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1. News

Recent News

- The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development 9/9: [Survey Results Detail COVID-19’s Impact on Indian Country’s Economy](#)
- Press Release 8/31: [National Native Organizations (NCUIH, NCAI, NIHB) Call for Congressional Action in Light of New CDC Report](#)
- Politico 8/25: [HHS again extends provider bailout deadline as applications lag](#)
- NBC 8/10: [Federal Agency to Reopen 53 Native American Schools Despite Coronavirus Fears](#)
- NY Times 7/30: [Native Americans Feel Devastated by the Virus Yet Overlooked in the Data](#)
- The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development 7/30: [What Tribes and Tribal Entities Need to Know When Procuring Personal Protective Equipment](#)
- KRQE 7/27: [New Mexico Governor approves $178M of CARES Act funding for tribal and local governments](#)

Recent Updates from Federal Partners

- IHS 9/24: [Indian Health Service Receives 300,000 BinaxNOW COVID-19 Tests for Distribution](#)
- FEMA 9/21: [Whole of America Response: By the Numbers](#)
- CDC 9/16: [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations](#)
- FEMA 9/14: [Whole of America Response: By the Numbers](#)
- FEMA 9/9: [Whole of America Response: By the Numbers](#)
- DOI/AS-IA 9/3: [Bureau of Indian Education Schools Open September 16 for the 2020-2021 School Year](#)
- FEMA 9/1: [Coronavirus Pandemic Response: FEMA Releases New Policy for Declarations](#)
- FEMA 8/31: [Whole of America Response: By the Numbers](#)
- FEMA 8/24: [Whole of America Response: By the Numbers](#)
- FEMA 8/17: [Whole of America Response: By the Numbers](#) and [FEMA Establishes a Voluntary Agreement with Industry to Assist in Pandemic Response](#)
- SAMHSA 8/14: [Statement Regarding CDC’s MMWR on Mental Health, Substance Use, and Suicidal Ideation During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- FEMA 8/13: [FEMA Extends and Modifies Allocation Order on Exports of Scarce PPE](#)
- FEMA 8/10: [Whole of America Response: By the Numbers](#)
- HHS Press Releases 7/31: [HHS Extends Application Deadline for Medicaid Providers and Plans to Reopen Portal to Certain Medicare Providers](#) and [HHS Provider Relief Fund Phase 2 General Distribution Now Accepting Additional Applicants](#)
- Treasury OIG memorandum 7/31: [Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting Requirements Update](#)
- Financial Crimes Enforcement Network 7/30: [Advisory on Cybercrime and Cyber-Enabled Crime Exploiting the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic](#)
- CMS 7/28: [CMS Updates Data on COVID-19 Impacts on Medicare Beneficiaries](#)

USSET/USET SPF Member News

- Indian Country Today 9/9: [More Mississippi Choctaws have died of COVID than those who died of the disease in Hawaii or Alaska or Wyoming](#)
- Fingerlakes1.com 8/12: [Seneca Nation talks pandemic response, economic fallout of casino closures](#)
- Meridian Star 7/10: [Pandemic strikes Choctaw Indians, Neshoba County](#)

Policy and Legislative News

- NPR 8/8: [In Executive Actions, Trump Extends Some Unemployment Benefits, Defers Payroll Taxes](#)
- Indian Country Today 7/15: [Tribal nations fight ruling giving relief money to Alaska Native corporations](#)
2. Frequently Asked Questions

General Coronavirus/COVID-19
Q: What is COVID-19? ANSWER
Q: How many coronavirus cases have been reported? ANSWER
Q: Who is at risk for serious illness from COVID-19? ANSWER
Q: What is the risk of children becoming sick with COVID-19? ANSWER
Q: COVID-19 isn’t just the flu? ANSWER
Q: Are the symptoms of COVID-19 different in children than in adults? ANSWER
Q: There aren’t many cases in my community... why is everyone so worried? ANSWER
Q: Is it time to panic? ANSWER
Q: Personal Risk vs Systemic Risk ANSWER
Q: I have diabetes. What do I need to know about the coronavirus? ANSWER
Q: What do I do if I feel sick? ANSWER
Q: What do I do if I think I have been exposed? ANSWER
Q: What if someone in my household has been exposed? ANSWER
Q: Someone in my household is sick. What do I do now? ANSWER

