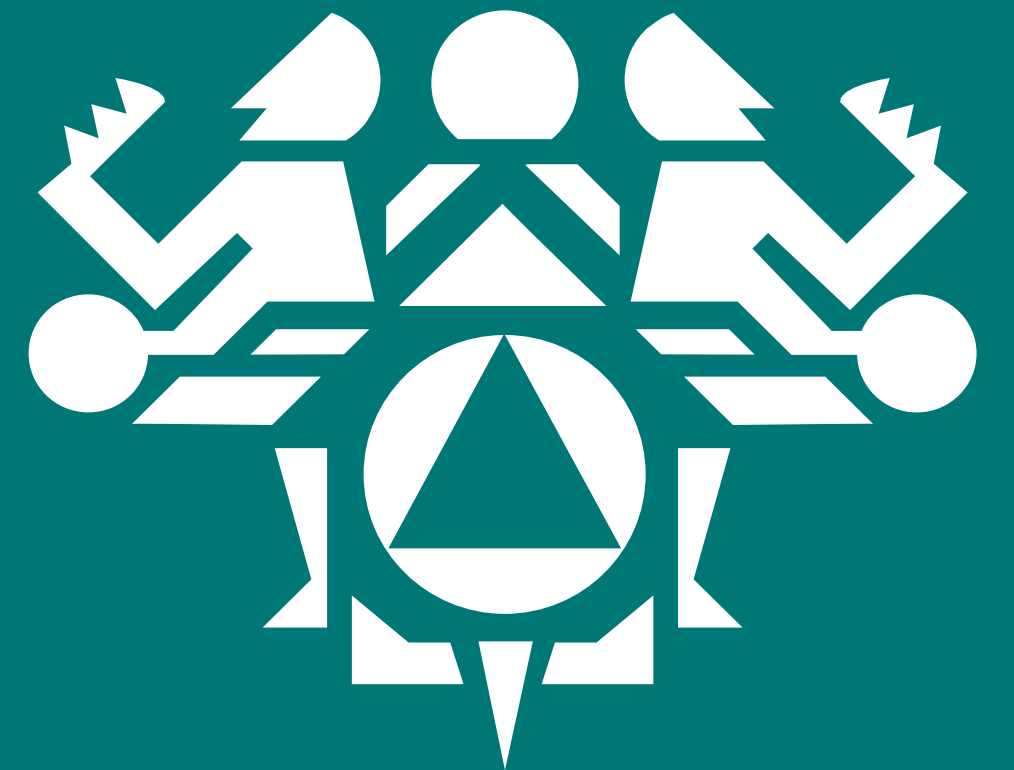


NPAIHB

Weekly Update

August 26, 2025





NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
Indian Leadership for Indian Health

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Bridget Canniff
- NPAIHB Announcements, Events, & Resources
- Legislative & Policy Updates: Pakak Sophie Boerner
- 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

- **Care and Access for Pregnant People ECHO** – 4th Tuesday of every month at 11am PT
 - Tuesday, August 26th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Breastfeeding Support in Low Resource Areas*
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/87128078680?pwd=c2hMOEFnWU9QWVZMd2dpL0J0ODNidz09>
- **Hepatitis C ECHO** – Wednesdays at 11am PT
 - Wednesday, August 27th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Methadone for OUD: Updates and Ongoing Barriers to Care*
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/537117924?pwd=OEExbERmK2pSUFFsMzV1SmVpb3g3dz09>
- **Early Relational Health (ERH) ECHO – Formerly MCH ECHO** – 4th Wednesday of every month at 12pm PT
 - Wednesday, August 27th at 12pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Promoting Culture and Literacy in Early Childhood with Baby Raven Reads*
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/86327376612?pwd=YVRiY0dxeXV1Ukl2ZE9objU2U2hrZz09>
- **Journey to Health ECHO** – 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month at 7am/12pm PT
 - Thursday, August 28th at 12pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Self, Spiritual and Community Care*
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/93413601610?pwd=YVhMN1NUNIIYWHZUZk1CUUnF0TEY5QT09>

Do you have children 0-12 years old?

Meet with local Tribal Child Passenger Safety Technicians to expand your knowledge on proper child safety seat use and installation

- These services are free
- **ALL** questions and concerns matter, we want to help



Upcoming checkup station date:
Thursday August 28th, 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Check up station location:
Barbie's Village
935 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97232
(look for the bright orange sign)



Sign up to meet with a Child Passenger Safety Technician at the August checkup station!

Use the QR Code or input the URL below into your browser:

augcarseatcheckup.youcanbook.me/

Contact Olivia with any questions at **owhiting@npaihb.org** or call/text **605-407-2417**

*Appointments preferred for the checkup station, those with appointments have priority, drop in checkups are taken as time allows

Car seat resources are available based on need for Native American/Alaskan Native children AND your child must be present to ensure proper fit



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Cancer Patient Navigator Training

September 9-11, Portland, OR

Registration:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CancerPNTraining



September 9th - 11th | Portland, OR

Cancer Patient Navigator Training

Come join us and explore PN topics focused on safety, cancer treatments, resources, cultural competency, and much more.

Our Trainers:
Linda Burhansstipanov, MSPH, DrPH
(Cherokee Nation)
Lisa Harjo, MEd
(Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CancerPNTraining>

Free Registration
Hotel block available
Travel scholarships available





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



WHEN?

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

Start Time:
10:00 AM PT

Next HNY CoP 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.

NATIVE FITNESS XIX

REGISTER HERE!



SAVE THE DATE

SEPT. 16-17, 2025



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*For more information:
Western Tribal Diabetes Project - WTDP@npaihb.org*

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?	WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DIABETES COORDINATORS• TRIBAL FITNESS COORDINATORS• COMMUNITY WELLNESS TRAINERS• YOUTH COORDINATORS• TRIBAL ELDERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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/

Register:

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**



This flyer and webinar/meeting is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling \$900,000 with 100 percent funded by CDC/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CDC/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

Savvy Caregiver in Indian Country

September 16-18, 2025

Coeur d'Alene – Worley, ID

Registration:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6GB7TSK>



Opportunity for technology/data science staff placements

- The CDC Foundation is requesting applications for Cohort 3 of their **Workforce Acceleration Initiative (WAI)**
- WAI will place 1-4 technology and data experts in selected public health authorities through June 2027 to support information systems improvement projects
 - NPAIHB is part of WAI Cohort 2 and has four placements supporting data and IT modernization projects
- Tribal PHAs are encouraged to apply - there will be a Tribal Agency general information session scheduled in mid-September
- Proposals are due **October 17, 2025** - information and applications are available at:
<https://www.cdcfoundation.org/request-for-proposals>

NPAIHB Weekly Update Schedule

September 2: No Weekly Update

September 9: CDC Foundation Workforce Acceleration Initiative (WAI)

September 16: N CREW Research Series:
Defining a Question

September 23: Legislative & Policy Update

September 30: No Weekly Update - QBM



LEGISLATIVE & POLICY UPDATE

August 26, 2025

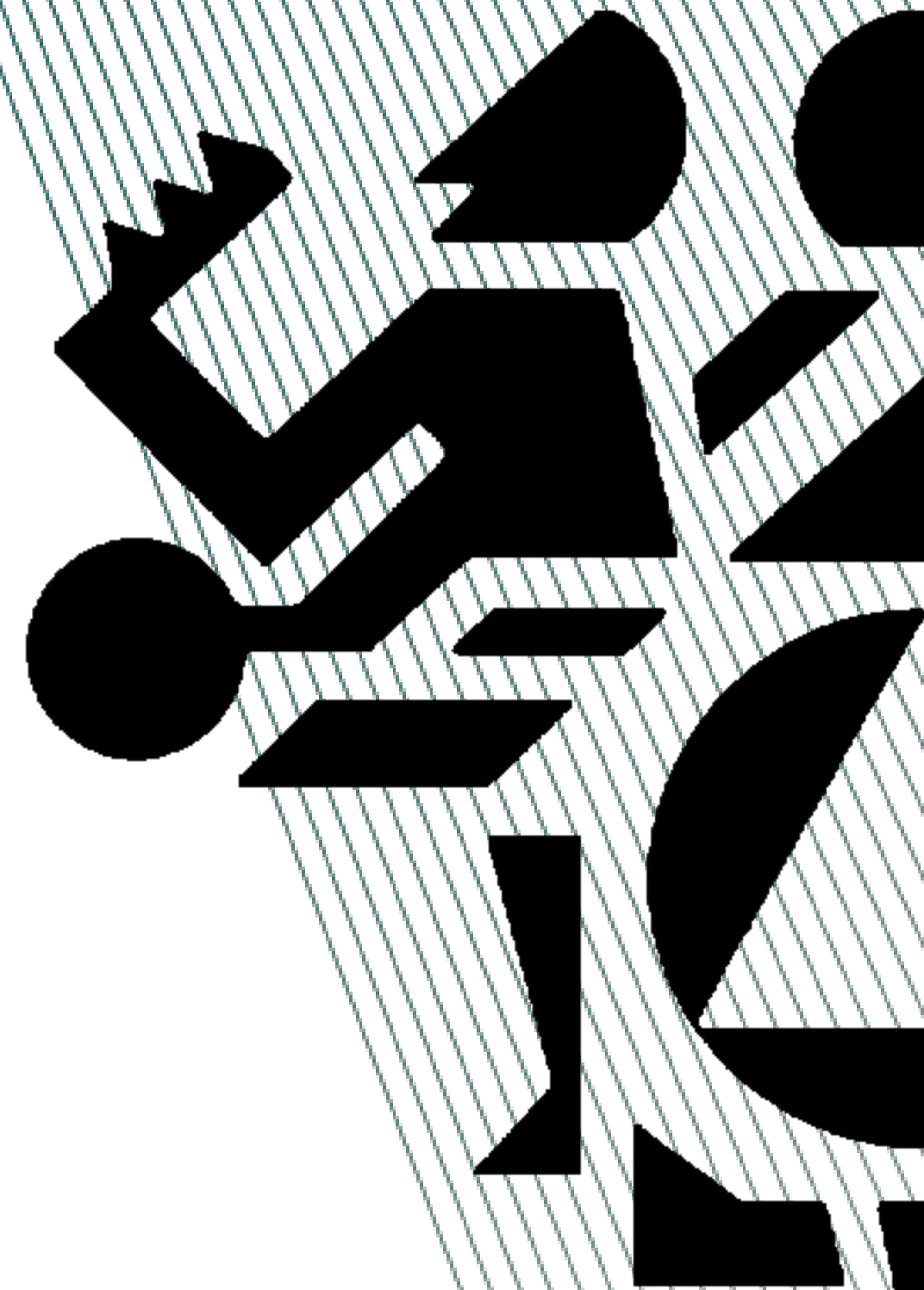


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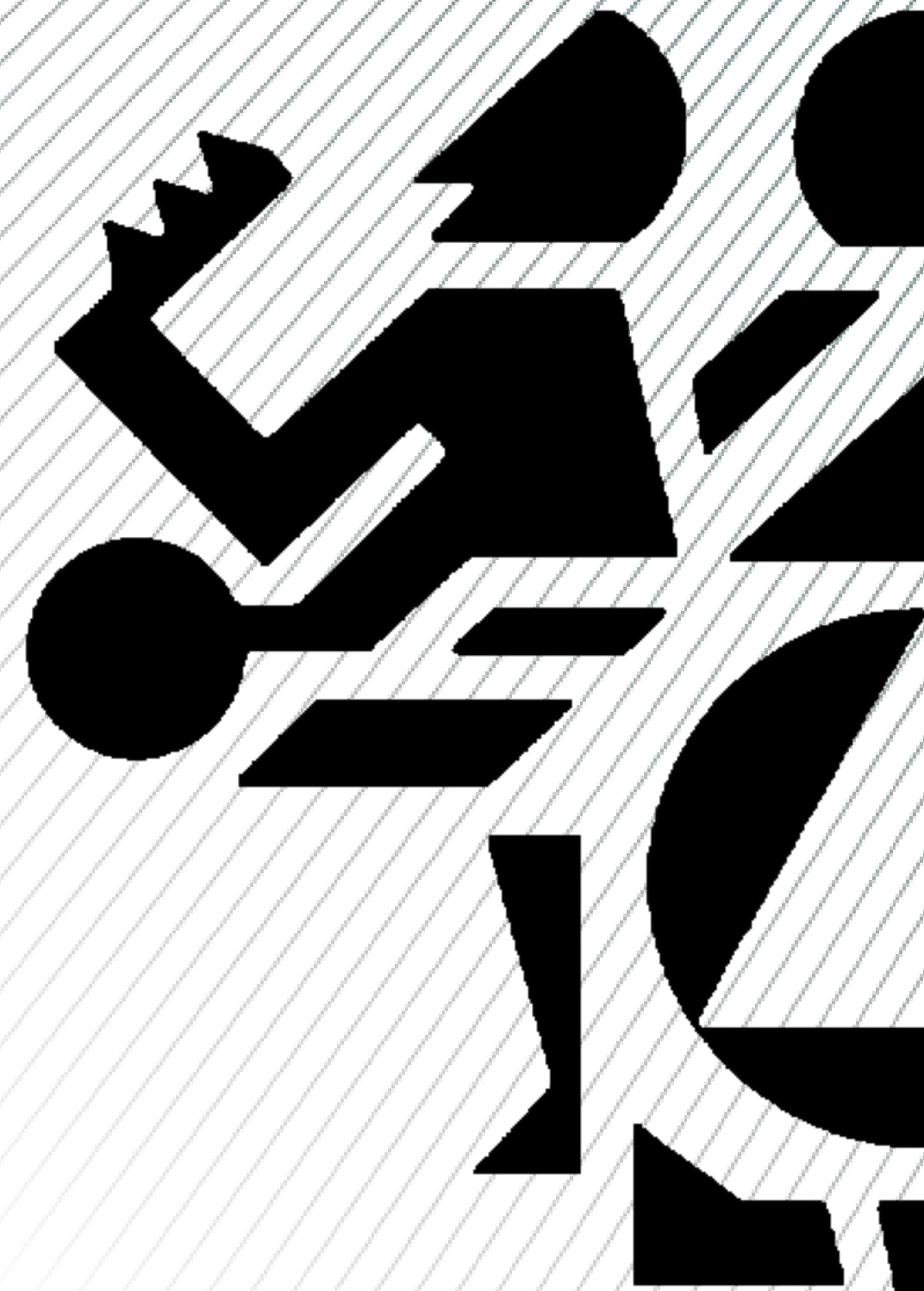
NPAIHB MISSION

To eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of American Indians and Alaska Natives by supporting Northwest Tribes in their delivery of culturally appropriate, high-quality health programs and services.



