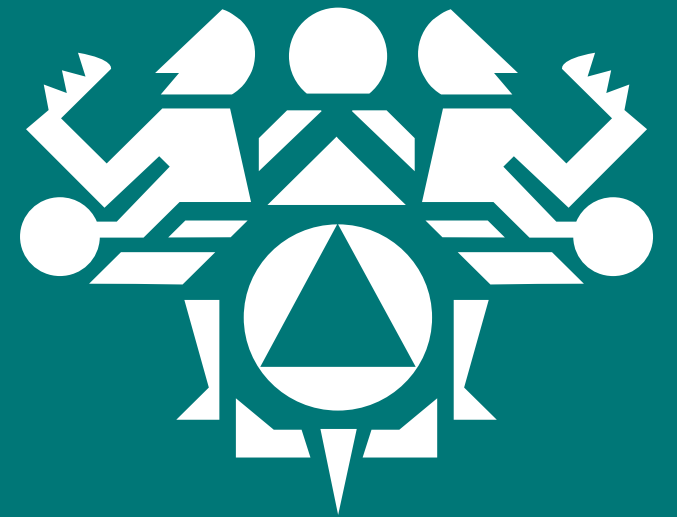


NPAIHB

Weekly Update

May 5, 2026





NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
Indian Leadership for Indian Health

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Bridget Canniff
- NPAIHB Announcements, Events, & Resources
- Discussion – Vaccine Considerations for Native Children:
Dr. Frank James, Lummi Nation
- State Partner Updates: Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH)
- Questions & Comments

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

You're invited to a

Virtual Project Celebration Showcases

Thursday, May 14, 2026

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

and

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Come join us in celebrating and congratulating
our Public Health Researchers of 2026!

Youth Researchers will take turns sharing their
Project Celebration Stories with their relatives
and those who supported their journey.

Zoom Meeting ID: 981 185 2686

Zoom Meeting Link:
<https://echo.zoom.us/j/9811852686>

Or you can scan to QR code to join!





SAVE THE DATE
—
2026
NORTHWEST
TRIBAL CANCER
COALITION
MEETING

.....
THURSDAY, MAY 14TH, 2026

PLEASE JOIN THE NTCCP TEAM AS WE WELCOME COALITION MEMBER TRIBES TO OUR
ANNUAL COALITION MEETING | FOSTERING COLLABORATION AMONG HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS | PRESENTING UPDATES IN CANCER REDUCTION EFFORTS AND DATA
TRENDS

—
Location

Quinault Beach Resort and Casino
78 WA-115, Ocean Shores, WA 98569

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



NPAIHB
Indian Leadership for Indian Health

Contact: cancer@npaihb.org

REGISTRATION

THRIVE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN!

JUNE 22-26



SCAN QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION LINK

Who - American Indian and Alaska Native youth 13-19 years old

What - Three to Four interactive workshop tracks

Where - PSU Native American Student and Community Center
- Portland, OR

Why - Participants will:

- Build protective factors through creative self-expression using traditional learning strategies
- Connect with other Native youth and mentors
- Learn about healthy behaviors and develop healthy coping mechanisms
- Embrace their cultural pride and enhance resiliency

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
THRIVE Project
Ph: (971) 282-4010
Email: THRIVE@npaih.org
Website: www.npaihb.org/THRIVE



[REGISTER HERE](#)





Northwest Intertribal Breastfeeding Coalition's

2026 Breastfeeding Gathering

SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN: July 14-15, 2026

WHERE: Portland, OR



Share your stories and learn about other's experiences with breastfeeding, midwifery, being a doula, and more

Talking circle
Speakers from the Division of Indian Work
Minnesota and others
Coalition building
and more!



REGISTRATION DETAILS AND ACCOMMODATION
ARRANGEMENTS TO FOLLOW

EMAIL weave@npaihb.org FOR MORE INFORMATION



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA
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Who:

- Open to tribal/community members of the Pacific Northwest region
Tribes: midwives, doulas, birthworkers, tribal health clinic/organization staff, people who work with mothers and families, and parents or expecting parents

What:

- Different speakers discussing coalition building, parenthood, breastfeeding, midwifery, doulas, and other similar topics
- Interactive sessions to collaborate and share your experiences

When:

- Tuesday, July 14 to Wednesday, July 15 – detailed agenda to follow
- Registration: opens at end of April, closes at the end of June.
- Hotel accommodation: up to 3 nights, check in July 13, check out July 16

Where:

- [Barbie's Village](#) in Portland, OR
- Hotel accommodation TBD

[Sign up here](#) to receive Coalition updates
Event registration link will be emailed when available