Prevention and Preparation
Q: How can I prevent COVID-19? ANSWER
Q: How can my family and I prepare for a COVID-19 outbreak? ANSWER
Q: What SHOULD we do? — The Importance of Social Isolation ANSWER
Q: Who should follow suggested social isolation measures? ANSWER
Q: Do I need to wear a facemask to prevent COVID-19? ANSWER
Q: The stores are all out of disinfectant sprays and hand sanitizer. Can I make my own? ANSWER
Q: What should I do if I have traveled from a country with an outbreak of COVID-19? ANSWER

Information for Indian Country
Q: How does my Tribal Nation request an emergency declaration? ANSWER
Q: Can Tribal Nations request test kits for their clinics from IHS? ANSWER
Q: Where can I find more information about Tribal respiratory protection programs? ANSWER
Q: Where can I find information on Tribal pandemic planning? ANSWER
Q: How will the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) be impacted? ANSWER
Q: What if I have a routine IHS appointment and previously scheduled procedure? ANSWER
Q: How can I support my Elders? ANSWER
Q: Where can we purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)? ANSWER
Q: How do I access items from the Strategic National Stockpile? ANSWER
Q: How can I access GIS software and datasets to support Tribal agency responses to COVID-19? ANSWER
Q: If a Tribal Nation doesn’t currently receive funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) can they apply for the COVID-19 relief funding from the Indian Housing Block Grant?  

ANSWER

Information for Healthcare Personnel

Q: What are the clinical features of COVID-19?  

ANSWER

Q: Who is at risk for COVID-19?  

ANSWER

Q: Who is at risk for severe disease from COVID-19?  

ANSWER

Q: When is someone infectious?  

ANSWER

Q: Which body fluids can spread infection?  

ANSWER

Q: Can people who recover from COVID-19 be infected again?  

ANSWER

Q: How should healthcare personnel protect themselves when evaluating a patient who may have COVID-19?  

ANSWER

Q: Where can we purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)?  

ANSWER

Q: What can we do if we are running low on or if we run out of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)?  

ANSWER

Q: How do I know if I can trust a distributor of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)?  

ANSWER

Q: Where can I find more information on correctly fitting an N95 respirator?  

ANSWER

Q: Where can I find more information about Tribal respiratory protection programs?  

ANSWER

Q: What communication technology can I use to provide telehealth services?  

ANSWER

Q: What are the steps for setting a drive-up for collecting samples?  

ANSWER

Q: How do I report a COVID-19 case?  

ANSWER

Q: Are there other resources for healthcare professionals?  

ANSWER

Q: How do I access items from the Strategic National Stockpile?  

ANSWER

Information for Schools and Childcare Providers

Q: Is there guidance on closing schools and childcare facilities?  

ANSWER

Q: Are there resources for schools and childcare facilities?  

ANSWER

Q: What disinfectants should I use against the coronavirus?  

ANSWER

Information About Economic Impact Payments

Q: Who is eligible for the economic impact payment?  

ANSWER

Q: What do I need to do to receive an economic impact payment?  

ANSWER

Q: Is the stimulus check an advance into my tax refund for 2020?  

ANSWER

Q: Will it count towards my taxable income for 2020?  

ANSWER

Q: What do I do if I get a call from the IRS?  

ANSWER

Q: I have more questions. Where can I find more information about economic impact payments?  

ANSWER

More information is also available from the Oklahoma Native Assets Commission.
3. Re-opening Information

Recent News

- 9/23 Native Business: Mohegan’s $80M Earth Expo & Convention Center Reopens With Robust Safety Guidelines
- 7/16: CDC updated information for Tribal Communities to plan, prepare and respond to COVID-19. They also provided updated information in each of the following links:
  - Tribal multi-generational housing during COVID-19
  - Social distancing and coping for tribal communities
  - CDC/EPA cleaning and disinfection guidance
  - Considerations for events and gatherings
  - Safe watering points
- 7/16 CDC: Food and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) webpage provides helpful information about handling food packages and tips for safely shopping for groceries.
- 6/22 Native Business: CDC Releases Casino Reopening Guidelines After 700+ Venues Resumed Operations
- 5/18 Native Business: SoCal Tribal Casinos Begin Reopening, Some Using Advanced Cleaning Tech
- 5/8 WPTV: Hair and nail salons, barber shops reopening in Florida on Monday, May 11
- 5/7 Indian Country Today: 'New normal' for tribal casinos reopening
- CNN (updated regularly): This is where all 50 states stand on reopening
- NY Times (updated regularly): See Which States Are Reopening and Which Are Still Shut Down