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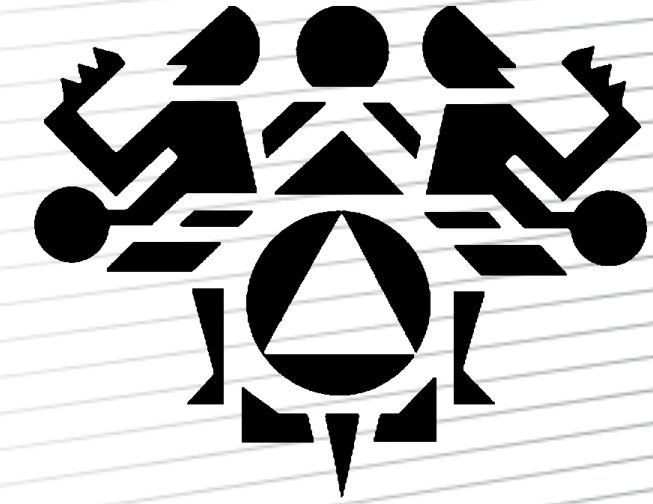
- Congressional Updates
- Federal Updates
- DTLLs
- Consultations, Listening Sessions & Written Comments
- National & Regional Meetings
- Policy Resources





Congressional

CONGRESS IS ON RECESS



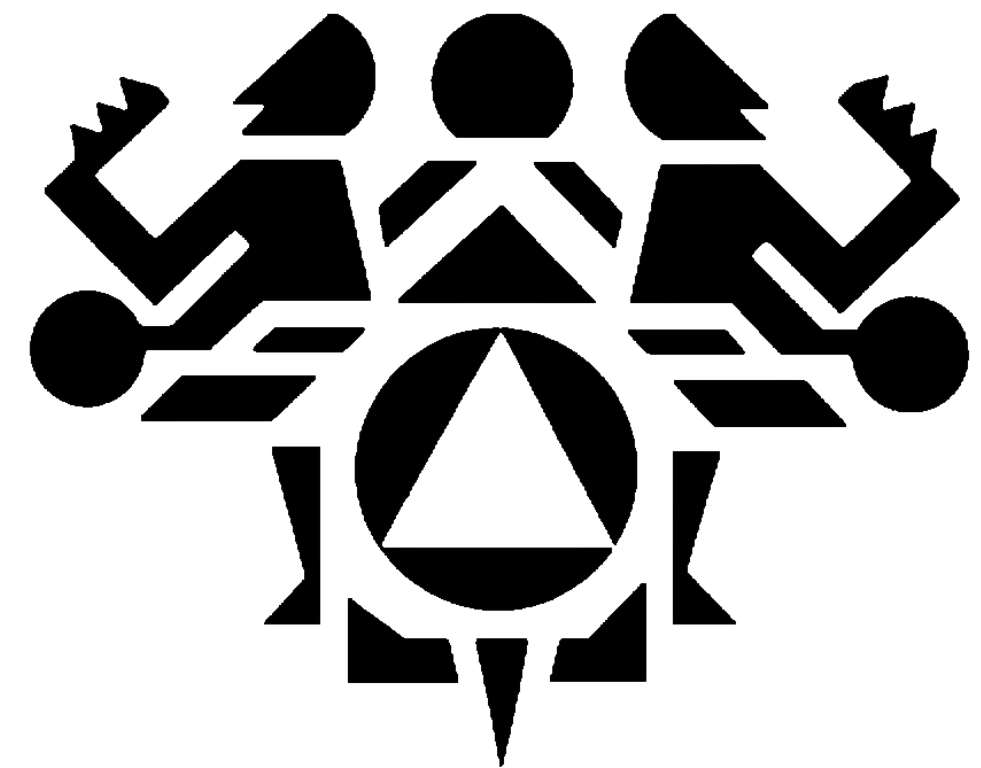
August Recess:

- The House of Representatives and the Senate are away from Washington D.C.
- Members will return the day after Labor Day, on Tuesday, September 2
- Upon return,
 - House will be in session 14 days
 - Senate will be in session 16 days
- September Recess - expected the week of September 22



DRAFT LEGISLATION ON NATIVE CHILDREN

- On August 8, Chair Murkowski shared a press release about the issuance of her discussion draft of the [Native Children's Commission Implementation Act of 2025](#)
- Requesting comments by September 12 to Murkowski_Outreach@Indian.Senate.Gov



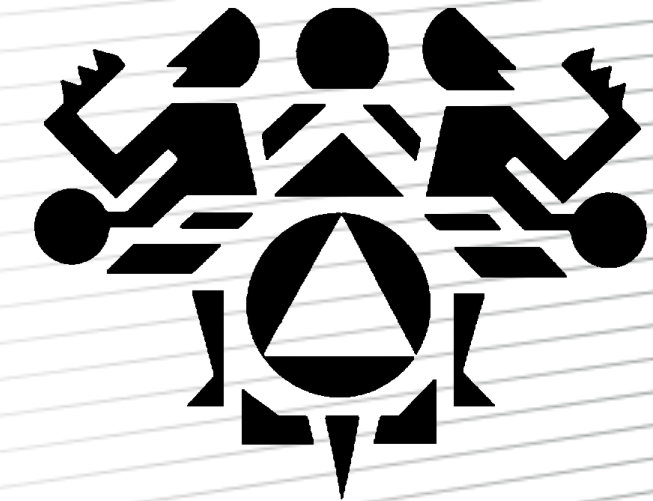
Dear Tribal Leader Letters



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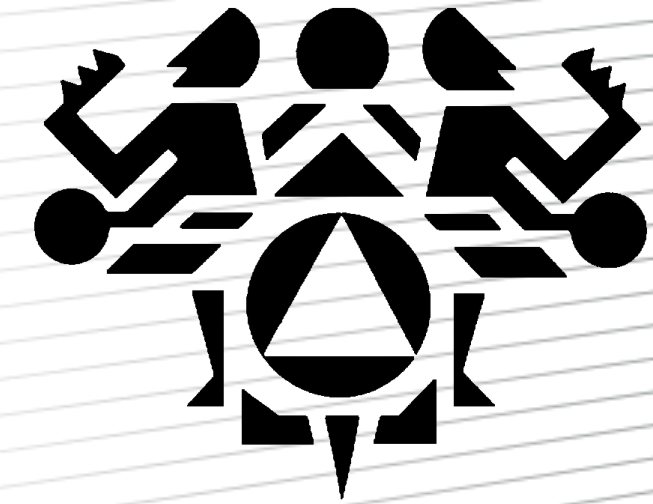
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IHS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM & IHS LOAN REPAYMENT IN FY26



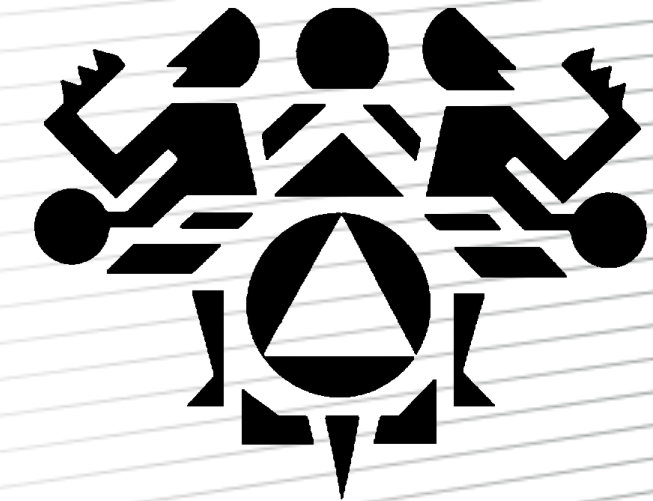
- Sent on August 7, 2025, by Rose Weahkee, Acting Deputy Director for Management Operations
- Requests assistance with identifying priority health professions for inclusion into categories eligible for the IHS Scholarship Program (SP) in academic year 2026-2027 and the IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP) in fiscal year (FY) 2026
- For academic year 2026-2027 and FY 2026, the IHS SP and LRP will be funding:
 - Physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, and optometrists
- All Indian health programs are invited to participate in this process to help determine the approved disciplines for the upcoming academic year and FY selections.
- **Priorities are due by September 5, 2025**, to Mr. Jeremy Sheehan at Jeremy.Sheehan@ihs.gov

HHS-OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL



- Sent on August 14, 2025, by Benjamin Smith, IHS Acting Director
- Sharing resources to identify and report fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement to appropriate law enforcement, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG)
- HHS-OIG has a statutory responsibility to provide oversight over IHS programs and all Departmental funding recipients

PURCHASED AND REFERRED CARE

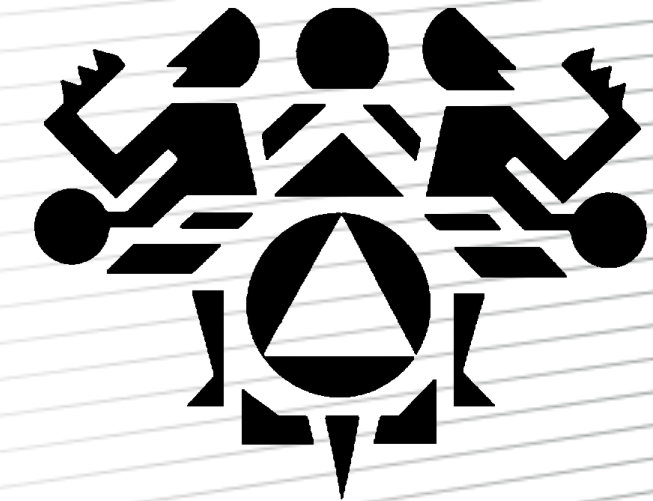


- Sent on August 20, 2025, by Benjamin Smith, IHS Acting Director
- Sharing important program-related updates and progress:
 - Unobligated Balances
 - Medical Priorities
 - Authorization and Payment
 - Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF)
 - No Patient Liability Language
 - Purchased/Referred Care Delivery Area (PRCDA) Redesignations

Consultations, Listening Sessions & Written Comments



IHS PROPOSED REALIGNMENT



- Sent on June 13, 2025, by Benjamin Smith, IHS Acting Director
- Requesting comments and recommendations regarding the ***proposed realignment of the Indian Health Service (IHS)***
- Feedback on the following areas:
 - Delivery of Direct Patient Care
 - Enterprise/Operational Management
 - Supporting Tribal Self-Determination
 - Tribal Advisory Committees
- ***Comment deadline is August 28, 2025***, by emailing Tribal Consultation comments to consultation@ihs.gov

National & Regional Meetings



MEETINGS

GIHAC Native Hub Workgroup

Date: August 28

Time: 9:00 AM PST

Registration Link: [Zoom Link](#)

Zoom Meeting Information:

Meeting ID: 880 4276 6904

Passcode: 905767

NPAIHB Tribal Caucus: IHS HIT Modernization

Date: August 28

Time: 12:00 PM PST

DTLL: [Link to DTLL](#)

Zoom Link: [Link to Zoom
Registration](#)

Meeting ID: 897 6759 1208

Passcode: 141875

VA-ACTIA

Date: September 3-5

Time: 9:00 AM HST

Registration Link: [Teams Link](#)

2025 National Tribal Health Conference

Date: September 8-12

Register: [Link](#)

Event Website: [2025 National
Tribal Health Conference:
Culture is Medicine;
Community is Healing](#)



MEETINGS

TLDC

Date: September 16-17

Time: 9:00 AM EST **Location:** Arlington, VA

HHS STAC

Date: September 23-25

Location: Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

ATNI Annual Convention 2025

Date: October 12-16

Host: Suquamish Tribe

Location: Suquamish
Clearwater Casino Resort

36th Centennial Accord

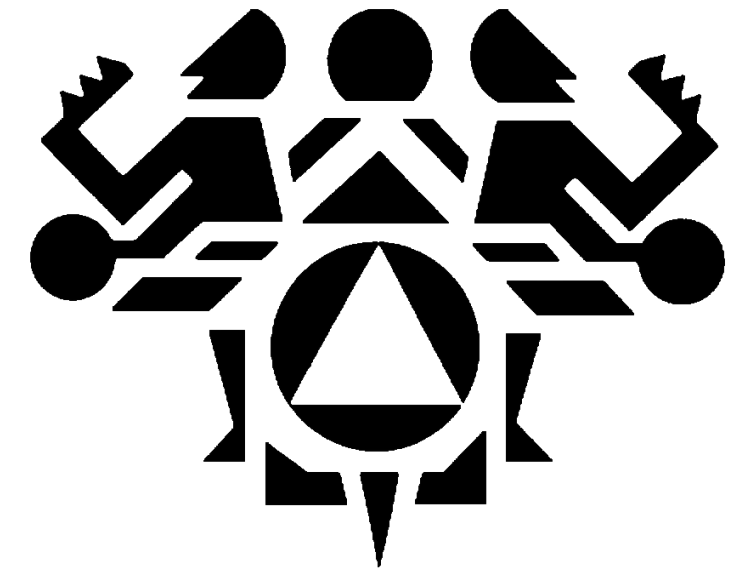
Date: October 20-23

Host: Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Location: ilani Casino Resort



OCTOBER QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING



NPAIHB is excited to announce that the October QBM will be hosted by the ***Muckleshoot Indian Tribe*** from ***September 29 to October 2, 2025***, at the Muckleshoot Casino Resort, 2402 Auburn Way S., Auburn, WA 98002.

Attendees are kindly asked to [register online](#) no later than Tuesday, September 2, 2025.



