your area that isn't on this list, please encourage them to share their event on the webpage.

**Many events include:**

- Story sharing
- Candle lighting
- Harm reduction and prevention resources
- Group walks

Email the Opioid Response Communicator with questions or for event sharing support: [beth.payne@doh.wa.gov](mailto:beth.payne@doh.wa.gov)

**IOAD 2025 theme:**

**One big family, driven by hope**



Visit [overdoseday.com](http://overdoseday.com) to get campaign resources, share a tribute, register an event, or learn more about overdose prevention.

# Please join us in a workshop focused on children!

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**WHAT:** Workshop for governmental public health partners focused on how we can work together to better serve children.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM – 3 PM at UW Tacoma

**WHO:** Governmental public health partners invested in children and families

**OVERVIEW:** During this workshop, we will be exploring a “design challenge” focused on how we might **organize governmental public health system partners to work together** to increase **collective commitment and investment in children and families**.

This work builds from previous convenings, which we shared in Dear Tribal Leader Letters dated April 24, 2024 and July 26, 2024. Previous participation is not required to attend!

If you are interested in learning more or attending the workshop, please contact Astrid Newell at [astrid.newell@doh.wa.gov](mailto:astrid.newell@doh.wa.gov) or call 564-669-8392. Space is limited!

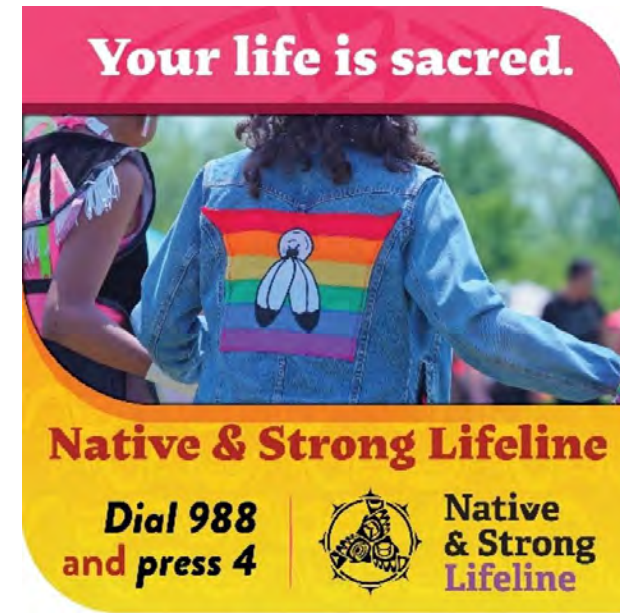
# DOH Tribal 988 Updates

## ***Expansion of Native and Strong Lifeline with Text and Chat capability***

- Chat and text expansion scheduled for soft launch August 18, 2025 and operational by the following week.
- For text message: Text N8V to 988
- Online chat pre-survey will ask if help-seeker wants to be connected to WA Native and Strong Lifeline
- DTLL forthcoming

## ***988 LGBTQIA2S+ Youth Line no longer in operation***

- As of July 17, 2025 988 LGBTQIA2S+ youth line will no longer be in operation, as the US Department of Health and Human Service's budget discontinued its funding of this subnetwork.
- 988 is still in operation, and anyone can call anytime and reach a trained crisis counselor
- DOH is exploring options with other states, including California and Oregon, to provide specialized 988 services for LGBTQIA2S+ youth
- [You Matter, and You Have Options for Support | by Washington State Department of Health | Public Health Connection | Jul, 2025 | Medium](#) – this DOH article provides resources for LGBTQIA2S+ youth





# DOH Naloxone Finder Tool

The Naloxone Finder is now hosted on the DOH website, making it easier for the public to find **free** naloxone in their area.

Map data is from organizations that provide free naloxone to the public

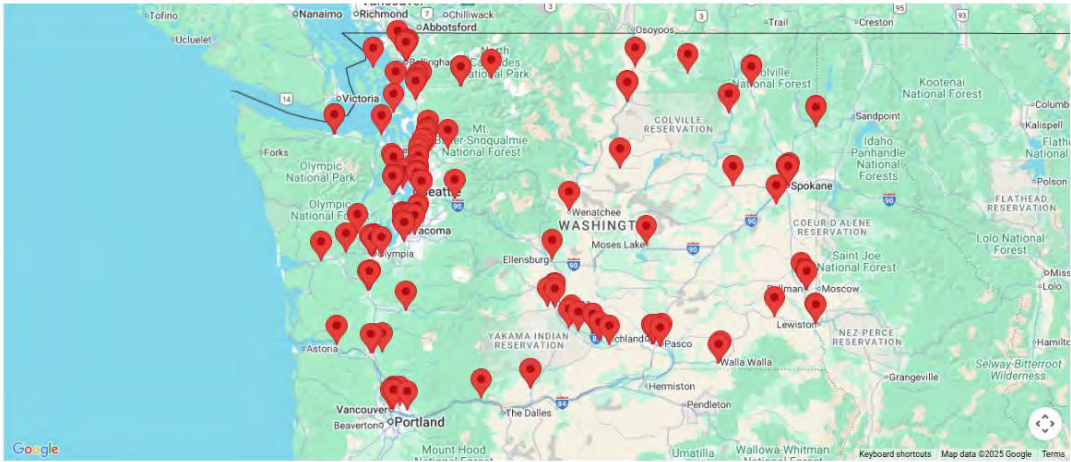
Epis on the Drug User Health Team in DCHS manage these partnerships and the database, which will be updated on a regular basis

DOH Web Team helped build the webpage and will provide ongoing maintenance

### Naloxone Finder

Naloxone is available over the counter at many pharmacies and major retailers. If you are able to do so, please [purchase naloxone](#) or [use insurance](#). Otherwise, you can find free naloxone near you using the map below.