Contact: weave@npaihb.org

Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **EMS ECHO** - 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday of every month at 5pm PT
 - Tuesday, May 5th at 5pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Heat Related Emergencies*
 - To Join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/84832881641?pwd= SXII NlpJa0Vta1R1c28xcUh5V1dlUT09>
- **Hepatitis C ECHO** – 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of every month at 11am PT
 - Wednesday, May 6th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Syphilis – Diagnose, Stage & Treat*
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/537117924?pwd= OEExbERmK2pSUFFsMzV1SmVpb3g3dz09>
- **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) ECHO** – 1st Thursday of every month at 11am PT
 - Thursday, May 7th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Medication Treatment of Social Anxiety Disorder – Beyond Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors*
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/806554798?pwd= WVQyUFJnYkR3SXBjcUdl emRnNmZ6Zz09>

Adolescent Health ECHO

Centering wellness, resilience, and culture to strengthen Indigenous adolescent health

What?

A collaborative to learn from physicians caring for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) adolescents and adolescents themselves! Through monthly 1-hour teleECHO sessions, attendees will gain improved capacity to care for AI/AN adolescents. They will receive access to clinical and policy related resources, and have the opportunity to discuss challenging cases in sessions as well.

When?

2nd Wednesday of every month at 12pm PT/ 1pm MT

What topics will be covered?

- Sexual and reproductive health
- Mental health
- Substance use
- Disordered eating
- Long COVID and infection associated chronic illness
- Supporting identity development
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Foster care
- Healthy weight management
- Policy implications

How to Connect

[At the time of clinic, simply click here to join](#)
[Password: ECHO](#)



NPAIHB Weekly Update Schedule

- May 12: WEAVE Project Updates / NW Intertribal Breastfeeding Coalition & Communicable Diseases Updates
- May 19: N CREW Research Topic Focus
- May 26: Legislative & Policy Updates



Northwest Regional Research Center (NWRRC)

- We have received ample interest from Health Professionals that work within tribes but are holding space for NW Tribal members.
 - Most especially tribal elders
 - Folx with lived experience
 - Students from H.S. youth, Undergraduate, and Graduate students.



Hannah Throssell

hthrossell@npaihb.org

(520) 465-4512

Northwest Regional Research Center Requesting Community Advisory Board Members !

The NWRRC is seeking guidance from community members and practitioners!



What will the CAB do?

- Provide guidance on the types of technical research assistance most needed by tribes in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.
- Ensure the progress of the NWRRC centers tribal needs and improvement of Northwest AI/ANs.

Who should join?

- Northwest tribal leaders and delegates
- Tribal health care administrators in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.
- Tribal epidemiologists and or/public health staff .
- Individuals with experience in Tribal research, governance, data sovereignty.
- Youth and elders encouraged!



Commitment

- Monthly meetings to start the CAB and then we will shift to quarterly meetings.
- Estimated 2 hours per meeting.
- Possible travel to NPAIHB Office in Portland, Oregon
- Honoraria will be available

If interested, please email Hannah Throssell, hthrossell@npaihb.org with the following in 150-200 words.

1. An introduction
2. Interests in Indigenous health research or community wellness as it relates to opioid or substance use
3. Any lived experience that you think is valuable to the CAB
4. Why you're interested in serving on the CAB



Healthy Native Youth is spring cleaning!
Please help us to help you by sharing your feedback with us!

[Feedback Survey](#)

How can Healthy Native Youth help you?



Screenshot to use QR code and offer feedback

- Have you implemented a HNY curriculum?
- Utilized the Implementation Toolbox or any resources?
- Have you attended a Community of Practice?

Your experience is important to us!
Thank you!

~ Healthy Native Youth, NPAIHB






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NPAIHB Priority Services and Contracting

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ServicesPriorities2026





Vaccine
Consideration for
Native Children:

Discussion

Frank James, MD
Health Officer
Lummi Nation



Routine Childhood Vaccines for Native Children

- 4 routine childhood vaccines that are administered differently for Native children than non-Native
 - Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
 - *Haemophilus influenzae* type B (Hib)
 - Influenza (flu)
 - COVID-19
- Meeting on May 6th at 2pm with DOH Immunization Program
 - Find solutions to promote giving clear advice
 - Provide adequate training to state and county staff



RSV Vaccines for Native Children

- Needs to be given in the child's first RSV season and SECOND
- Most programs are aware of this and doing it
- Past issues with prioritization and allocation of immunization stock