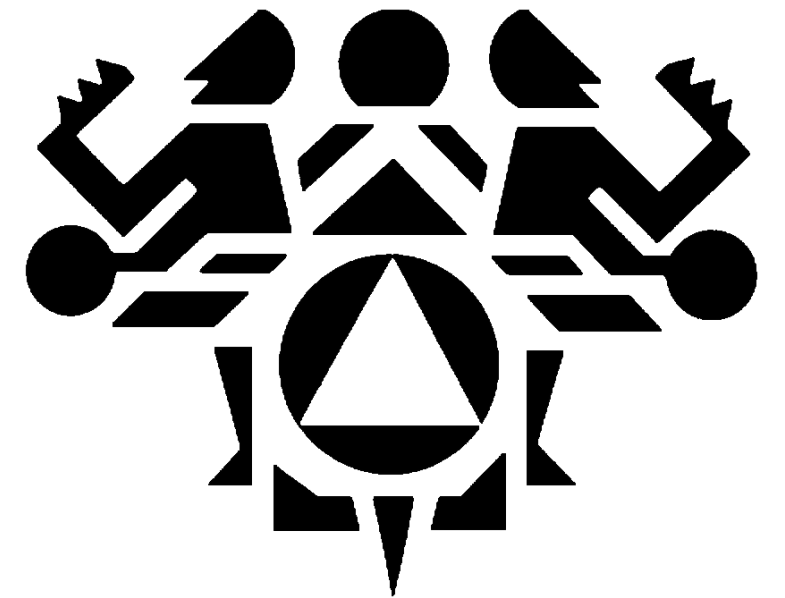
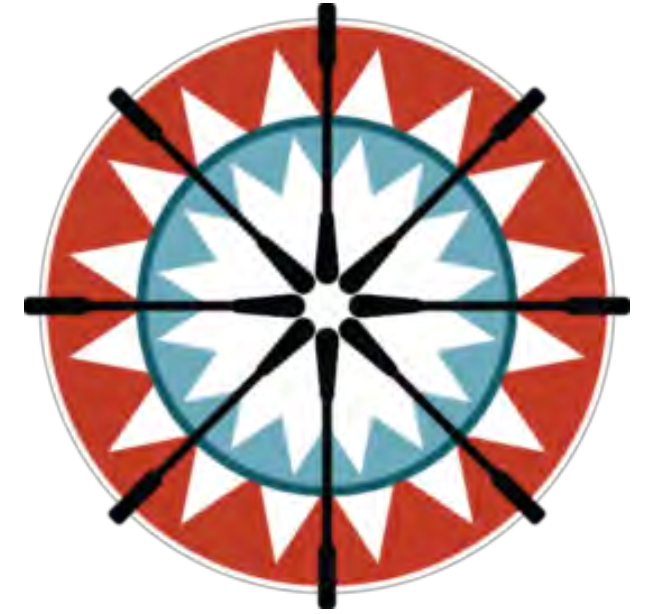
Policy Resources



COALITION FOR TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

[Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty Tribal Toolkit for Navigating Federal Grant Terminations](#)

The Tribal Toolkit for Navigating Federal Grant Terminations was developed by the Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty (CTS) to assist Tribal Nations and Tribal organizations in navigating federal grants in an uncertain funding climate. This toolkit is equipped with five handouts to help Tribal Nations and Tribal organizations navigate specific areas of the grant management, termination, appeal, and closeout process, accompanied by associated template materials for appealing and related advocacy.





Health and Wellness for the Seventh Generation



MEET THE TEAM



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*Director of Legal &
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Thank you!

Portland Area IHS Communicable Diseases Update

TARA PERTI, MD, MPH
MEDICAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST
OFFICE, PORTLAND AREA IHS
August 26, 2025

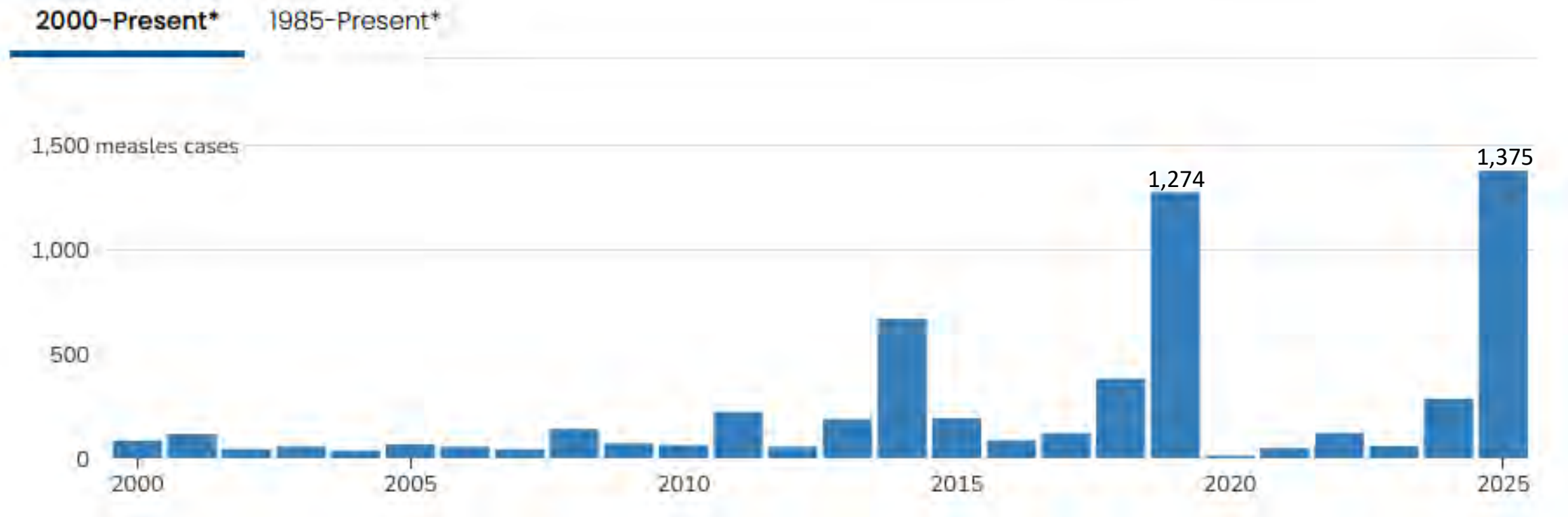


Outline

- Measles update
- COVID-19 update
- Syphilis: update on Bicillin L-A shortage and alternative agents for treatment

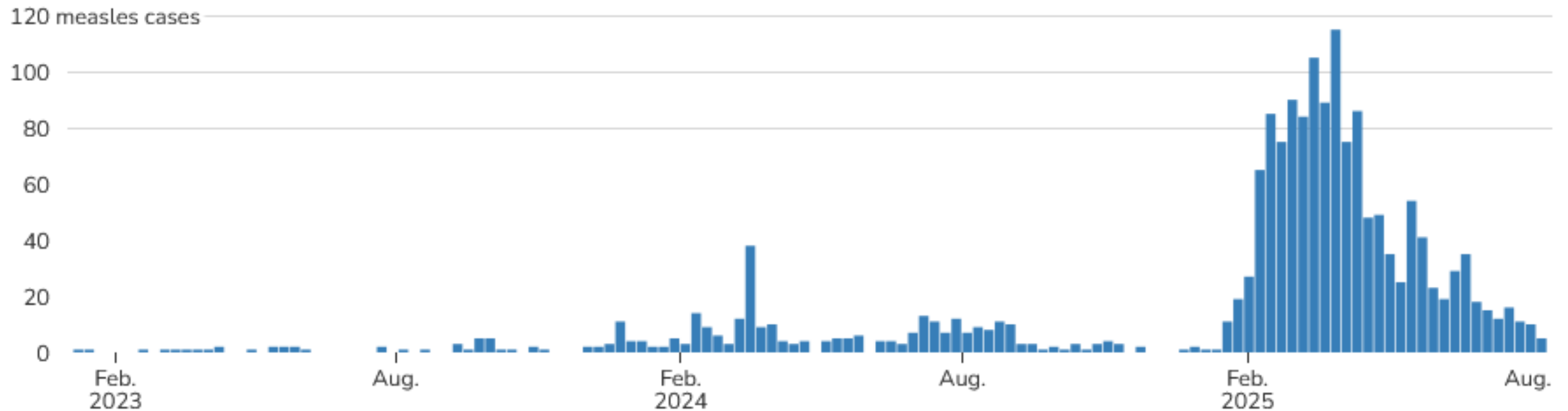
Yearly Measles Cases – United States, 2000-Present

as of August 19, 2025



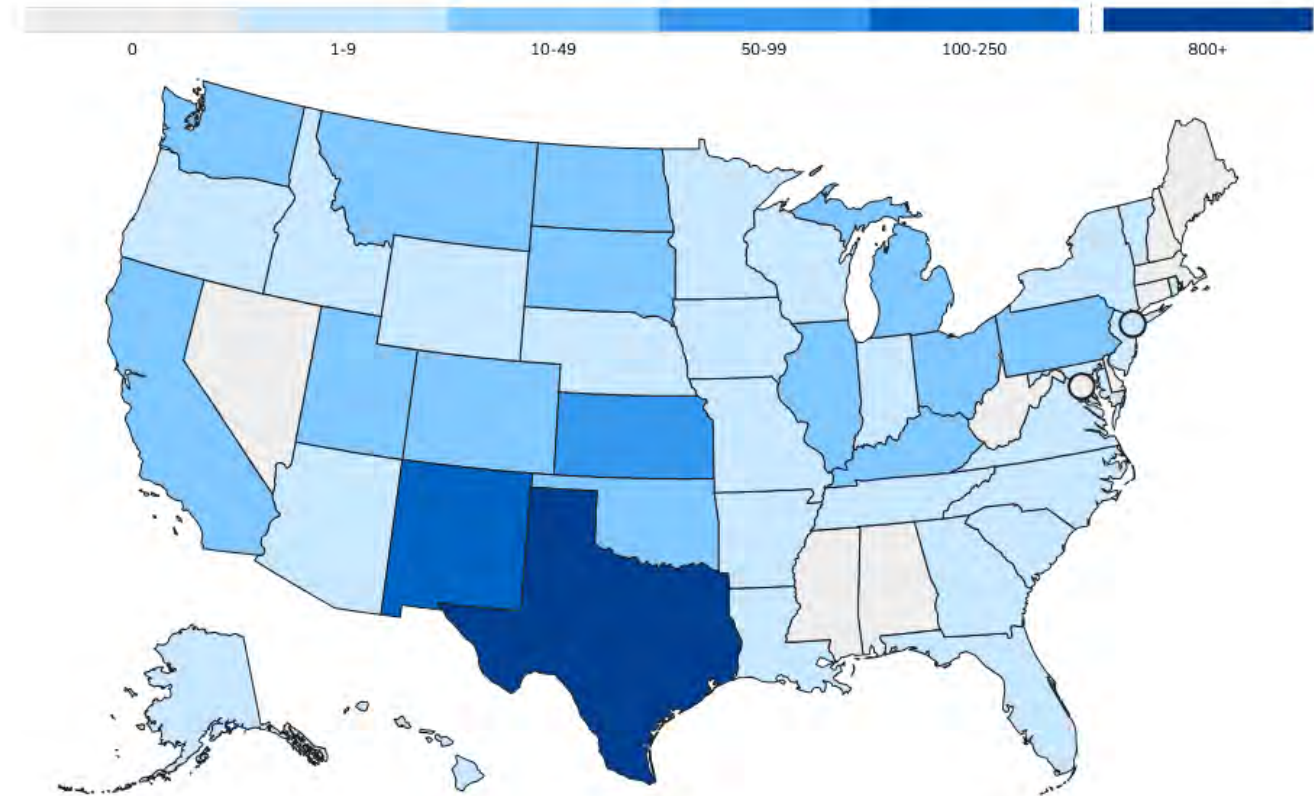
Measles – United States, 2023-2025 (through 8/19)

2023–2025* (as of August 19, 2025)



Measles — United States, 2025

- 1,375 confirmed cases among 41 states through 8/19.
- 87% of cases from one of 35 outbreaks (≥ 3 related cases).
- Age: 28% <5 years-old, 37% 5-19 years-old, 34% ≥ 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 — Idaho, 2025

Date Reported	County	Age	Exposure
8/12/25	Kootenai (Panhandle Health District)	Child	<u>Unknown</u>
8/14/25	Bonneville (Eastern Idaho Public Health)	Child	International Traveler (household)
8/19/25	Bonner (Panhandle Health District)	Child	<u>Unknown</u>

*There have been 2 additional cases among travelers to Idaho, who are not residents of Idaho (one reported on 8/7/25 in Bonneville County) and one previously reported on 5/23/25 by South Central Health District.

The Spokane Regional Health District has indicated that there was possible exposure to the public at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Aug. 12, 11:14 a.m.-5:27 p.m., Sacred Heart Pediatric and Adult Emergency Departments
- Wednesday, Aug. 13, 6:02 p.m.-12:54 a.m., Providence Sacred Heart Pediatric and Adult Emergency Departments
- Friday, Aug. 15, 9:30 a.m.-8:27 p.m., Providence Sacred Heart Pediatric Oncology & Hematology Specialty Clinic

Anyone at one of these locations should monitor for symptoms through 9/5/25

Additional Details: <https://srhd.org/news/measles-exposure-in-spokane-county>

Estimated MMR Vaccine Coverage Among Kindergartners – Washington, Oregon, Idaho and the United States, 2024-2025

	2 MMR Doses	Any Vaccine Exemption
Washington	90.9%	4.8%
Oregon	90.5%	9.8%
Idaho	78.5%	15.4%
National	92.5%	3.6%

≥95% coverage is needed to prevent outbreaks in communities!