Program Type:  County:  Zip Code:



Location	Contact Information	Naloxone Program Type	Hours of Operation
<b>415 West - Safe Stay Community</b> 415 W 11th St Vancouver, WA 98660	<a href="tel:(360)836-8942">(360) 836-8942</a> <a href="#">Email</a> <a href="#">Website</a>	Community based organization	Open 24/7

From 2018 until recently, a similar tool was developed and managed by the [Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute \(ADAI\)](#) at the University of Washington as part of [StopOverdose.org](#).

# Statewide 2026 FIFA World Cup Surveillance Workgroup


- Bi-monthly meeting for epidemiologists and others responsible for epidemiological investigation or data collection to collaborate on public health surveillance during the 2026 FIFA World Cup
  - Share information
  - Discuss key topics
  - Develop and provide feedback on tools, resources, and procedures
- **2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month, 2-3pm**
  - 2nd Tuesday: [Meeting Link](#)
  - 4th Tuesday: [Meeting Link](#)

If you have any questions, you can reach Emily Laskowski, CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow in the Office of Communicable Disease Epidemiology at [Emily.laskowski@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Emily.laskowski@doh.wa.gov) , Kacey Ingalls [Kacey.Ingalls@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Kacey.Ingalls@doh.wa.gov) and Michelle Holshue [michelle.holshue@doh.wa.gov](mailto:michelle.holshue@doh.wa.gov) .



## 2025 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

- Tuesday October 21, 2025 – Thursday October 23, 2025
- Yakima, WA
- [Registration and Rates](#) - Early Bird Registration Extended to 8/11/25



# 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Together for Health: Action, Compassion, and Collaboration

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

WSPHA is now accepting submissions for the 2025 Annual Conference at the Yakima Convention Center from October 21-23, 2025.

Proposals related to the theme and public health issues are encouraged. Acceptance will be based on clarity, project description, relevance to the theme, and new concepts. Not all submissions will be selected; over 200 proposals were received last year.

**SUBMIT VIA THE ONLINE FORM BY JUNE 12, 2025**

**Before submitting a presentation, presenters must agree to the following obligations:**

- The primary presenter must attend and present at the conference.
- Presentations can have 3 presenters total. All presenters must purchase a conference registration and arrange their own lodging.
- Those unable to purchase a registration are encouraged to apply for a scholarship.
- Workshops **MUST** have an interactive group component.

Notifications of status (ACCEPTED, ALTERNATE, or DECLINED) will be sent by **July 14th, 2025**. Due to limited slots, not all submissions will be selected.

**Suggested Topics Include:**

• Climate Change & Justice	• Racism as a Public Health Crisis
• Community-Led Health Initiatives	• Health System Transformation
• Communicable Disease	• Historical Roots of Public Health
• Environmental Public Health	• Leadership & Workforce Development
• Mental Health, Addiction	• Policy & Funding
• Equity through Data	• Social & Political Determinants of Health
• Healing, Hope, and Building Trust	• Technology & Innovation
• Health Across the Lifespan	

Questions? Email: [info@wspha.org](mailto:info@wspha.org)






# Tribal Health Resources on the Partner Hub



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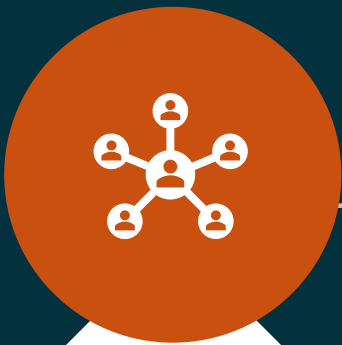


The [Tribal Health Resources](#) page is a dedicated space within the [The Partner Hub](#), designed to support Tribal health partners in easily finding and accessing Department of Health information, meetings, training, and tools that are most relevant to your work and communities.



To register for access to [The Partner Hub](#), visit the website and click "Request Access" or email [PartnerHub@doh.wa.gov](mailto:PartnerHub@doh.wa.gov) to request access.





As part of the broader [Partner Hub](#), the [Tribal Health Resources page](#) reflects the priorities of Tribal Leaders across WA. It supports a stronger, more resilient, and better-connected public health system.



[The Partner Hub](#) is designed to:

- Connect our Tribal partners with relevant information.
- Serve as a central location to find DOH resources, meeting information, program sites, and more.
- Host relevant public health training.



[The Partner Hub](#)

doesn't replace one-on-one interactions with Department of Health. If you would like to connect with DOH leaders, staff, or resources, reach out to us!

Let us know what you would like to see on the Tribal Health Resources page!

**Are you a Governmental Public Health System Partner?**  
**Register for [The Partner Hub](#) by visiting the website or emailing [PartnerHub@doh.wa.gov](mailto:PartnerHub@doh.wa.gov)**

# The Office of Immunization 5-year Strategic Plan Survey

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- The Office of Immunization is developing a 5-year strategic plan to guide our work and strengthen our impact across Washington State. This plan will align with the Immunization Cooperative Agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- To help inform the plan, we are launching a survey to learn more about your experiences, priorities, and ideas for the future. Your input will help identify shared goals, challenges, and opportunities across the Office of Immunization.
- The survey is confidential (*your name will not be collected*). All feedback will be reviewed and displayed in aggregate.

## Survey Details

- Time to complete: About 15 to 20 minutes
- Deadline: Please complete the survey by August 15, 2025
- Click here to take the survey: [DOH Office of Immunization: Strategic Planning Survey](#)
  - *Please feel free to forward this survey link to other staff/contractors involved in immunization work.*

*If you have any trouble accessing the survey or have questions, please email [jessica.haag@doh.wa.gov](mailto:jessica.haag@doh.wa.gov)*

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