Hib Vaccines for Native Children

- *Haemophilus influenzae* type B (HIB) is much more severe at a younger age
- 2 of the vaccines to prevent it work very well after first dose
- Other 2 vaccines do not generate adequate protection until booster doses
- Typically, non-Native children do not get HIB until 6-9 months of age; Native children often get the infection in the first few months of life



Influenza Vaccines for Native Children

- Flu is a condition for which ALL Native people are at high risk of severe impacts: ER visits, hospitalizations, and deaths
- Very important that young children especially get this vaccine every year
- Children often carry the infection home to elders, who have higher risk of serious outcomes



COVID-19 Vaccines for Native Children

- Complicated: Federal and State recommendations are not necessarily the same
- Native people are in the ER and hospital more often than non-Native people and die more often than other populations
- COVID vaccination needs to be prioritized for ALL ages of Native people

AI/AN Vaccine Benefits

Summary by Age Group

Age Group	Vaccine	AI/AN-Specific Benefit	References
2-4 months	Hib (PRP-OMP)	Protection before peak disease incidence at 4-6 months; PRP-OMP provides immunity after first dose	[1-2]11
0-12 months	RSV (Nirsevimab)	Hospitalization rates 2-10× higher than general population; highest burden in first year of life	[3-4]
8-19 months	RSV (Nirsevimab)	Second RSV season protection recommended for all AI/AN children (not just high-risk); rates 4-10× higher than general population	[5]
All ages	Influenza	High-risk designation across lifespan; children 4 years have 3× higher hospitalization rates than White children	[6-7]
All ages	COVID-19	Highest mortality rate ratio of any racial/ethnic group; prioritization recommended	[8-9]

CDC Child Vaccine Schedule

Vaccine and other immunizing agents	Birth	1 mo	2 mos	4 mos	6 mos	9 mos	12 mos	15 mos
Respiratory syncytial virus ⓘ (RSV-mAb [Nirsevimab])	1 dose depending on maternal RSV vaccination status, See Notes					1 dose (8 through 19 months), See Notes		
Hepatitis B ⓘ (HepB)	1 st dose	← 2 nd dose →			← 3 rd dose →			
Rotavirus (RV) ⓘ RV1 (2-dose series); RV5 (3-dose series)			1 st dose	2 nd dose	See Notes			

Legend

 Range of recommended ages for all children	 Range of recommended ages for catch-up vaccination	 Range of recommended ages for certain high-risk groups or populations	 Recommended vaccination can begin in this age group	 Vaccination is based on shared clinical decision making	 No Guidance/Not Applicable
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Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/child-adolescent-age.html>

These recommendations must be read with the notes that follow. For those who fall behind or start late, provide catch-up vaccination at the earliest opportunity as indicated by the green bars. To determine minimum intervals between doses, see the catch-up schedule ([Table 2](#)).

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COVID-19 ⓘ (1vCOV-mRNA, 1vCOV-aPS)						See Notes		
Influenza (IIV3, cIIV3) ⓘ						1 or 2 doses annually		
..... Influenza (LAIV3) ⓘ								
Measles, mumps, rubella ⓘ (MMR)						See Notes	← 1 st dose →	

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Haemophilus influenzae type b ⓘ (Hib)			1 st dose	2 nd dose	See Notes		←3 rd or 4 th dose, See Notes →	
Pneumococcal conjugate ⓘ (PCV15, PCV20)			1 st dose	2 nd dose	3 rd dose			←4 th dose→

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Questions & Comments



**WA DOH Office of Tribal
Public Health & Relations**

 @WaDeptHealth

**Tuesday, May 05, 2026
NPAIHB Weekly Update**



Agenda

DOH Tribal Office Reminders- Rosalinda Fivekiller

Washington Initiative for Smoke and Extreme Heat (WISEH) Strategic Planning- Lissette Palestro & Felipe Rodriguez Flores

Vaccine Updates- Jessica Haag

Contact Info & Closing- Rosalinda Fivekiller



HEAL Tribal Capacity grant

Purpose: The Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Tribal Capacity grant is a non-competitive grant program to provide funds to Tribes that may support activities including but not limited to building capacity to provide guidance and input to agencies' implementation of HEAL Act work, the [Environmental Justice Council](#), and/or the [Environmental Health Disparities map](#).