Measles — Washington and Oregon, 2025

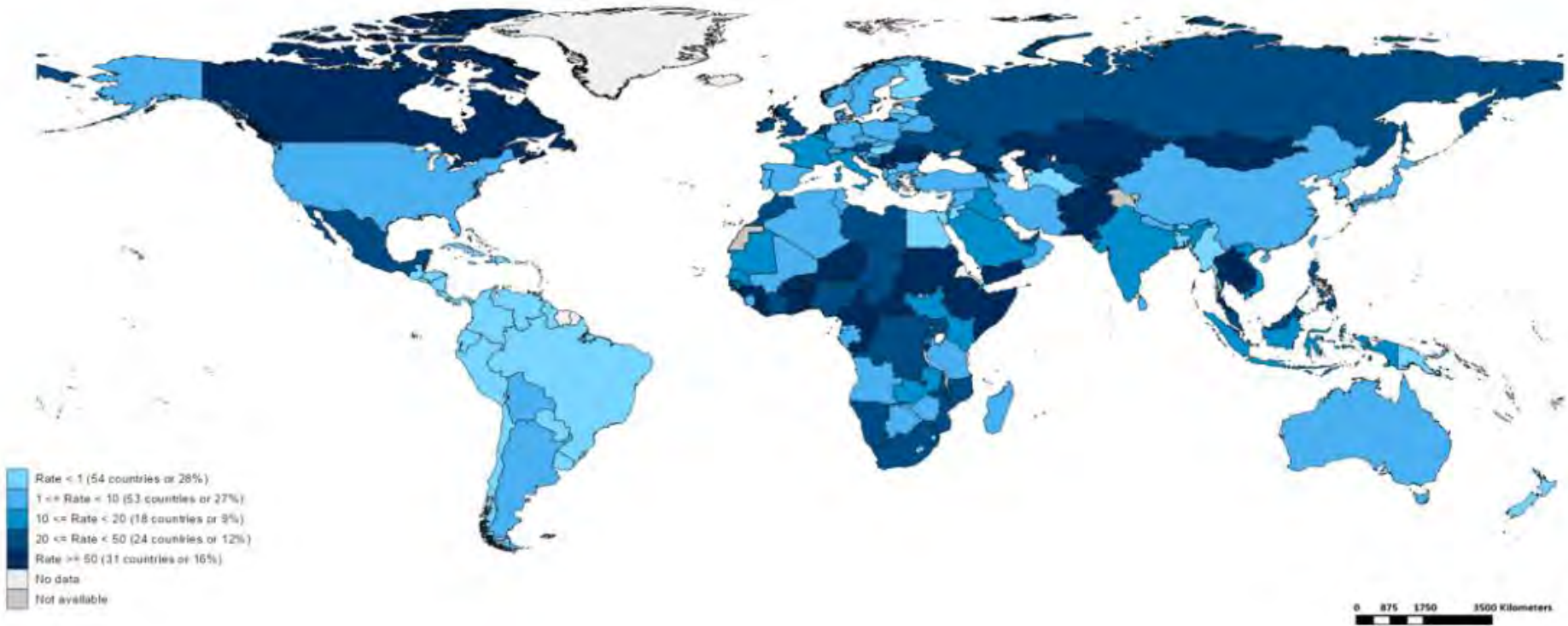
Date Reported	County	<u>Washington (N=10)*</u>		Exposure
		Age		
2/26/25	King	Infant		International Travel
3/17/25	Snohomish	Adult		Linked to 1 st Case
4/1/25	Snohomish	Adult		International Travel
4/4/25	King	Adult		International Travel
4/20/25	King	Infant		International Travel
5/20/25	King	Adult		International Travel
6/20/25	Whatcom	Not provided		Not Provided
6/23/25	Whatcom	Not provided		Linked to 1 st Case in Whatcom County
6/25/25	King	1 adult and 1 child in the same household		International Visitor
8/25/25 (Suspect)	Spokane	Not Provided		Not Provided

- Possible exposure to public at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane on 8/24 (6:08-10:41 AM) per Spokane Regional Health District. Anyone at location should monitor for symptoms through 9/14/25

*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

Measles Incidence (Cases per Million), 7/2024-6/2025



Highest incidence rates

Country	Cases	Rate
Kyrgyzstan	10462	1,455.88
Yemen	30568	753.22
Romania	9875	519.32
Mongolia	1199	344.98
Afghanistan	11142	261.26
Tajikistan	2177	205.55
Georgia	712	186.99
Kazakhstan	3112	151.12
Serbia	900	133.61
Thailand	7526	105.01

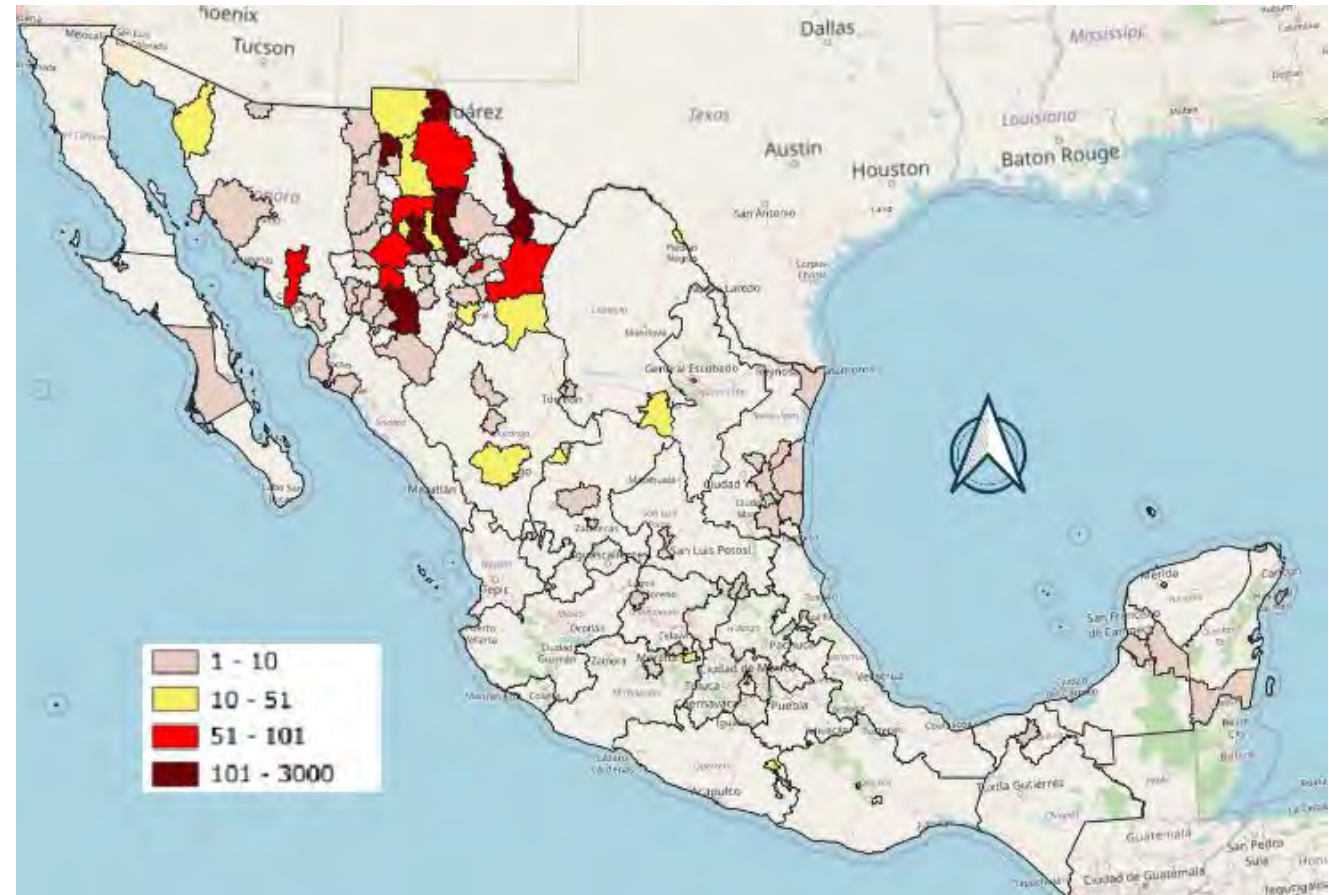
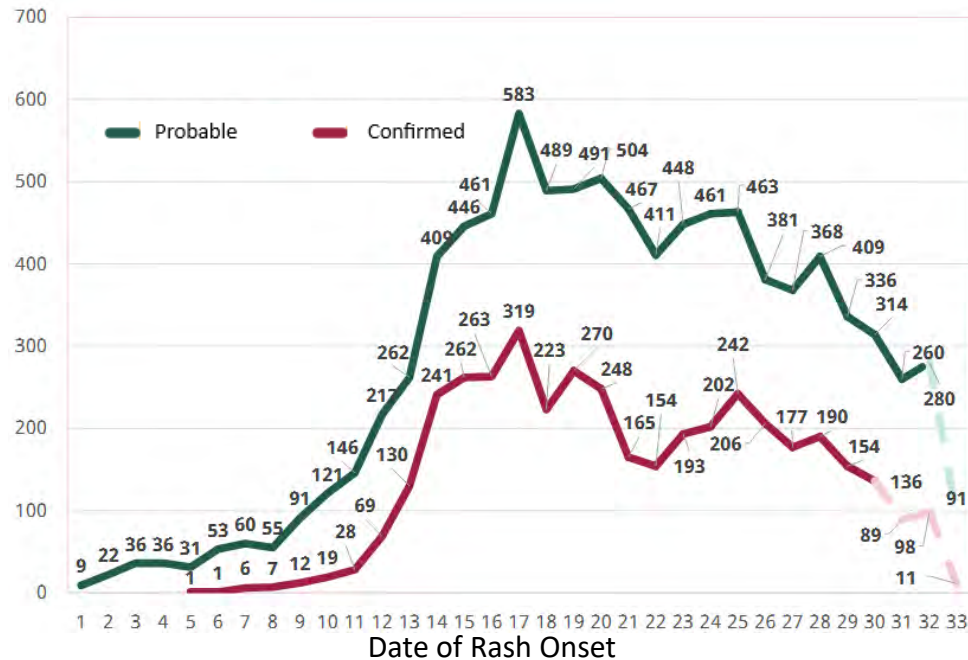


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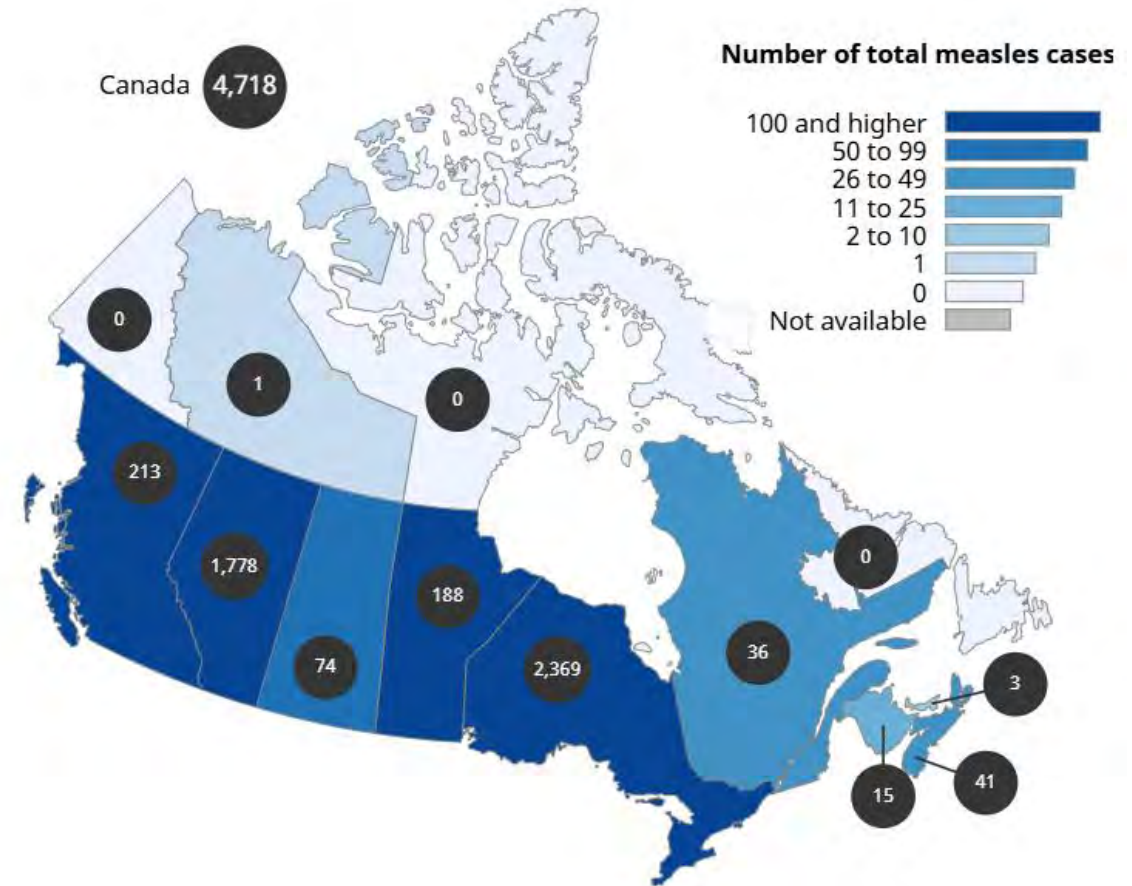
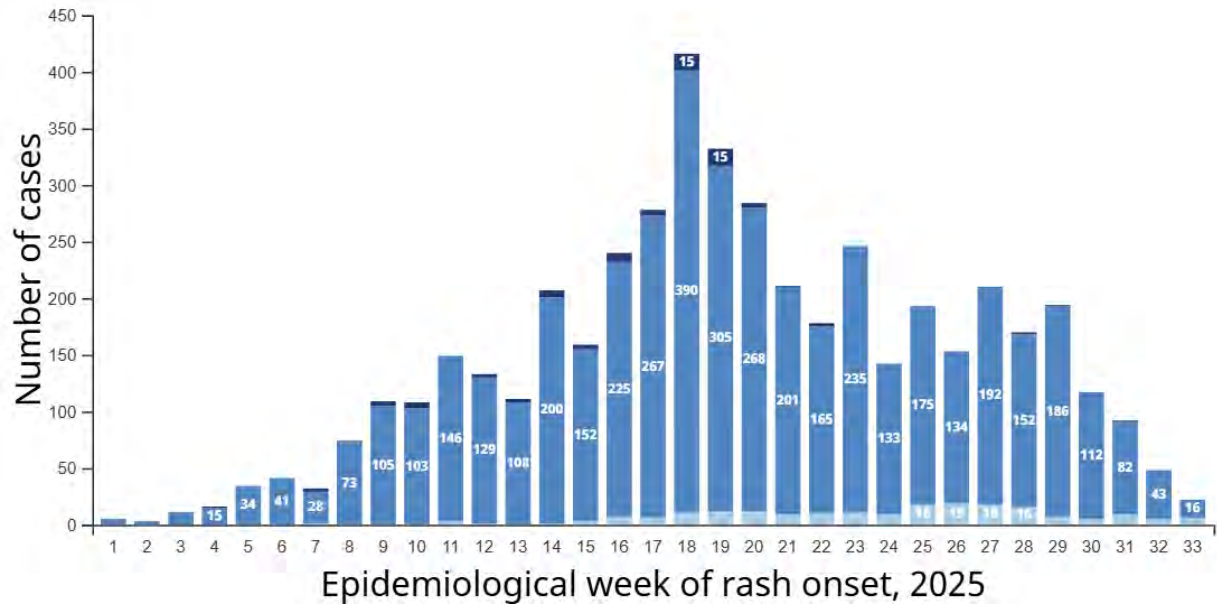
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Measles — Mexico, 2025 (through 8/25)