USET/USET SPF Member News

- 7/1 Native Business: The New Playbook: How Event Venues & Hosts Are Adapting to Social Distancing
- 6/22 Message from EBCI Principal Chief Sneed
- 6/12 PBCI Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow Canceled
- 6/4 One Feather: COVID-19 Timeline of Events Relating to EBCI
- 6/1: Most events at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds cancelled for June
- 5/27: Wind Creek Properties in Alabama to Open on June 8
- 5/21: Foxwood Resort Casino ‘focused on reopening that first week of June’
- 5/20 Mohegan Sun, Foxwoods to open June 1, ignoring opposition from Gov. Ned Lamont who calls move ‘incredibly risky’
- 5/18 Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa: Opening Announcement and Safe and Sound Program Guidelines
- 5/15 Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana Announces the Reopening of Coushatta Casino Resort
- 5/14 Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Responds to “North Country Reopening”
- 5/14 KADN: Paragon Casino Resort Announces Reopening Date of May 20th
- 5/8 Cherokee One Feather: Tribe delays opening; Harrah’s Cherokee casinos starting phased re-opening
- 5/5 Observer-Dispatch: Oneida Nation mulls reopening options
- 5/1 Coushatta Casino Resort: Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana Announces Reopening of Koasati Pines Golf Course and Feather Fuel
Economy Re-Opening Blueprints

- Tribal Nations
  - 5/28 PBCI Operational Update
  - 5/28 Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe COVID-19 Phased Opening
  - 5/27 Wind Creek Hospitality COVID-19 Response Plan
  - 5/20 Foxwoods Resort Casino: Safety Plan
  - 5/19 Oneida Nation Enterprises: Reopening Plan, FAQs, Fact Sheet, Blueprints
  - 5/14 Paragon Casino: Paragon Casino Resort COVID-19 Reopening FAQs

- States
  - Alabama 5/8 update: Restaurants, salons, gyms can reopen Monday; churches can meet as 10-person limit lifted
  - Alabama: Reopen Alabama Responsibly
  - California: Governor Newsom Outlines Six Critical Indicators the State will Consider Before Modifying the Stay-at-Home Order and Other COVID-19 Interventions
  - Maine: Restarting Maine’s Economy
  - Mississippi: Restart Mississippi
  - New York: Amid Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Cuomo Outlines Blueprint to Un-PAUSE New York
  - North Carolina: North Carolina Announces Three-Phase Plan to Reopen
  - Rhode Island: Reopening RI
  - Texas: Governor’s Strike Force to Open Texas
  - Virginia: Forward Virginia

- Other
  - Nashville: Roadmap for Reopening Nashville 5/21 Update
  - Italy: Provisions of the Decree by Italian Prime Minister of 26 April 2020
  - Spain: Guide to Spain Reopening Plan: Phases & Dates of Lockdown easing

Resources

- 8/21 National Indian Education Association: Keeping Our Native Students Safe, Healthy is Paramount During COVID-19 Pandemic
- 7/30 The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development: What Tribes and Tribal Entities Need to Know When Procuring Personal Protective Equipment
- 7/16 CDC: The CDC updated information for Tribal Communities to plan, prepare and respond to COVID-19. They also provided updated information in each of the following links:
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  - CDC/EPA cleaning and disinfection guidance
  - Considerations for events and gatherings
  - Safe watering points
- 7/16 CDC: The new Food and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) webpage provides helpful information on commonly asked questions about handling food packages and tips for safely shopping for groceries and buying meat in bulk.
- 7/1 Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs: DTLL and Indian Affairs COVID-19 Adaptive Operations Recovery Plan
- 7/1 CDC: Considerations for K-12 Schools – Readiness and Planning Tool
- 6/22 CDC: Considerations for Casinos and Gaming Operations
• OSHA Guidance on Returning to Work (June 2020)
• OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplace for COVID-19 (April 2020)
• CDC Guidance for Dental Settings
• CDC Resuming Business Toolkit
• Six Steps for Safe and Effective Disinfectant Use
• 5/18 The American Hotel & Lodging Association Release Industry-wide Hotel Cleaning Standards, through "SAFE STAY" Initiative
• 5/15 CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting your Facility
• US Travel Association: Industry Guidance for Promoting the Health and Safety of All Travelers
• 5/7 International Economic Development Council: resource for up-to-date information related to COVID-19 and its economic impacts – restoreyoureconomy.org
• 5/4 Hotel Development Insider:
  o Coronavirus Basics: Important Steps That Every Hotel Must Immediately Enact
  o Checking the health of your building after a prolonged shutdown
  o ‘Clean and Safe’ Certification: The Future for Hotels After COVID-19
• 5/1 Property Management Services: Building Re-Occupancy Plan & Guidelines; Navigating workforce re-entry during COVID-19 recovery
• 4/28 EPA and CDC: Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting
• 4/23 The National Law Review: Legal Consideration for Reopening Business in the Time of Coronavirus
• 4/23 EPA and CDC: Reopening American Cleaning and Disinfection Decision Tool
• 4/22 OMB Memo: Aligning Federal Agency Operations with the National Guidelines for Opening Up America Again
• 4/16 White House: Guidelines for Opening Up American Again!
• 4/14 WHO: Covid-19 Strategy Update
4. Best Practices