Funding per Grantee: \$45,454 per Tribe; non-competitive funding distribution

Eligible Applicants: Federally Recognized Tribes with impacts to rights and interests to their tribal lands that are within Washington State boundaries (RCW [70A.65.305](#))

Application Materials and Resources: The application to apply can be found on our website: [Environmental Justice and Climate Change Grants for Tribes | Washington State Department of Health](#)

Number of Tribes applied so far: 6

Dear Tribal Leader Letter: [Environment Justice Grants Listening Sessions Follow Up](#)

Activity	Date
Application release	October 3, 2025
Application deadline	June 30, 2026
Funding Period	Date of execution – June 30, 2027

Contact: Rachele Hurt (Spokane)
Tribal Relations Strategist
rachele.hurt@doh.wa.gov
(564) 233- 5170

Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change grant

Purpose: The Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change grant program is intended to benefit outdoor workers affected by changes to our climate, including but not limited to extreme heat and cold, wildfire smoke, drought, and flooding. Funding may be used to 1) support workplace health and safety for workers who are burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts, and/or 2) procure supplies that benefit outdoor workers who are affected by climate impacts in the work and cover distribution costs of supplies/resources.

Funding per Grantee: \$15,151

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Application Materials and Resources: The application to apply can be found on our website: [Environmental Justice and Climate Change Grants for Tribes | Washington State Department of Health](#)

Number of Tribes applied so far: 9

Dear Tribal Leader Letter: [Environment Justice Grants Listening Sessions Follow Up](#)

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WA INTERAGENCY SMOKE & EXTREME HEAT PLANNING (WISEHP)

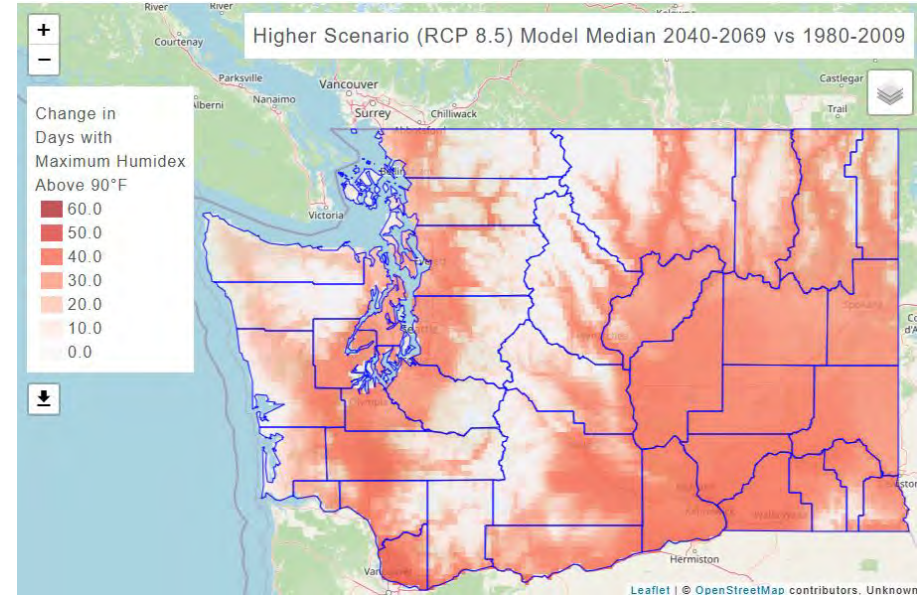
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CLIMATE MAPPING FOR A RESILIENT WASHINGTON

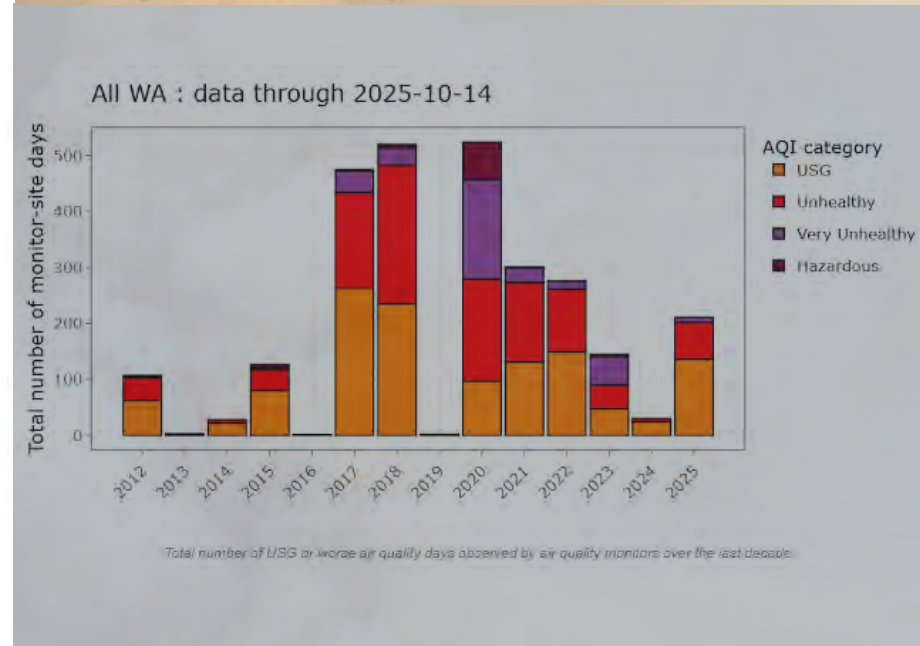
[Washington County Climate Projections](#): Change in days above 90F

Why heat and smoke, and why now?