- 8,386 confirmed and probable cases; 4,267 confirmed cases as of 8/25/25
- 21 states; 3,972 (93%) confirmed cases in Chihuahua
- Deaths: **15** (14 in Chihuahua and 1 in Sonora)

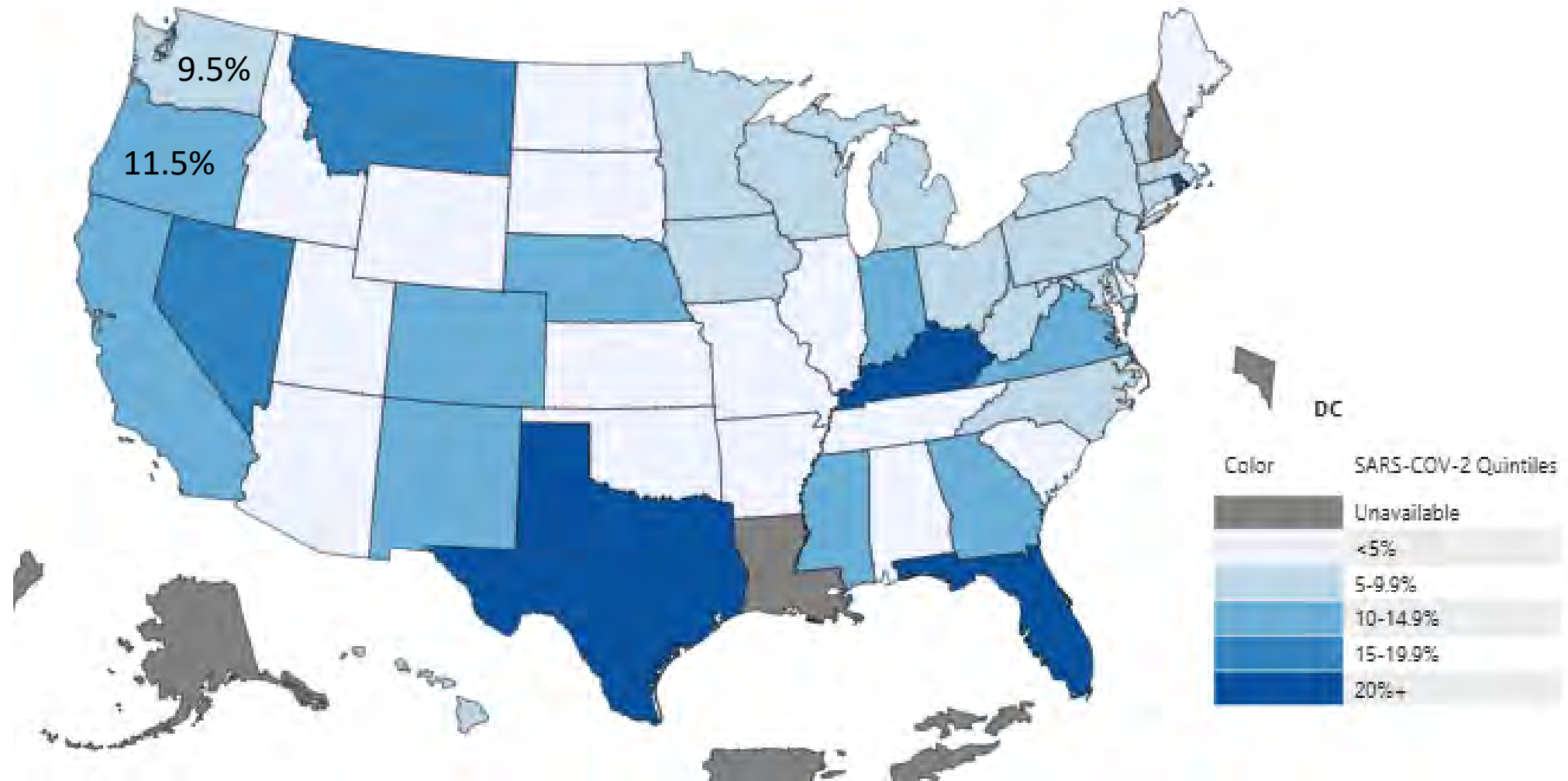


Measles — Canada, 2025 (through 8/16)

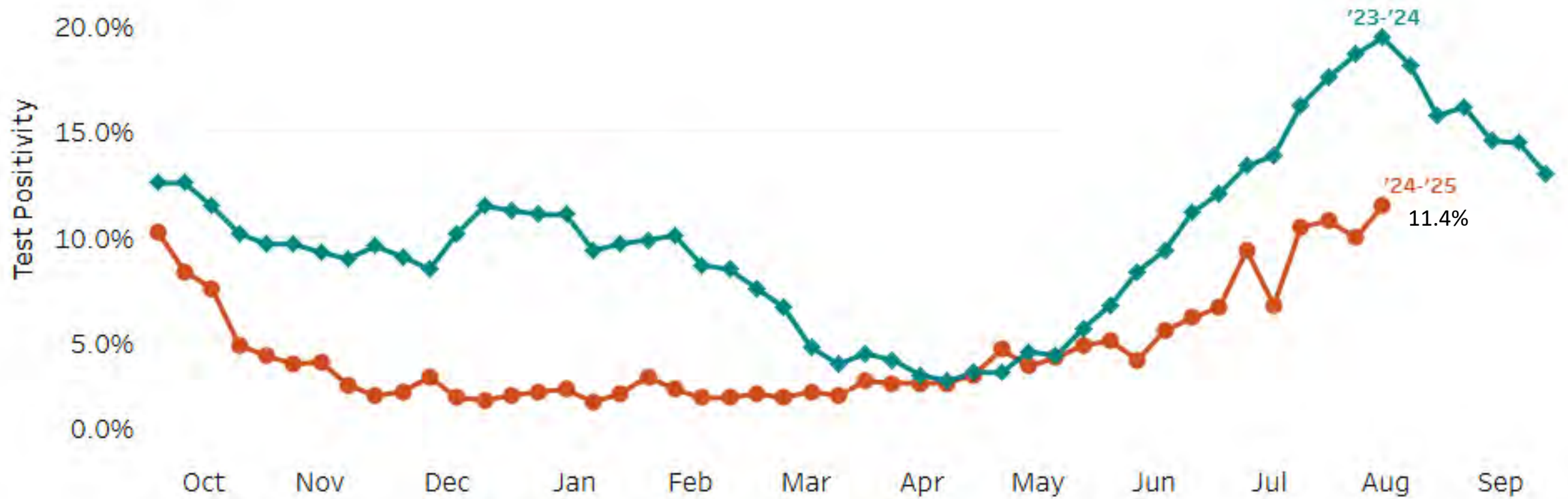


Number of confirmed cases: 4,389

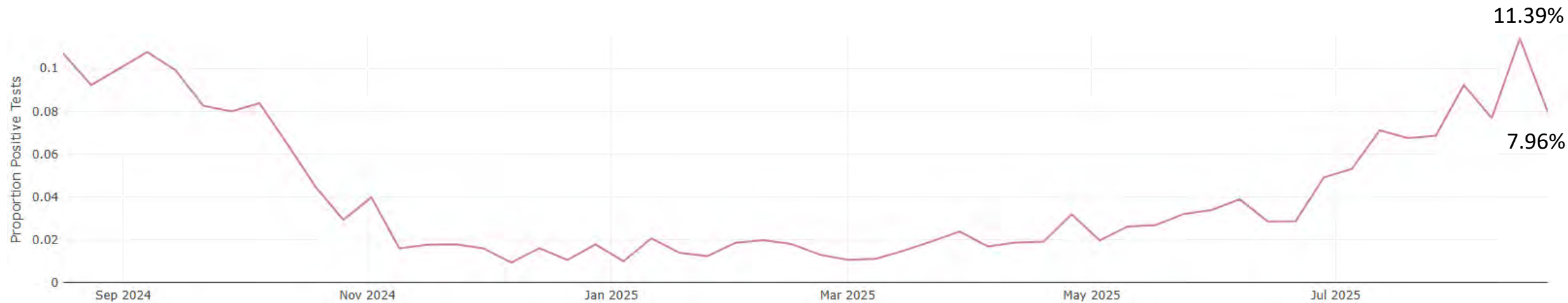
COVID-19 % Positivity — United States, week ending 8/16/25



Percent of Tests Positive for COVID-19 — Oregon, 2023-2025 (through 8/16/25)

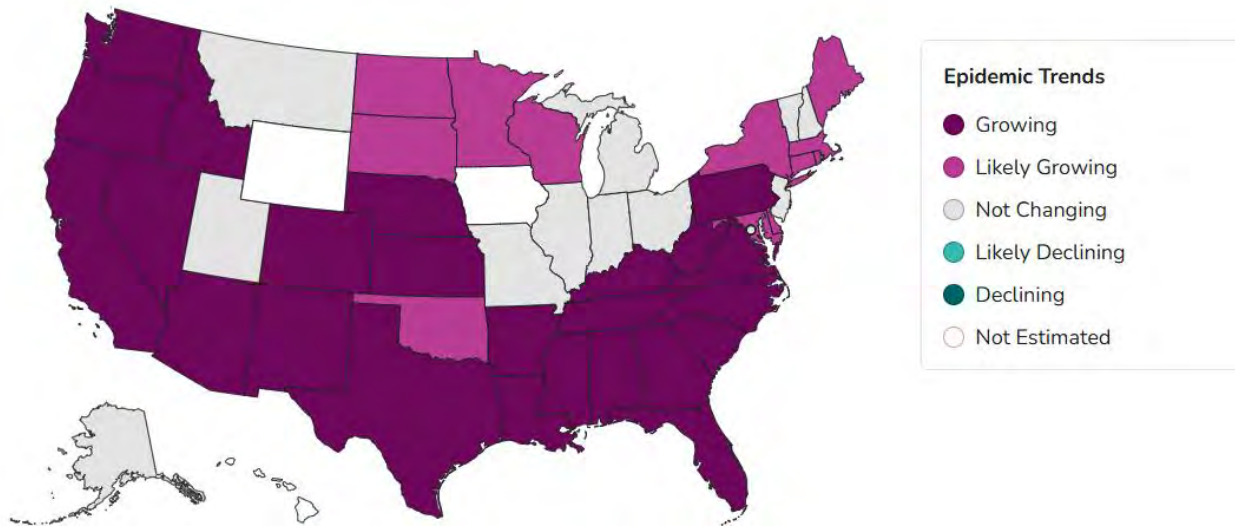


Proportion of Tests Positive for COVID-19 in the Northwest — University of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital, 2024-2025 (through 8/23)



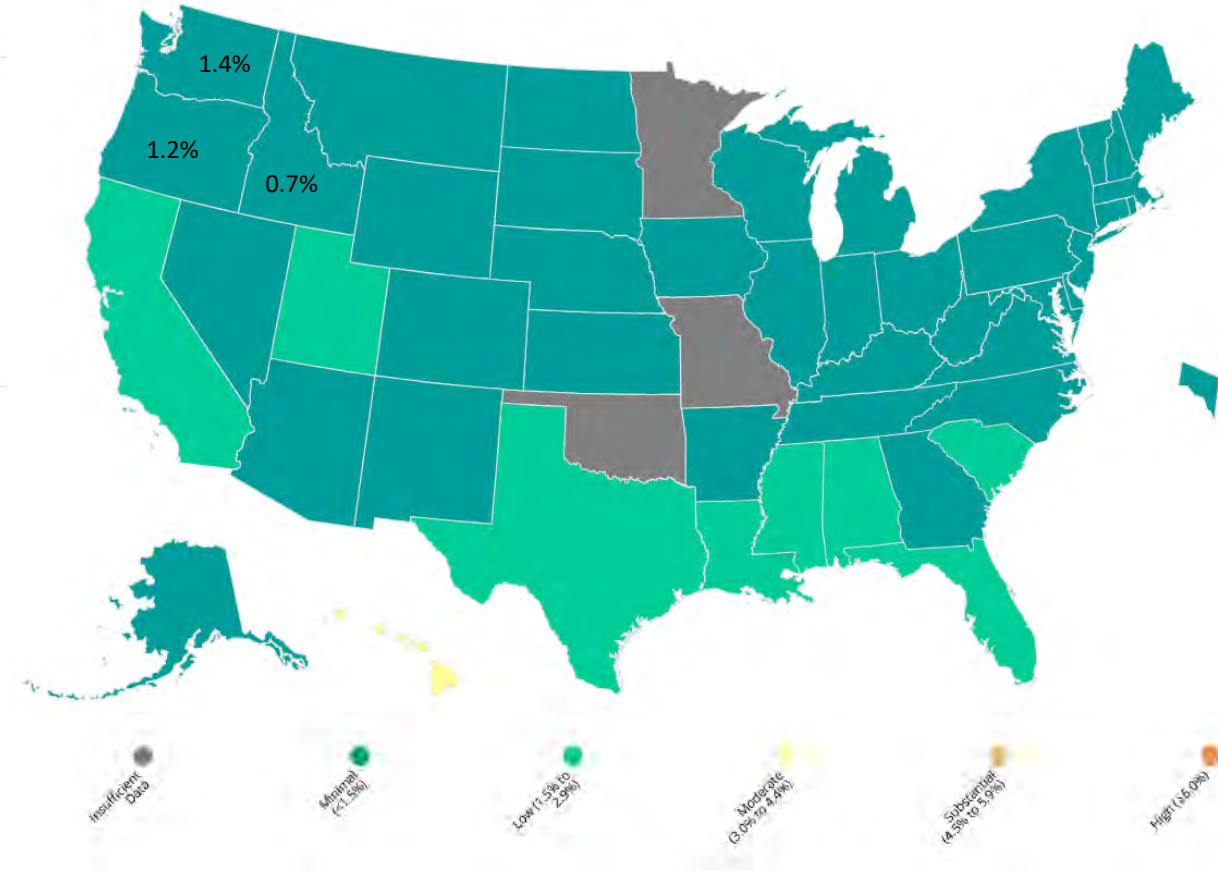
ER visits with COVID-19 and Estimates of Trends — United States