Best Practices for Tribal Nations
- Added 8/12 From Poarch Band of Creek Indians: Personnel Policies and Procedures – General Procedures for a State of Emergency
- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians: DRAFT Pandemic Flu Plan

Best Practices for Pandemic Preparedness and Planning
- Added 8/12 ASTHO: Emergency Authority and Immunity Toolkit – Emergency Declarations and Authorities.
- 4/21 Harvard’s Edmon J. Safra Center for Ethics: Roadmap to Pandemic Resilience
- COVID-19: Model Plans, Policies, Codes and Resolutions
- From Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians: DRAFT Pandemic Flu Plan
- Tribal Pandemic Influenza Plan
- Pandemic Flu Checklist for local Health Departments
- CDC: Pandemic Preparedness Resources
- CDC: Nonpharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs)

Prevention Best Practices
- 7/14 FDA: Q&A for Consumers: Hand Sanitizers and COVID-19
- 4/30 EPA: Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Stay home when you are ill.
- Practice good respiratory etiquette and cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- If using a tissue, immediately throw the tissue in the garbage and wash your hands.
- If you don’t have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm.
- CNN: How to coronavirus-proof your home tip sheet

Water System Preparedness and Pandemic Best Practices
- EPA: Information on Maintaining or Restoring Water Quality in Buildings with Low or No Use
- CDC 5/7: CDC Guidance for Reopening Buildings After Prolonged Shutdown or Reduced Operation
- EPA 4/16: EPA Incident Action Checklist – Pandemic Incidents
- EPA Dear Tribal Leader Letter 4/7: EPA Administrator encourages Tribal Leaders to classify water and wastewater workers as essential
- EPA News Release 4/6: EPA to Donate Personal Protective Equipment to State and Local Responders Fighting COVID-19 Across the Country
- EPA 3/26: COVID-19 Implications for EPA’s Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Program
- EPA News Release 3/30: [EPA Corrects the Record after Reckless Reporting on Temporary Compliance Guidance](#)
- EPA News Release 3/30: [EPA Encourages Americans to Only Flush Toilet Paper](#)
- [Water Environment Federation coronavirus webcast from February 25, 2020](#)
- Water Environment Federation: [Water Professionals Guide to COVID-19](#)
- Stantec: [Introduction to Coronavirus](#)
- American Water Works Association: [Water System Preparedness and Best Practices for Pandemic Influenza](#)
- Environmental Protection Agency: [Pandemic Influenza Fact Sheet for the Water Sector](#)
- EPA: [Information from the CDC about water transmission and COVID-19](#)
- EPA: [Incident Action Checklist - Pandemic Instructions](#)

### Best Practices for Healthcare Personnel

- The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development 7/30: [What Tribes and Tribal Entities Need to Know When Procuring Personal Protective Equipment](#)
- HHS 6/4: [HHS Announces New Laboratory Data Reporting Guidance for COVID-19 Testing](#)
- Center for World Indigenous Studies: [Best Traditional Medicines Practices for COVID-19 Prevention](#)
- 4/22 [NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines](#)
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC HHS): [COVID-19 Outpatient Triage and Assessment Guidance](#)
- NC HHS: [Interim guidance for use of personal protective equipment](#)
- NC HHS: [Interim Guidance for Discontinuation of Home Isolation for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](#)
- OSHA: [Guidance](#) on Personal Protective Equipment
- [Information about requesting items from the Strategic National Medical Stockpile](#)
- CMS: [Guidance](#) for Nursing homes
- CDC: [Guidance](#) on infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers.
- CMS: [Guidance](#) for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Outpatient Settings: FAQs and Considerations
- A [diagram](#) for general steps that Tribal clinics established for the collection of drive-up samples.
- FEMA 4/13: [Preserving Personal Protective Equipment Best Practices Advisory](#)
- FEMA 4/13: [Preserving Personal Protective Equipment Best Practices Fact Sheet](#)
- New England Journal of Medicine 4/20: [How to Obtain a Nasopharyngeal Swab Specimen](#)