- Washington is already experiencing more frequent and intense heat waves and wildfire smoke events.
- We expect more of both in the future.



Washington Smoke Blog - # USG or worse AQ days



Coordination is Essential

- Heat and smoke disproportionately affect several groups.
 - This includes older adults, children, outdoor workers, pregnant people, people with chronic conditions, people with limited access to cooling or clean indoor air, and historically underserved communities.
- Extreme heat and wildfire smoke impact many aspects of life, leading to a need for action and coordination.
- The Climate Resilience Strategy is the state's framework for addressing these impacts in a coordinated way.

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IN THE HOT SEAT: SAVING LIVES FROM EXTREME HEAT IN WASHINGTON STATE

CLIMATE IMPACTS GROUP
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON
An EarthLab Member Organization

CHanGE
Center for Health and the Global Environment
An EarthLab Member Organization

Washington State Department of
HEALTH

OWSC

GONZAGA
UNIVERSITY
Center for Climate, Society,
and the Environment

“We recommend individuals, families health professionals, community-based organizations, and local and state government officials across many agencies take immediate action where they have the authority and resources to act, and sustain a commitment to mitigating extreme heat as an ongoing part of their work, especially people and organizations not driven by a public health mandate.”

From [In the Hot Seat](#)

Washington Interagency Smoke & Extreme Heat Planning

Approach



A LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS



A NEEDS ASSESSMENT



AN INTERAGENCY PLAN FOR
COORDINATED ACTIONS TO
ADDRESS EXTREME HEAT
AND WILDFIRE SMOKE

WISEHP Roster (this continues to evolve)

- Matt Dehr from **DNR**
- John Gancel from **DOT**
- Chris Hanlon-Meyer and Joanna Ekrem from **Ecology**
- Kevin Zerbe from **EMD**
- Michael Burnham and Eli King from **Commerce**
- Erin Coyle from **Agriculture**
- Ryan Karlson from **State Parks**
- Representative from **HCA** (with the help of Brad Kramer, PHSKC)
- Samuel Harris, Julie Dames-Ryan, and Darin Klein from **DOC**
- Andy Nicolas, Chris Pyke, Nicholas Reuhl, Ryan Allen, and June Spector from **LNI**

Approach & Timeline

Landscape Analysis and Needs Assessment

Interviews / Meet and Learns and other engagement	Feb - June
Assemble agencies' existing guidance /plans	Feb - April
Gather / catalogue activities and other information from agencies (build off CRS Agency Summaries)	March - April
Scenario Planning exercise*	April or May
Synthesize and summarize overlaps, gaps, needs	May - June

Interagency Plan for Coordinated Actions

Consider examples from other governments	Feb - June
Confirm scope and outline plan elements	June
Develop draft plan	July - Sep
Gather review and input; revise	Sep - Nov
Finalize and distribute	December

Approach to Landscape Analysis

1. Gather plans, guides, and other key documents
 - DOH setting up shared space on Teams for WISEHP
2. Meet & learn meetings with agency teams
3. Develop a process to describe key roles, actions, authorities, partners and coordination needs, more systematically.
 - Build on information provided during development of Climate Resilience Strategies
 - Likely a spreadsheet or other survey format.

Opportunities for Tribal Engagement

1. Hold listening sessions about WISEHP engagement for Tribal partners after DTLL is sent out
2. Share resources to support Tribal-led outreach and response
3. Create space for Tribal voices in planning and decision-making about WISEHP engagement



Questions or Suggestions?

Next Steps

1. Provide a one-pager summary
2. Gather input from this group on listening session questions

Thank you!



DOH WISEHP Contact:
Lissette.Palestro@doh.wa.gov



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Office of Immunization



Office of Immunization Updates

Provider Alert: Measles continues to spread in Washington; Prepare now 4/16/2026

Dear Tribal Health Partner and Local Health Jurisdiction Colleagues,

This is a Provider Alert from the Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH) regarding increased risk for measles in Washington state.