Estimates of COVID-19 Epidemic Trends

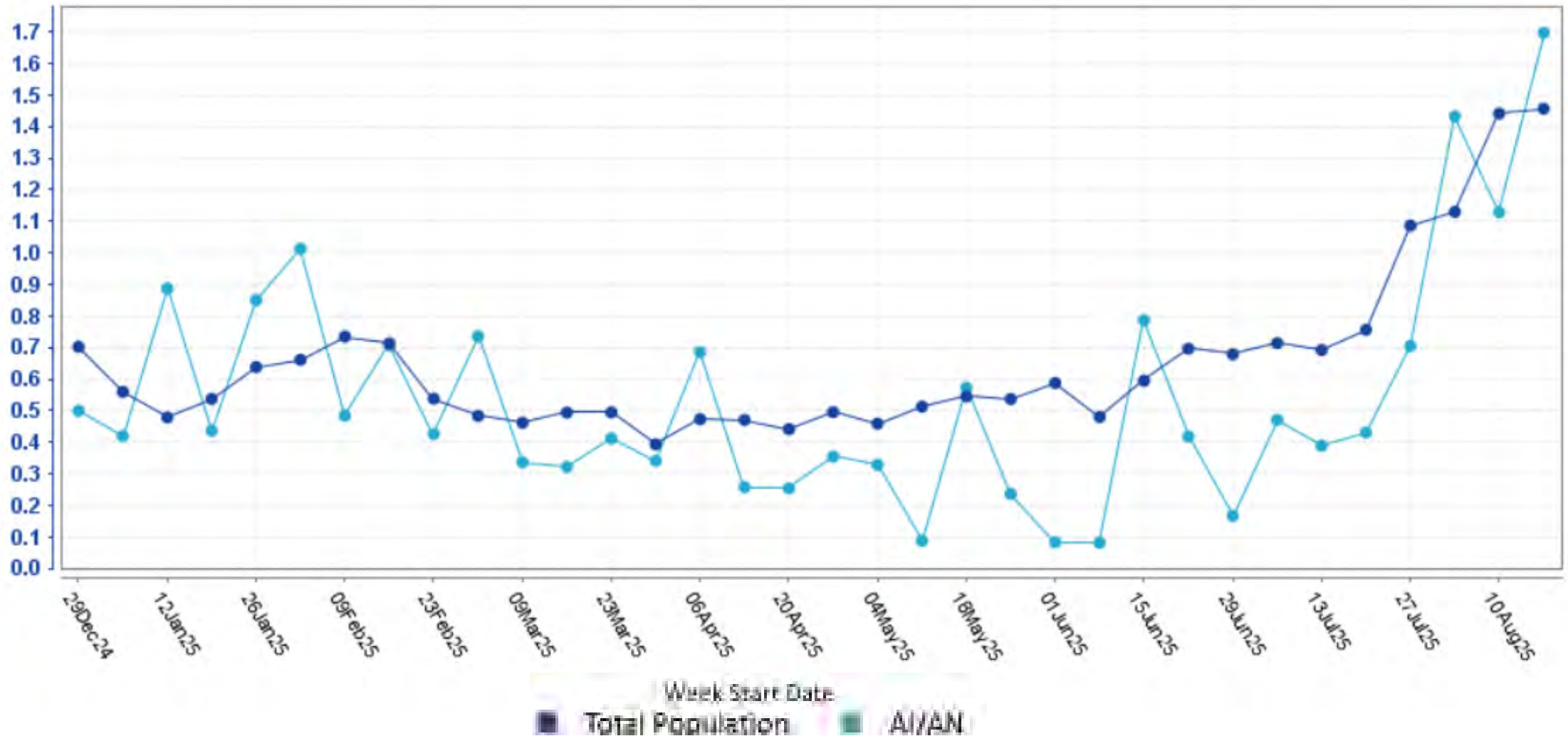


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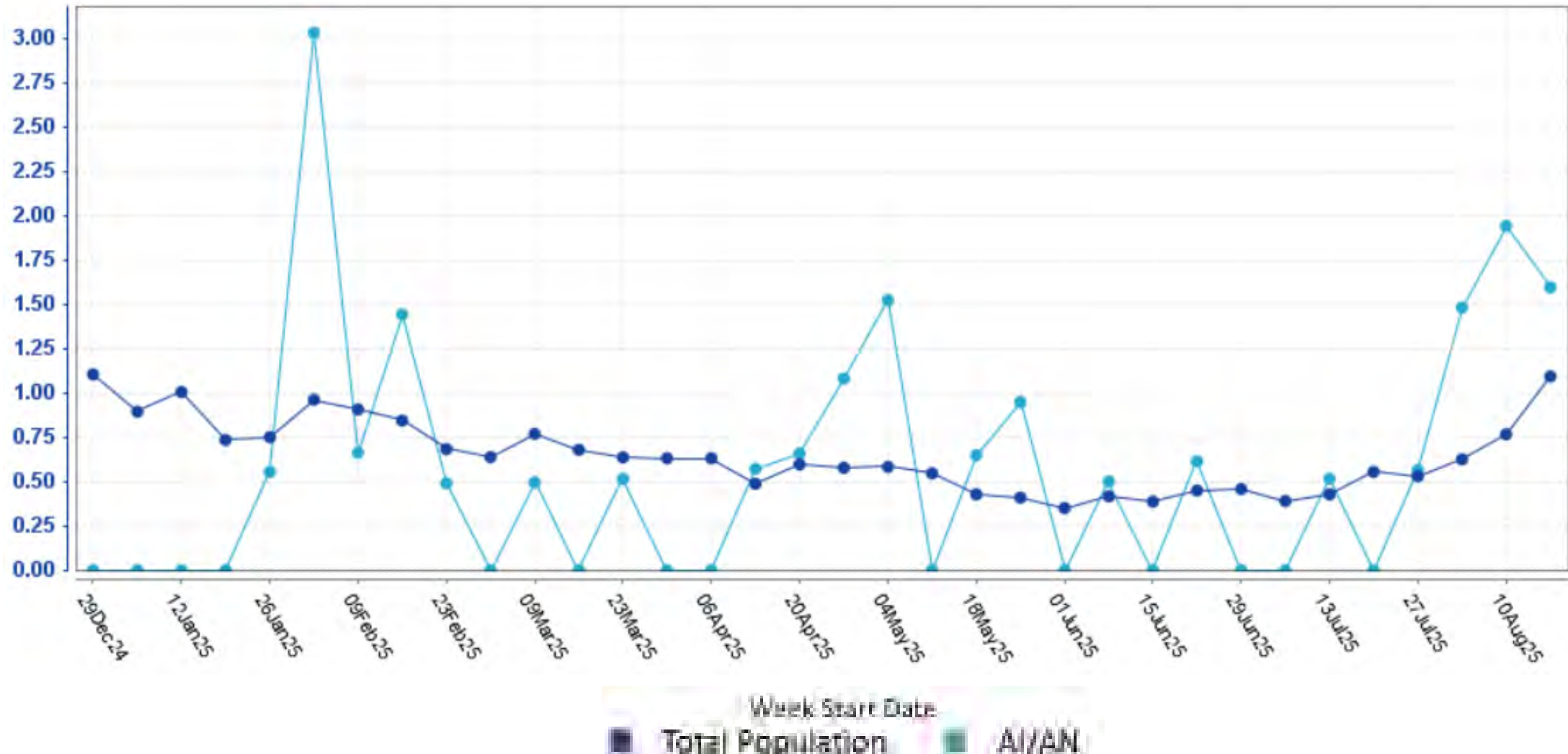
Percentage of ER Visits with Diagnosed COVID-19 through August 16, 2025



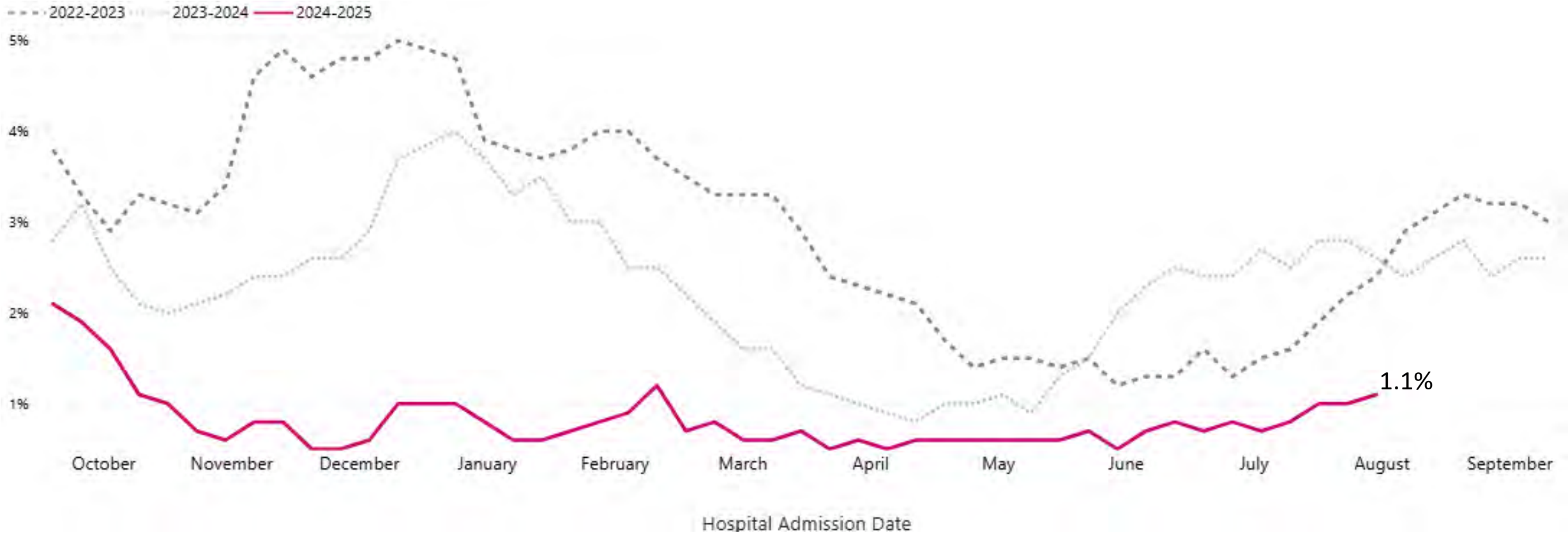
% COVID-19 ER Visits, Total Population vs. AI/AN — Washington State, 2025 (through 8/23)



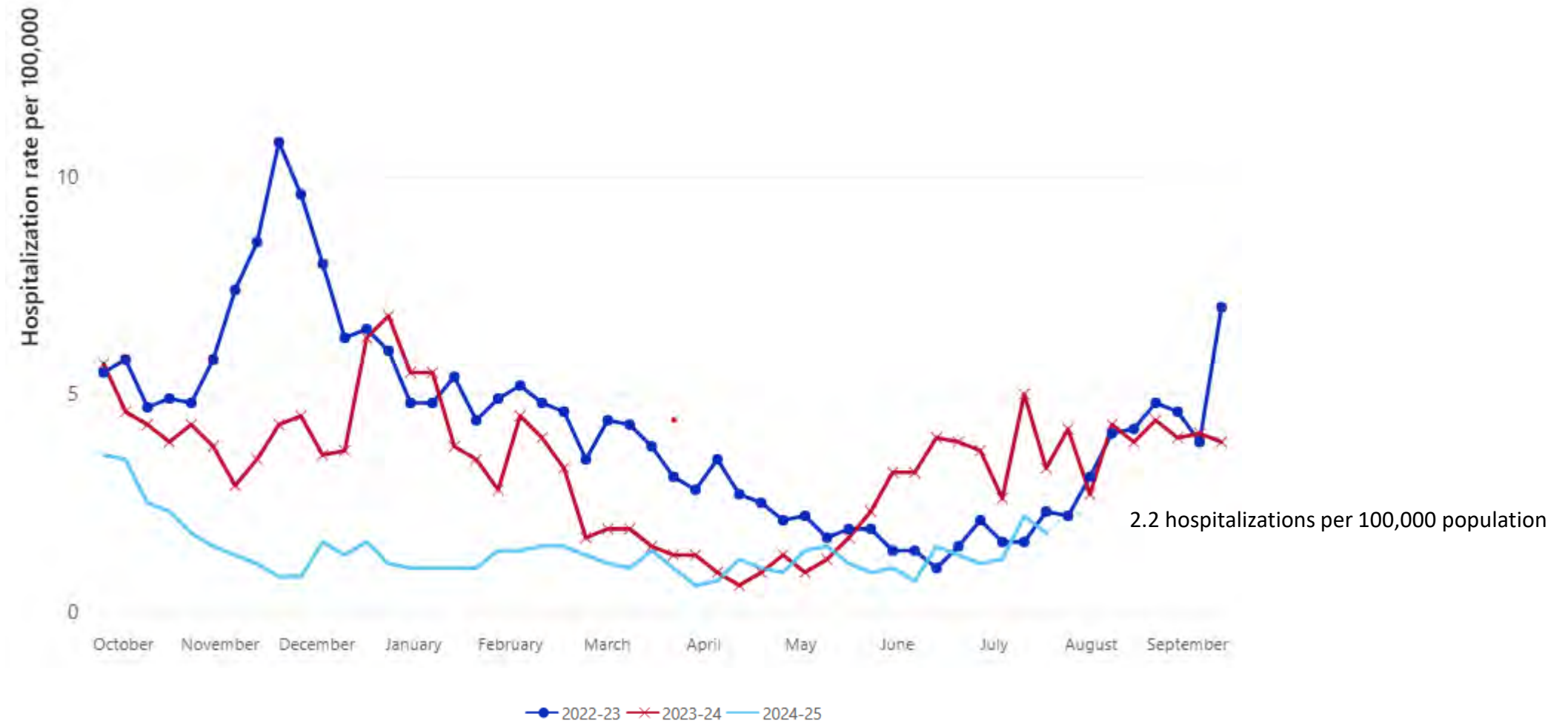
% COVID-19 ER Visits, Total Population vs. AI/AN — Idaho, 2025 (through 8/23)



Percent of Hospitalizations Associated with COVID-19 — Washington, 2024-25 vs. Recent Seasons, through 8/16/25



Weekly Rates of Hospitalizations Associated with COVID-19 — Oregon, 2024-25 vs. Recent Seasons (through 8/16/25)



Bicillin Shortage: Background

- Shortages of Bicillin (first-line treatment for syphilis) since 2023.
- July 10, 2025: Recall of specific lots of Bicillin L-A due to particulates identified during visual inspection affecting large proportions of national stock.
- Bicillin L-A is currently not available from the IHS National Supply Service Center (NSSC) or IHS Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor.
- The NSSC has advised facilities to submit requests for Bicillin L-A directly to Pfizer using the [Bicillin L-A Medical Request Form](#). As of July 10, 2025 Pfizer indicated Bicillin L-A would be available only through direct shipment through this process.
- **IHS is procuring Lentocilin – facilities interested in purchasing Lentocilin can order through the NSSC via traditional Form 413 ordering process. Point of contact: Weston.Thompson@ihs.gov**
- Lentocilin can also be ordered by contacting TopRx at support@toprx.com or 1-800-542-8677.
- Extencilline can also be ordered by contacting one of the authorized distributors: <https://www.fda.gov/media/175366/download> (e.g. Distribution@dsuccess.com or 1-877-404-3338)

Lentocilin (Powdered Benzathine Benzylpenicillin Tetrahydrate and Diluent)

- Can be used interchangeably with Bicillin L-A (benzathine benzylpenicillin is another name for penicillin G benzathine).
- It is supplied as a powder, which is reconstituted with diluent (4 mL water and 60 mg lidocaine contained in the box).
- Instructions on how to prepare and administer Lentocilin:
<https://www.fda.gov/media/182165/download?attachment>
- The total volume is larger than the pre-filled syringes for Bicillin:
 - Volume after reconstitution for 1.2 MU is 4 mL (vs. 2 mL).
 - Please note that, as for Bicillin L-A, the dose for early syphilis (primary, secondary, and early latent syphilis) is 2.4 MU IM X 1 and for late latent syphilis or syphilis of unknown duration, the dose is 2.4 MU IM weekly for 3 weeks.
- Allergy to soybeans is a contraindication (Lentocilin contains soy phospholipids).
- Storage: < 25° C, in original package. It should be used immediately after reconstitution.