### Best Practices for Telehealth

- Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker 4/3: [CMS' Informational Bulletin on Medicaid Telehealth Flexibilities](#)
- CMS 4/2: [Rural Health Care and Medicaid Telehealth Flexibilities](#)
5. Legislation and Federal Policy

As the Administration continues issuing guidance to implement COVID-19 stimulus legislation, the urgency of the public health emergency is forcing Tribal leaders to make COVID-19 decisions in real time based upon all available information—even if that information is incomplete or unclear. While funding details and related guidance will most certainly continue to evolve, it is critical to memorialize the status and availability of federal guidance as it influences Tribal Nation public policy decisions—even if it changes later. This will assist Tribal governments in defending these decisions during any potential audit or review of Tribal expenses covered by federal relief dollars. As part of your due diligence to document, we strongly encourage you to include documentation of any guidance, or lack thereof, that exists at the time of your COVID-19 expenditures.

Pending Legislation

Senate Republicans Proposal for 4th Package: Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection and Schools (HEALS) Act
Status: Introduced 7/27
- Bill Text
- NCAI: Slim version of HEALS ACT Senate Republican Summary
- NCAI’s Summary of Tribal-related provisions
- Additional Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations Summary
- Back to Work Child Care Grants One Pager
- BA120728 – Domestic Manufacturing
- Continuing Small Business Recovery and Paycheck Protection Program Act
  - Section-by-Section
  - One Pager
- Coronavirus Response Additional Supplemental Appropriations Act
- Education Freedom Scholarships One Pager
- Restoring Critical Supply Chains and Intellectual Property Act Section-by-Section
- Safe to Work Act
  - Section-by-Section
- Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act
  - Section-by-Section
- Scott Supporting Americas Restaurant Workers Act
- SFC CARES 2.0 Legislative
  - Section-by-Section
- Simplifying Student Load Repayment One Pager
- Trust ACT INTRO 7.27.20 (ALB20A87)
  - Section-by-Section
  - One-Pager

Status: Introduced 5/12
- Bill Text
- Bill Summary
- NCAI’s Summary of HEROES Act
• **Summary of Tribal Provisions**
• NAFOA Summary of Tribal Provisions
• 5/15 Majority Leader Hoyer Floor Update
• 5/11 Majority Leader Hoyer Floor Update
• 5/6 Native American Caucus Letter to House Appropriations Committee Members requesting inclusion of Tribal priorities
• 5/4 Dear Colleague Letter to House Leadership requesting third party relief funding for the Indian health care system
• 4/29 Letter from Members of Congress to Treasury and Interior requesting the Immediate Disbursement of Coronavirus Relief Fund to Tribal Governments
• 4/14 Letter from Members of Congress to House leadership requesting inclusion of child welfare funding
• 4/13 Letter from Senators to Senate leadership requesting inclusion of domestic violence and child welfare funding
• 4/6 Pelosi Outlines Next COVID-19 Bill, Without Infrastructure
• 4/1 Roll Call: Pelosi revives ambitious infrastructure bill for next stimulus
• Moving Forward Framework
  o Press Release
  o Fact Sheet

**Tribal Priorities:**
• 8/8: Joint Tribal Organization Letter to House and Senate Leadership: Pandemic Relief Funding to Indian Country
• 8/6: NIHB Letter to White House Regarding Tribal COVID-19 Health Policy Priorities
• 7/20 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to House and Senate Leadership: Tribal Priorities
• 6/2 NIHB letter to Senate Leadership regarding Tribal priorities for future relief packages
• 5/26 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to Senate Leadership: Tribal Homeland Security and Emergency Services Needs and Priorities for COVID-19 Phase 4
• 5/18 Letter from Native American Contractors Association (NACA) to Senate Small Business Committee Leadership regarding Tribal priorities
• 5/11 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to House Leadership regarding infrastructure priorities
• 5/11 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to Senate Leadership regarding infrastructure priorities
• 4/30 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to House Leadership regarding economic development and employment priorities
• 4/30 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to Senate Leadership regarding economic development and employment priorities
• 4/17 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to House Leadership: Tribal Priorities for Tribal Governance and Housing
• 4/17 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to Senate Leadership: Tribal Priorities for Tribal Governance and Housing

**Tribal Advocacy:**
• 7/27 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to Senate Finance Committee Leadership Regarding Extending the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage
• 7/21 USET SPF Letter to Congress Leadership Regarding Urgent Need to Address Inequities and Mismanagement of Coronavirus Relief Fund
• 7/1 NIHB Testimony to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing
• 4/15 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to Senate Leadership: COVID-19 Recovery Legislative Proposal (Phase #4)
• 4/9 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to House Leadership: Small Business Assistance Delivery to Indian Country
• 4/9 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to Senate Leadership: Small Business Assistance Delivery to Indian Country
• 4/8 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to McConnell and Schumer
• 4/8 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to Pelosi and McCarthy