- A rise in travel-related cases and local transmission (with possible unidentified community transmission) **is increasing the risk for measles across WA.**
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To increase healthcare provider awareness around these updates, DOH has drafted the attached Provider Alert. *(Next Slide)*



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Current Situation

As of April 15, 2026, a total of 37 cases of measles have been identified in Washington state this year. WA DOH is aware of at least 9 separate introductions of measles into the state since January 1, 2026, all associated with domestic or international travel. Many of these cases have led to additional local in-state transmission of measles across Washington.

Since January, measles cases identified in Washington have led to more than 50 public exposure locations where individuals may have been exposed to a person who was contagious. Additionally, at least 3 measles cases this year have not had any known links to other cases or outbreaks and report no out-of-state travel, indicating the possibility of **undetected community spread of measles in Washington**.

The WA DOH [Measles Cases in Washington State](#) webpage has the latest information about measles cases and outbreaks in Washington. This page also includes links to a map of active [Measles Public Exposure Locations in Washington State](#), which shows any known public exposure locations for measles from the past 21 days.

This alert is available in two formats:

- 1) A [Provider Alert with DOH logo](#) (PDF)
- 2) An [editable version of the Provider Alert](#) (Word), for jurisdictions to add their own logo and contact information.

Please distribute to providers in your jurisdiction as you feel is appropriate.

For additional questions, or to report suspect cases, contact:

- **Email:** vpd-cde@doh.wa.gov
(Monitored during business hours)
- **Phone:** 206-418-5500

New DOH Vaccine Recommendations webpage is live!

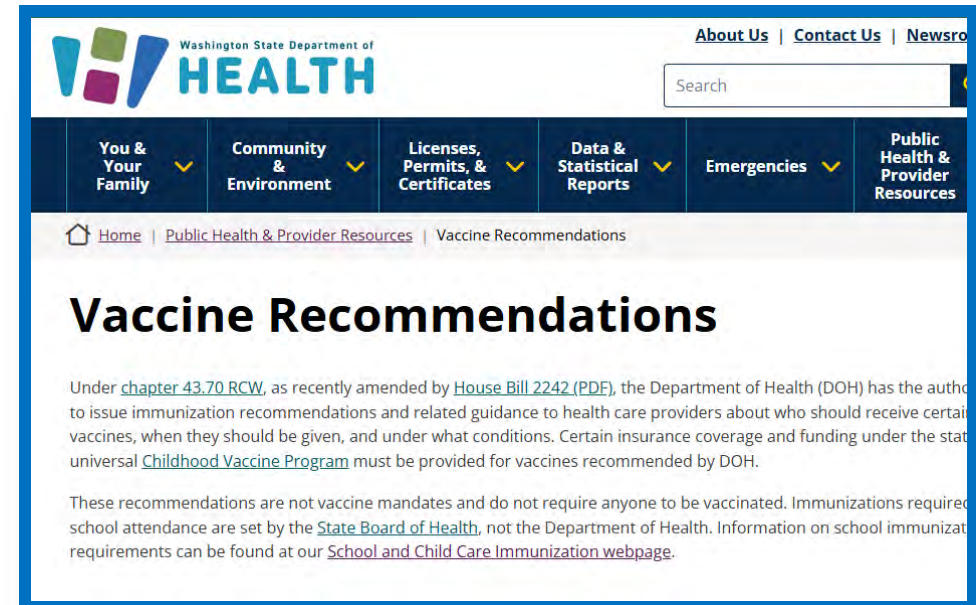
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The webpage includes:

- PDF schedules for **childhood and adolescent and adult immunizations**
- Answers to frequently asked questions.

Recommendations are based on evidence from leading medical and public health organizations and outline who should receive vaccines, when, and under what conditions.

For additional information, visit the Immunizations and Vaccines page. For questions about Washington's immunization recommendations, contact OI@doh.wa.gov.



Visit the new [Vaccine Recommendations webpage](#) to learn more.



Together for Health

Community Health Worker Vaccine Confidence Toolkit

Available May 2026!

This multimedia communications toolkit for CHWs supports vaccine confidence, addresses community concerns about immunization, and strengthens immunization engagement in communities that have been historically underserved in Washington state.

If you would like to access the toolkit, please scan the QR codes below.



Physical Copy Request Form



Digital Access Request Form



Available in 9 Languages

Amharic • English • Marshallese • Russian • Somali
Spanish • Tagalog • Ukrainian • Vietnamese

Toolkit Contents:



Tip sheets

These at-a-glance fact sheets include high-level information about vaccines and the conversations you may have about them. You can quickly access these sheets for tips and talking points with clients.