Extencilline (Powdered Benzathine Benzylpenicillin and Diluent)

- Equivalent to Bicillin L-A, can be used interchangeably (benzathine benzylpenicillin is another name for penicillin G benzathine).
- It is supplied as a powder, which is diluted with water (contained in the box) or with lidocaine.
- Instructions on how to prepare and administer Extencilline:
<https://www.fda.gov/media/175365/download>.
- The total volume is larger than in the pre-filled syringes for Bicillin:
 - Volume after reconstitution for 1.2 MU is 5 mL (vs. 2 mL) and for 2.4 MU, 7 mL (vs. 4 mL).
- It should be used immediately after reconstitution.
- Allergy to soybeans is a contraindication (Extencillin contains soy phospholipids).

Summary

- Measles
 - Idaho: Three cases among Idaho residents have been reported: one on 8/12 in Kootenai County and one on 8/20, reported by the Panhandle Health District – it is not yet known how these children acquired measles and they are not linked to each other, raising concern for additional unrecognized cases in the area; another case was reported on 8/14 in Bonneville County by Eastern Idaho Public Health, exposed to an international traveler with measles.
 - Washington: Suspected case being evaluated in Spokane County. Ten confirmed cases of measles among Washington State residents (King, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties), most related to international travel; no outbreak so far. Last confirmed case reported on 6/25.
 - Oregon: No new cases reported. One case in Multnomah County reported on 6/24.
 - 1,375 measles cases in 41 states (through 8/19) with 3 deaths. 92% unvaccinated or with unknown vaccination status. 87% of cases associated with one of 29 outbreaks.
 - Overall numbers decreasing, but ongoing risk of outbreaks from imported cases.
- COVID-19
 - Test positivity has been continuing to increase in Oregon (11.4%).
 - % of ER visits associated with COVID-19 remains minimal (<1.5%) in most of U.S. including WA, OR and ID, though it has been increasing. Hospitalizations associated with COVID-19 have also been increasing, but remain much lower than last year.
- Syphilis
 - AI/AN have experienced a disproportionate burden in the U.S., with the highest rates of early syphilis and congenital syphilis.
 - Shortages of Bicillin, the first-line treatment for syphilis, due to recall of specific lots of Bicillin L-A on July 10, 2025. Bicillin L-A is currently not available from the IHS National Supply Service Center (NSSC) or IHS Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor.

Recommendations: Measles/COVID-19

- **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 ≥ 12 months old should receive 2 doses at least 28 days apart, infants ≥ 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 increasing cases of COVID-19**, ensuring adequate supplies of test kits, PPE, Paxlovid, and remdesivir.
- **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: Syphilis

- **Determine if you have any recalled Bicillin L-A** if not done already:
https://www.pfizerhospitalus.com/sites/default/files/news_announcements/Bicillin%20Recall%20Letter.pdf
- **Monitor Bicillin L-A inventory and forecast needs** based on patterns of use.
- **Order** additional supply of Bicillin or Lentocilin as needed.
 - NSSC has advised facilities to submit requests for Bicillin L-A directly to Pfizer using the [Bicillin L-A Medical Request Form](#).
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- **Prioritize Bicillin L-A or equivalent products, lentocilin or extencilline, based on supply.** These are the ONLY treatments recommended for pregnant patients. See: [IHS National P&T Committee Recommendations](#).
- **Continue to screen for 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 3rd trimester, and delivery. Prior [IHS Recommended Guidelines for Syphilis Testing, Treatment, and Prevention](#).

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 to access the vaccine resource folder (while website is down; in the future, resources will be available at 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>
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- 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/?wpsolr_fq%5B0%5D=audiences_str%3AVaccine%20Recipients&wpsolr_fq%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/piod28mg2rv66c7zpb13u9lr3hzh1up>
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- FIFA
- FPHS

DOH Federal Resources & Updates

Summary & Next Steps/Closing

The Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations Mission

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Pursuant to [DOH value of Seven Generations](#), inspired by Native American culture, through the creation of this new office:

“We seek wisdom from those who came before us to ensure our current work protects those who will come after us.”

Secretary of Health's Initial 100-Day Plan

Listen, Learn, and Lead—a commitment rooted in partnership, purpose, and possibility. As I transition into this role, my foremost priority is to understand how our systems and work can better serve every community in Washington state. That understanding begins with you.

This plan isn't complex; it's intentional. It's a space to elevate voices, build trust, and co-create steps forward. Over the next several months, I'll be engaging with a wide range of partners across sectors and communities, hearing your insights, honoring your expertise, and exploring solutions together.



Secretary Worsham Update

100-Day Plan Outline

The Transition From Listening to Leading During the 100-Day Plan



Listening and Learning Focus Areas

Beyond listening, I won't enter these meetings with a specific agenda; but in every conversation I hope to explore four foundational areas of our collective work:

1 Health Justice:

How might we deepen our shared commitment to health justice and address health inequities?

2 Public Health Workforce:

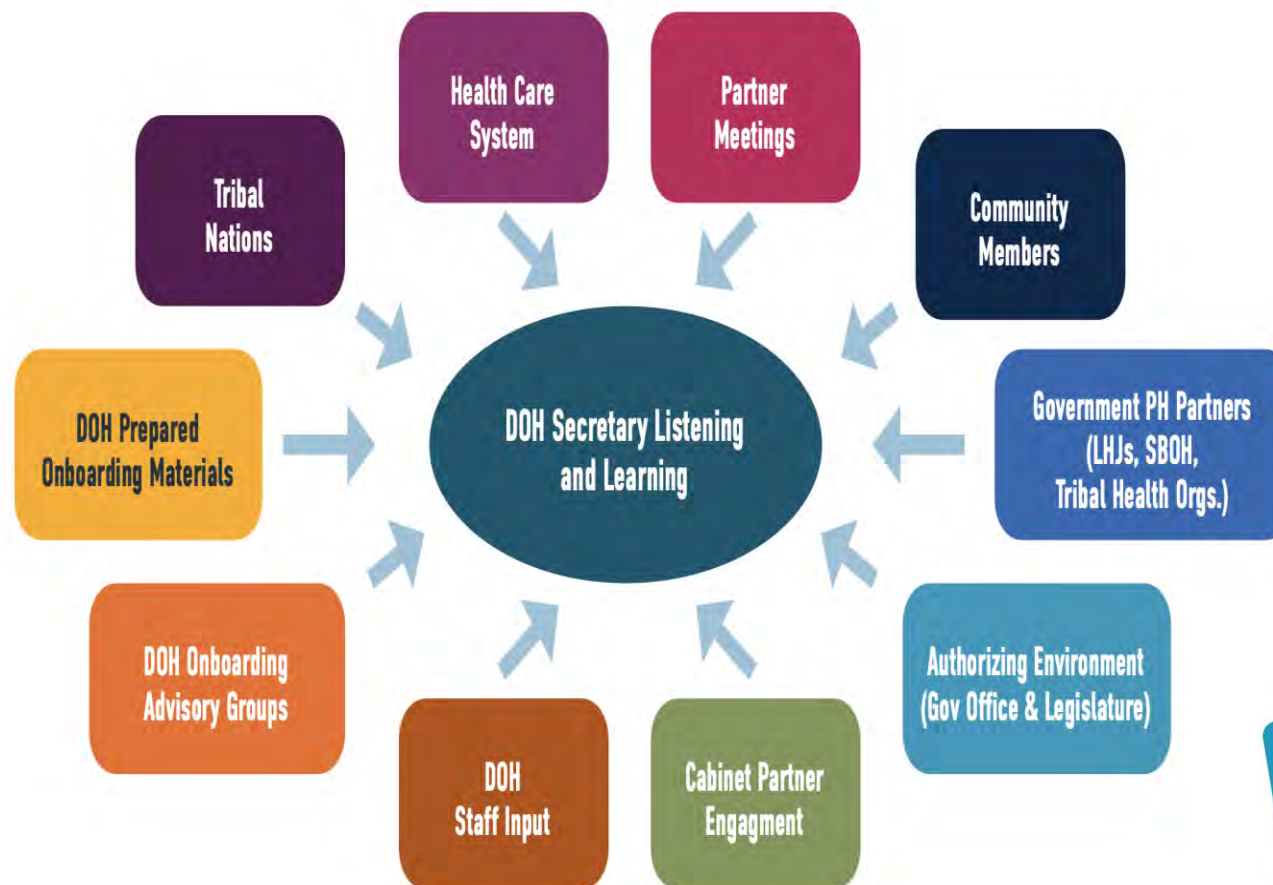
How might we support and strengthen the people engaged in this work?

3 Public Health System:

How might we support and strengthen this system?

4 Health Care System:

How might we support and strengthen this system?



Dear Tribal Leader Letters

2025

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



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

Upcoming Listening Sessions, Roundtables, & Consultations

Date/Time	Meeting Title/Type	Meeting Platform	DTLL
Thursday August 14, 2025 at 8:30-10:00 am	Collaborative—Environmental Justice Grants Listening Session #1	Zoom Meeting	Collaborative—Environmental Justice Grants Listening Sessions
Thursday August 21, 2025 at 10-11:30 am	Collaborative—Environmental Justice Grants Listening Session #2	Zoom Meeting	Collaborative—Environmental Justice Grants Listening Sessions
Tuesday August 26, 2025 at 3-4:00pm	DOH Tribal Webinar – DTLL DOH 2026 Proposed Legislative Package Review	Teams Link	DTLL – Collaborative-Department of Health 2026 Proposed Legislative Package Review Webinar

Tribal Consultation Question:

Government-to-Government: Would implementing this bill activate DOH Tribal Consultation and Collaboration procedure?

- **Section IV: Consultation Process – section B provides a summary of considering – what impacts tribal sovereignty:**
 - **Legislation passed and sent to DOH for implementation**
 - **Rules made by DOH**
 - **DOH RFP to collaborate with programs**
 - **DOH contract investments**
 - **DOH advisory committees**
 - **DOH funds & grants**
- It is important to identify the need for formal consultation and collaboration as early as possible.
- If a bill passes and comes back to the Department of Health (DOH) for rulemaking, this information will help ensure the agency engages tribes as early as possible.

Resources:

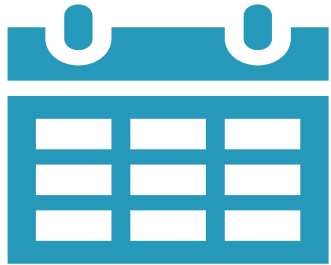
- [Centennial Accord](#) & [RCW 43.376](#)
- [DOH Tribal Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#)
- [Tribal Impact Quick Reference](#)

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2026 Legislative Session Overview

[DTLL – Collaborative- Department of Health 2026 Proposed Legislative Package Review Webinar \(Sent 7/17/25\)](#)



60-Day (Short Session) from
January 12 to March 12



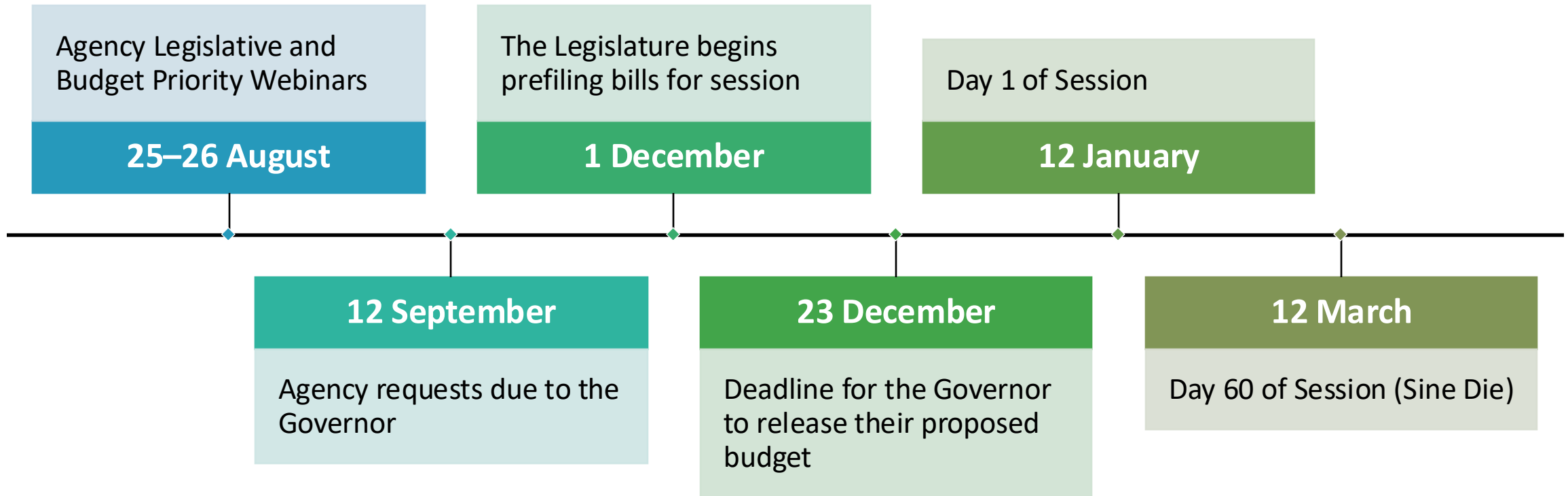
Nine appointed legislators up for
election to complete their term



\$721 million revenue shortfall
over the four-year outlook

Timeline to 2026 Session

[DTLL – Collaborative- Department of Health 2026 Proposed Legislative Package Review Webinar](#) (Sent 7/17/25)





2026 Agency Request Legislation

[DTLL – Collaborative- Department of Health 2026 Proposed Legislative Package Review Webinar \(Sent 7/17/25\)](#)

**Opioid Treatment
Program Fee
Authority**

**Updating Federal
Standards for
Preventative
Services**



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Agency Budget Requests

Epidemiology, Health Statistics, and Public Health	Newborn Screening Fees
Environmental Public Health	Fees for Shellfish
Health Systems Quality Assurance	Certificate of Need Trauma System
Prevention and Community Health	988 Call Centers 988 IT
Health Data, Quality Assessment and Planning	Office of Innovation and Technology Maintenance and Operations

WA DOH Tribal Immunization Newsletter

July 31, 2025

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Welcome to the Tribal Immunization Newsletter from the Office of Immunizations. The intent of the newsletter is to share information directly to our Tribal Communities about immunization topics, events & opportunities directly from the Washington DOH.