CDC Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act (To ensure Tribal Nations have direct access to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program)

Status: Introduced in Senate and House
• S. 3486: Sen. Udall Press Release
• H.R. 6274: Reps. Haaland and Gallego Press Release
• Bill Text

Tribal Medical Supplies Stockpile Access Act (To Guarantee Tribal Health Authorities Access to the Strategic National Stockpile)

Status: Introduced in Senate
• Sens. Warren and Udall Press Release
• Bill Text
• Bill Summary

Executive Action/Requests
3/17 Letter from OMB to Congress Requesting Additional $45.8 billion in Funding to Executive Agencies
3/17 Treasury Department Proposal for Third Congressional Funding Bill

Help Identify Legislative Priorities for Future Emergency Response Packages
❖ FOR USET MEMBER TRIBAL NATIONS: To include any specific items or priorities in USET’s legislative efforts regarding COVID-19 response and relief efforts, please email Liz Malerba.
❖ NCAI NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OUTREACH: Priority Issues

Passed Legislation

H.R. 266 Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act
Status: Signed into law on 4/24
• Draft Agreement Bill Text
• SBA and Treasury 8/25: PPP Interim Final Rule Treatment of Owners and Forgiveness of Certain Nonpayroll Costs
• SBA and Treasury 6/12: SBA and Treasury Announce New and Revised Guidance Regarding the Paycheck Protection Program
• Treasury 6/8: Joint Statement by SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza and U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin Regarding Enactment of the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act
• 5/19 IHS DTLL announcing distribution decisions for $750 million
Third Stimulus: H.R. 748 The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Status: Signed into law on 3/27

- Bill Text
- Bill Summary—Division A and Bill Summary—Division B
- Treasury’s Coronavirus Relief Fund website, guidance (updated 9/2), and FAQs (updated 9/2)
- 9/21 Treasury OIG Memo: CRF FAQs Related to Reporting and Recordkeeping (Revised)
- 8/13 HSDW: Provider Relief Fund Updates
- 8/12 HRSA: COVID-19 Response: Provider Relief Fund
- 7/2 Treasury OIG Memo: Coronavirus Relief Reporting and Record Retention Requirements
- 7/8: FAQs on Acceptable and Non-acceptable Expenditures of BIA CARES Act funds
- 6/12: Statement by Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin on the Provision of Coronavirus Relief Fund Dollars to Native American Tribes
- 6/8: Letter from Senate Democrats to Secretary Bernhardt and Secretary DeVos expressing concerns about the slow disbursement of CARES Act funds to Tribal schools
- 5/28: Letter from Senate Democrats to Secretary Mnuchin requesting clarification of the disbursement formula used to allocate payments to Tribal governments
- 5/11 Udall Welcomes OIG Reviews of Tribal Data Breach, Potential Conflicts of Interest in Interior Official’s Role in Distribution of Emergency Coronavirus Relief to Tribal Governments
- 5/8 Letter from DOI Inspector General to Senator Udall
- 5/1 Letter from Rep Grijalva and Subcommittee Chairs to IG Requesting Tara Sweeney Investigation
- 5/1 Letter from Committee on Ways and Means to Treasury Secretary Mnuchin requesting the immediate release of CARES Act funds to Tribal governments
- 5/1 Letter from Senators to Treasury Secretary Mnuchin requesting the immediate release of CARES Act funds to Tribal governments
- 4/30 Udall formally requests IG investigation of data breach
- 4/22 Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker Memo regarding HHS Announces Allocation of Remaining $70 billion of the CARES ACT Provider Relief Fund
- 4/22 HHS Announces Additional Allocations of CARES ACT Provider Relief Fund
- 3/27 Congressional Native American Caucus: Tribal Priorities Included in CARES Act