Topics include:

- **SHARING FACTS** that encourage vaccination and other healthy behaviors
- **TAKING THE RIGHT TONE** when talking about vaccines
- **ADDRESSING COMMON CONCERNS** clients may have
- **RESPECTING VALUES** while promoting health



Conversation guides

Practice what you can say in client conversations.

This section includes:

- **EXAMPLE CONVERSATIONS** between a CHW and various clients
- **AUDIO RECORDINGS** of a sample conversation
- **A CONVERSATION WORKSHEET**, so you can write your own responses and practice conversation skills



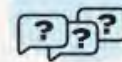
A printable wallet card with conversation tips

Feel free to share with clients if they want to start their own conversations.



Testimonials

These are video clips of trusted community members talking about the safety and importance of vaccines. Watch these yourself or share with clients.



Frequently asked questions

This includes common questions from CHWs, such as:

- How do I help clients identify misleading content about vaccines?
- How do I explain Long COVID?
- How do I talk about vaccines related to children and pregnancy?
- How do I address clients' religious concerns?
- And more

QR Code Hyperlinks:

- [Physical Copy Request Form](#)
- [Digital Access Request Form](#)

Respiratory Season 2026-2027 Immunization Peer Planning Workgroup

DOH is grateful for the collaboration from Tribes, LHJs, and providers to minimize vaccine loss this 2025-2026 respiratory season. We also acknowledge the season was challenging and we appreciate the feedback received from immunization partners.

DOH, Washington Vaccine Association (WVA), and Washington Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (WCAAP) is assembling a workgroup this spring to review the season and consider feedback received to plan the next respiratory season.

As part of these efforts, Tribes, LHJs, and providers will have the opportunity to share feedback and suggestions through a survey and listening sessions.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact
jessica.haag@doh.wa.gov

WA DOH Tribal Immunization Newsletter

Welcome to the WA DOH Office of Immunizations Tribal Immunization Newsletter. The intent of this Peer-to-Peer newsletter is to share information directly to our Tribal Immunization partners about immunization topics, events & opportunities. This is not intended for public use.

April 2026 Updates

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Providers and partners can access the new webpage to review current guidance and stay up to date on recommendations.

All vaccines recommended by DOH remain available at no cost for children under age 19 through Washington's [Childhood Vaccine Program](#) (CVP) at participating providers. Uninsured adults ages 19 and older can receive recommended vaccines at no cost through the [Adult Vaccine Program](#) (AVP).

For additional information, visit the Immunizations and Vaccines page. For questions about Washington's immunization recommendations, contact OI@doh.wa.gov.

Visit the new [Vaccine Recommendations webpage](#) to learn more.



April 2026 Tribal Immunization Newsletter Topics:

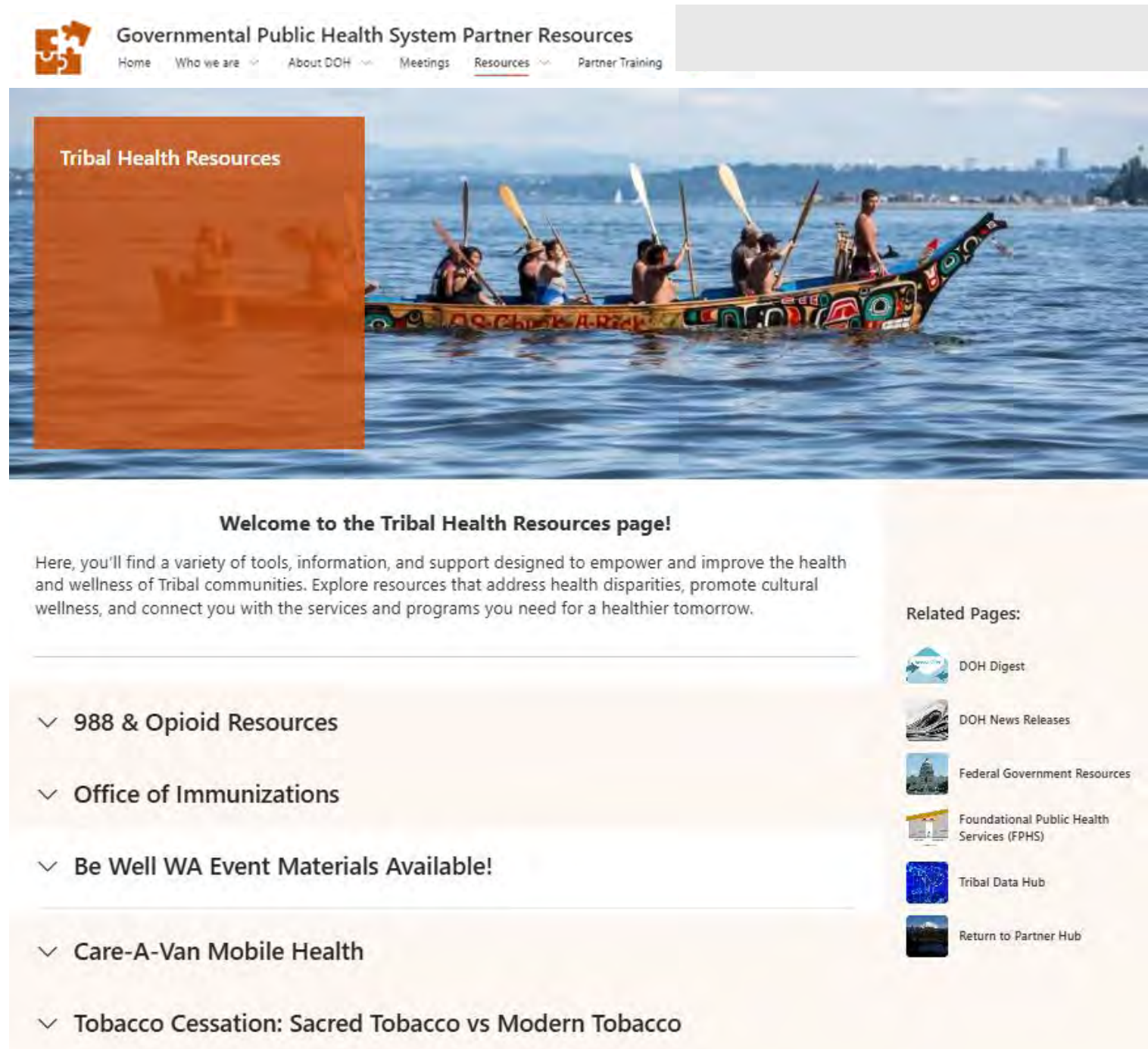
- [Measles Provider Alert](#) (the 4pg HAN is linked in the Newsletter)
- New [WA DOH Vaccine Recommendations](#) webpage is live!
- **Roadmap to Increase Immunization Rates in Washington – [Survey Closes 4/30/26](#)**
- Respiratory Season 2026-2027 Immunization Peer Planning Workgroup
- Immunization Champion Award Nominations – closes 5/15/2026
- Vaccine Management Program Updates
 - CVP Provider Agreement Renewal Period Ending 4/30/2026
 - Short-Dated COVID-19 Vaccines for '25 - '26
 - Launch Update: NEW Vaccine Loss Survey – starting April 2026
- A Healthy Start: Celebrate National Infant Immunization Week – 4/19-25/2026
- New Community Health Worker Vaccine Confidence Toolkit – May 2026!

This newsletter and Partner Alert has also been uploaded to the [Tribal Health Resources PartnerHub](#) page.

Please email jessica.haag@doh.wa.gov if you have questions or to be added to the WA DOH Tribal Immunization Newsletter Distribution list.

For Office of Immunization Updates

- Please visit the [Tribal Resources PartnerHub](#) page for the latest Office of Immunization updates and newsletters.
- If you would like to be added to the OI Liaison email list and PartnerHub, please email jessica.haag@doh.wa.gov



The screenshot shows the 'Tribal Health Resources' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the title 'Governmental Public Health System Partner Resources' and links for Home, Who we are, About DOH, Meetings, Resources, and Partner Training. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of a traditional wooden canoe with several people paddling on a body of water. An orange rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the banner, containing the text 'Tribal Health Resources'. Below the banner, the page has a heading 'Welcome to the Tribal Health Resources page!' followed by a paragraph: 'Here, you'll find a variety of tools, information, and support designed to empower and improve the health and wellness of Tribal communities. Explore resources that address health disparities, promote cultural wellness, and connect you with the services and programs you need for a healthier tomorrow.' To the right of this text is a 'Related Pages:' section with six links, each with a small icon: 'DOH Digest', 'DOH News Releases', 'Federal Government Resources', 'Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)', 'Tribal Data Hub', and 'Return to Partner Hub'. Below the main text and related pages, there is a list of resource categories, each with a dropdown arrow: '988 & Opioid Resources', 'Office of Immunizations', 'Be Well WA Event Materials Available!', 'Care-A-Van Mobile Health', and 'Tobacco Cessation: Sacred Tobacco vs Modern Tobacco'.

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