Hello!

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Jessica Haag, and I am the Office of Immunizations Liaison and Equity Coordinator. I look forward to partnering with you all and being your direct line of immunization communication at WA DOH. I am eager to work with you to address, work towards or find a solution to any immunization needs you may have. If you would like to connect and schedule a virtual meet-and-greet, I am more than happy to!

Please feel free to email me at jessica.haag@doh.wa.gov

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

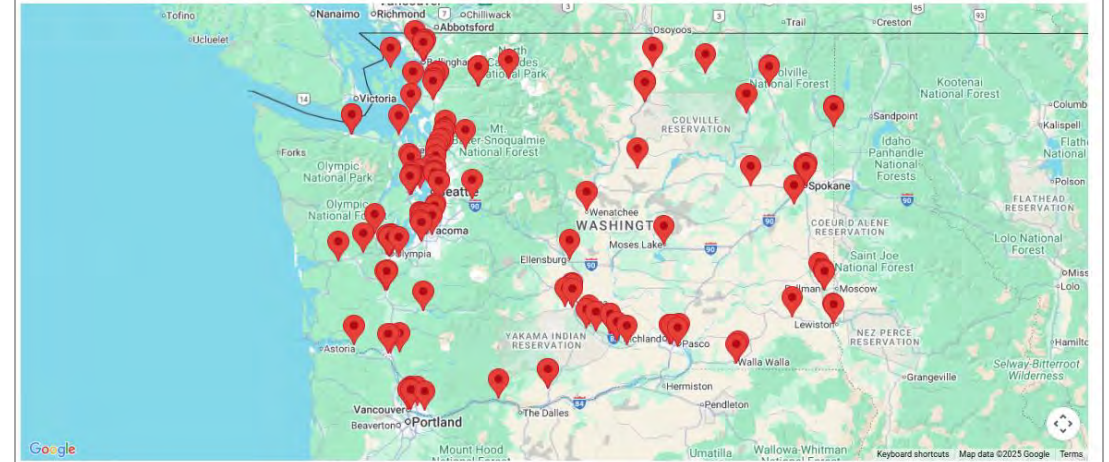
Epis on the Drug User Health Team in DCHS manage these partnerships and the database, which will be updated on a regular basis

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
415 West - Safe Stay Community 415 W 11th St Vancouver, WA 98660	(360) 836-8942 Email Website	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.

Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Pillars of the 2026 FIFA World Cup



SEATTLE
WORLD CUP HOST CITY SUPPORTER



PUYALLUP
TRIBE OF INDIANS



Statewide 2026 FIFA World Cup Surveillance Workgroup



- Bi-monthly meeting for epidemiologists 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 , Kacey Ingalls Kacey.Ingalls@doh.wa.gov and Michelle Holshue michelle.holshue@doh.wa.gov .



FIFA Public Health & Medical SME Workgroup

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- FIFA Public Health & Medical Subject Matter Experts Workgroup
 - [Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 9am](#)



FIFA Fan Zones: Designated areas outside of stadiums, or in other locations, where fans can gather to watch World Cup matches on large screens, participate in themed activities, enjoy food and entertainment, and experience the excitement of the tournament.

FIFA Team Base Camps: Designated locations where national teams reside and train during the FIFA World Cup.

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International Federation of Association Football



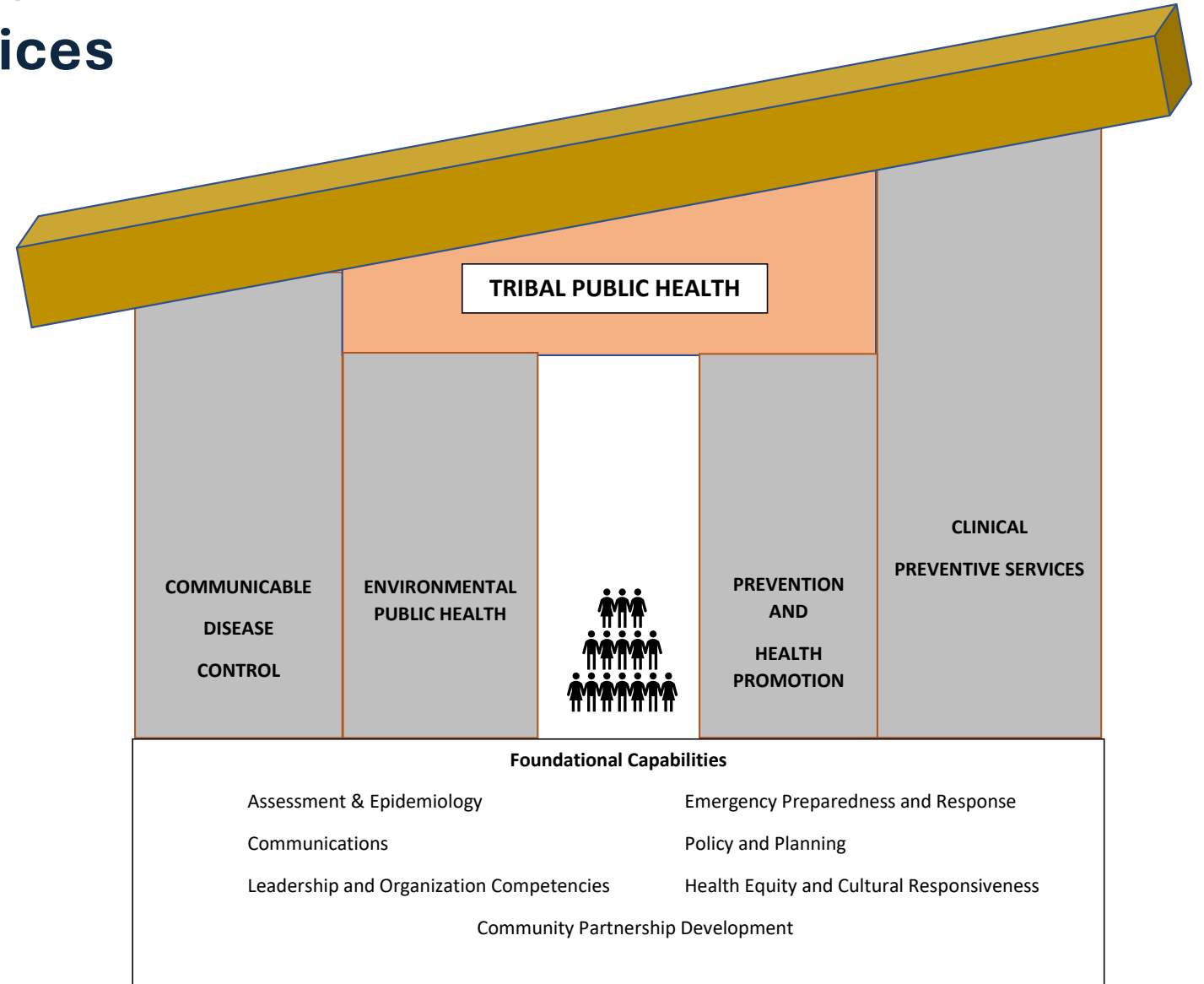
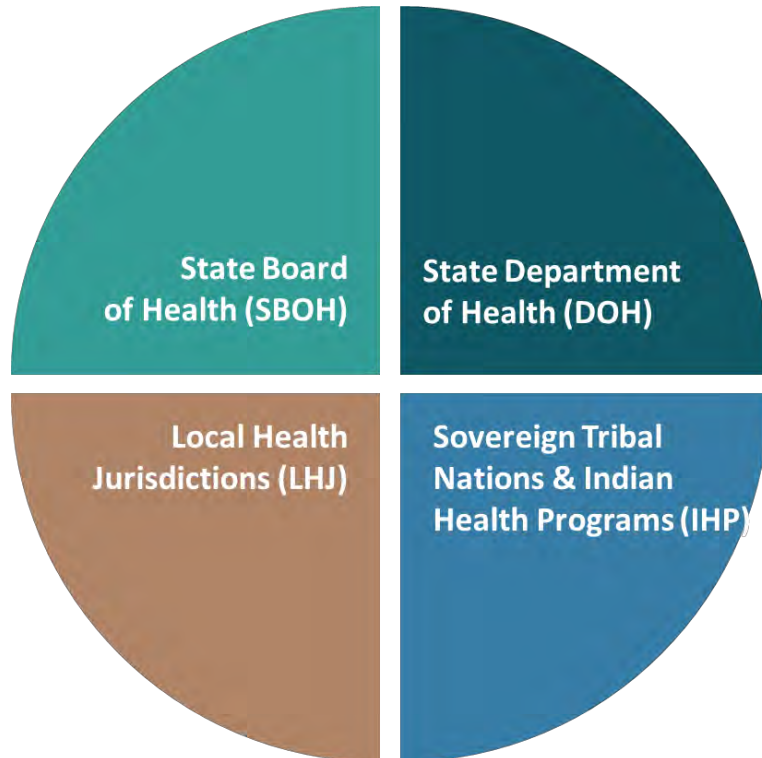


Tribal Foundational Public Health Services

American Indian Health Commission

Tribal FPHS Workgroup recurring

Monthly 4th Wednesday at 1:00 pm





Federal Government Resources

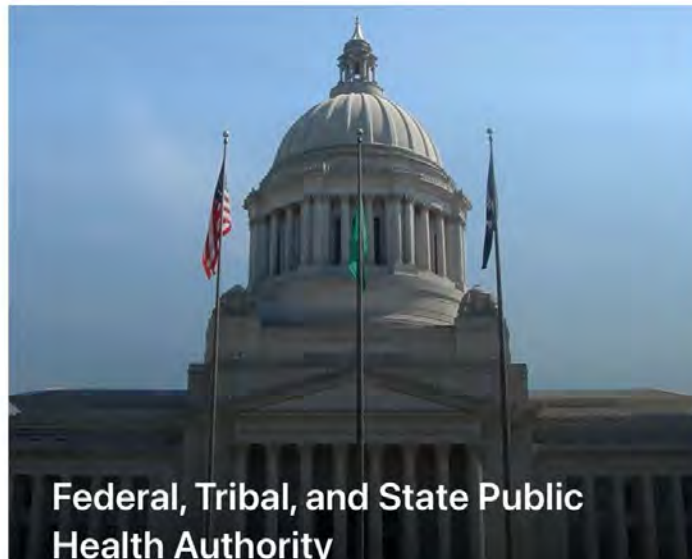
Flagging a new resource created for partners, and it should be live today. We plan to continue to build out this resource to include federal funding and appropriations - [Federal Government Resources](#)

UNDERSTANDING THE FEDERAL LANDSCAPE...

Federal Government Resources



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Federal Register and Rulemaking

Federal Public Health, Health, and Related Agencies



WA DOH Federal Updates

DOH, HCA, and DSHS secretaries have all been appointed. Secretary Worsham released his 100-day plan, which we emailed out to Tribes and Tribal Orgs.

The Friday federal landscape meeting has been discontinued; however, we are looking for ways we can continue to work together as a system to share important updates. We've created a communication process to share updates via email, particularly about federal grants.

Federal Government Resources

- We're creating more resources about federal funding and grant processes
- We want to elevate federal impacts to the congressional delegation, please reach out to share impacts you are experiencing

DOH is putting together materials regarding the impacts of federal data system concerns.

(WA DOH Federal Updates contd.)

Federal grants such as WIC and PHEP are being watched carefully – our fiscal team is recommending monthly budgeting as a way to ensure payments take place (in case of future impacts). Not required, recommended.

WA budget cuts are hitting hard – In addition to DOH's \$39 million reduction, the public health system received a \$25 million reduction in Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) funding that supports the four parts of the governmental system (DOH, Tribes, Local Health Jurisdictions, and the State Board of Health).

Still working through state employee layoffs and bumping due to budget reductions

DOH submitted our agency centennial accord highlights and preparing for participating in this year's centennial accord, the first with Governor Ferguson.

DOH will be sharing this year's agency request legislation (ARL) and decision packages (DPs) with Tribes for input and collaboration on August 26th: [DTLL-Leg. Webinar -final](#)

Next Steps

➤ **Tribal Engagement**

- Tribal Meetings (Participate, Listen, Learn, Share)
- Listening Sessions (Listen)
- Workgroups (Listen & Collaborate)
- Round Tables (Collaborate & Learn)
- Work Sessions (Collaborate & Listen)
- Consultation (Consult)

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