Implementation

- Litigation
  - 6/26 DC District Court decision in Chehalis et al v. Mnuchin case
  - 6/16 NAFOA: Treasury to Disburse Remaining $679M in CRF Funds
  - 6/15: Agua Caliente Band of Chauilla Indians vs Treasury US Court Decision
  - 6/12 Law 360.com DC Judge Struggles To Define Tribal Gov't In Virus Aid Fight
  - 6/8 Prairie Band of Potawatomi files motion on the Treasury’s allocation method: Complaint and Temporary Restraining Order Motion
  - 6/4 NCAI et al Amicus Brief in Support of Plaintiffs’ Motions for Summary Judgment
  - 5/1 Joint Status Report in Chehalis v Mnuchin
  - 4/30 Agua Caliente et al versus Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of US Dept of Treasury
  - 4/28 DC District Court decision in Chehalis et al v. Mnuchin case
  - 4/24 Plaintiff’s reply in Chehalis et al. v. Mnuchin
  - 4/23 Mnuchin Response - Defendant’s Consolidated Opposition to Plaintiffs’ Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction
  - 4/23 NCAI et al Amicus Brief in Support of Injunction
• Tribal Implementation Advocacy
  o 4/16 Chehalis Tribe et al. versus Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of US Dept of Treasury
  
• Executive Implementation
  o 7/31 Treasury OIG memorandum Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting Requirements Update
  o Treasury’s Coronavirus Relief Fund website, guidance (updated 9/2), and FAQs (updated 9/2)
  o 7/23 Treasury OIG: Interim Report of Costs Incurred by State and Local Recipients Through June 30
  o 7/2 Treasury OIG Memo: Coronavirus Relief Reporting and Record Retention Requirements
  o 7/8: FAQs on Acceptable and Non-acceptable Expenditures of BIA CARES Act funds
  o 5/27: Tribal Employment and Expenditure Submission Deadline Extended May 29
  o 5/11: Udall Welcomes Inspector General Reviews of Tribal Data Breach, Potential Conflicts of Interest in Interior Official’s Role in Distribution of Emergency Coronavirus Relief to Tribal Governments
  o 5/6 DOI IG Brief: Where’s the Money? DOI Use of CARES Act Funds as of April 28, 2020
  o 5/5 Treasury: Coronavirus Relief Fund Allocations to Tribal Governments
Joint Statement by Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Secretary of the Interior Bernhardt on Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Fund Dollars to Native American Tribes

Distribution of Remaining $367 M in CARES Act Funding

IHS releases DTLL on Final CARES Act Allocations

HHS Fact Sheet on Allocation of CARES Act Provider Relief Fund

Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker Memo: reports on HHS allocation of the remaining $70 billion of CARES Act Provider Relief Fund

Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Statement on the CRF Process

Treasury’s Coronavirus Relief Fund website, guidance (updated 9/2), and FAQs (updated 9/2)

Treasury OIG: FAQs Related to Reporting and Recordkeeping

HSDW: Provider Relief Fund Updates

HRSA: COVID-19 Response: Provider Relief Fund

8/4 SBA & Treasury have recently released additional guidance:

Frequently Asked Questions For Loan Forgiveness. (Released 8/4/20)

Summary of PPP lending as of 7/31/20 (Released 8/3/20)

Treasury OIG memorandum Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting Requirements Update

SBA: Procedural Notice: Procedures for Lender Submission of Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness Decisions to SBA and SBA Forgiveness Loan Reviews

SBA: Information Notice on Guidance Regarding Identification and Reporting of Suspicious Activity in the COVID-19 EIDL Loan Program

Treasury OIG Memo: Coronavirus Relief Reporting and Record Retention Requirements

7/23 SBA: Information Notice on Guidance Regarding Identification and Reporting of Suspicious Activity in the COVID-19 EIDL Loan Program

7/2 Treasury OIG Memo: Coronavirus Relief Reporting and Record Retention Requirements

7/2: FAQs on Acceptable and Non-acceptable Expenditures of BIA CARES Act funds

Blue Stone Strategy Group offers many services tied to Treasury’s CRF guidance. Their team of tribal leaders, tribal professionals and subject-matter experts can help you use CARES Act funds to the greatest impact—protecting tribal communities and economies.

6/24 New PPP Interim Final Rule: Additional Eligibility Revisions to First Interim Final Rule

6/9: HHS has posted updated Provider Relief Fund (PRF) FAQs

6/4: Treasury released a FAQ on Tribal population data

5/22 The Harvard Project: Proposal for a Fair and Feasible Formula for the Allocation of CARES Act COVID-19 Relief Funds to American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Governments

5/20 SBA: Updated Paycheck Protection FAQ document

5/18 New PPP Interim Final Rule Clarifies That Foreign Employees Count for Size

5/18 The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona release research critiquing the Round 1 allocations of federal CARES Act COVID-19 response funds

5/13 UPDATED Paycheck Protection Program FAQs

HHS 5/7: HHS Extends Deadline for Attestation, Acceptance of Terms and Conditions for Provider Relief Fund Payments to 45 Days

5/5 Summary of Paycheck Protection Program 2 loan data

4/29 FAQs: Employee Retention Credit under the CARES Act

Trades and tribal businesses are discussed or mentioned in FAQs 2, 18, 21.

4/16 Department of Treasury updates: Assistance for American Workers and Families; Assistance for Small Businesses; Assistance to State and Local Governments; Preserving Jobs for American Industry

4/15 Turtle Talk: Responses to ANC’s Accessing the Corona Virus Relief Funds Intended for Tribal Governments

4/9 Congressional Research Service: The CARES Act: Implications for Tribes
- 4/8 VA CARES Act- Economic Impact Payments
- 4/6 HUD Offers $200M of COVID-19 Relief to Native Americans
- 3/30 Senate Committee on Indian Affairs: Resources for Indian Tribes and Native Communities in the CARES Act
- 3/27 NCUIH: Phase 3 of Coronavirus Pandemic Package Signed Into Law

**H.R. 6201:** The Families First Coronavirus Response Act  
**Status:** Signed into law on 3/18  
- Bill Text  
- Bill Summary  
- 3/27 IHS DTLL re: Coronavirus Funding from Families First Coronavirus Relief Act

**H.R. 6074:** The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (includes $40M Indian country specific component)  
**Status:** Signed into law 3/6  
**Funding Distribution Status:** 3/20 HHS announces upcoming action to provide funding to tribes for COVID-19 response  
- Bill Text  
- Bill Summary

**Other Resources and Items of Interest**  
- 7/1 Letter from a group of lawmakers to the CDC seeking clarification of policies and practices regarding Tribal Epidemiology Centers' access to disease and surveillance data  
- 6/18 HSDW: COVID-19 Tribal Health Care Funding Chart  
- 5/28 SBA and Treasury Department Announce $10 Billion for CDFIs to Participate in the PPP  
- 4/29 HSDW: Restrictions on Use of Stimulus Funds by Tribal Health Programs  
- Congressional Research Service:  
  - 4/14 COVID-19 and the Indian Health Service  
  - 4/9 The CARES Act: Implications for Tribes  
  - 4/6 COVID-19 Stimulus Assistance to Small Businesses: Issues and Policy Options  
  - 3/30 COVID-19 Stimulus Assistance to Small Businesses: Issues and Policy Options  
  - 3/24 Senior Nutrition Programs’ Response to COVID-19
6. Resources, Funding Opportunities, and Guidance

Guidance
- CDC: Guidance for Tribal Communities (updated 8/1)
- FDA 7/14: Q&A for Consumers: Hand Sanitizers and COVID-19
- CDC 7/8: Recommendations for Tribal Ceremonies and Gatherings During the COVID-19 Outbreak
- CMS: FAQs for Medicaid and CHIP (updated 6/30)
- CDC: Social Distancing (updated 7/15)
- CDC: Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 (updated 6/28)
- CDC: Guidance for Dental Settings (updated 6/17)
- CDC 5/16: Interim Guidance on Developing a COVID-19 Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Plan
- SBA 5/4: Guidance on Whole Loans Sales of Paycheck Protection Program Loans
- CDC: Considerations for Inpatient Obstetric Healthcare Settings (revised 5/20)
- CISA: Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce (revised 5/19)
- OMB Memo 4/22: Aligning Federal Agency Operations with the National Guidelines for Opening Up America Again
- NIH: COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines (updated 5/12)
- HSDW 4/30: Guide to Federal Coronavirus Funding and Programs for Tribal Health Programs
- CDC 4/12: Interim Guidance for Conserving and Extending Filtering Facepiece Respirator Supply in Non-Healthcare Sectors
- CMS 4/7: Non-Emergent, Elective Medical Services, and Treatment Recommendations
- BIA 4/8: Temporary Guidance – Road Closures or Restrictions on Tribal Lands
- IHS 3/25: Avoid Nebulizer Therapy to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19
- HUD 3/20: Dear Lender Letter to Section 184 and 184A Lenders and Servicers on the Foreclosure and Eviction Moratorium with the COVID-19 National Emergency
- CMS 3/18: FAQs for Catastrophic Health Coverage
- CMS 3/17: CMS Guidance to Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Organizations
- USDA 3/16: USDA Ensures Food Safety During COVID-19 Outbreak
- CMS: Guidance for Nursing Homes (revised 3/13)
- Administration for Community Living FAQs: Nutrition Services Emergency Management; Disaster Relief Under the Older Americans Act; Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; Home and Community-Based Supportive Services and Elder Rights
- HSDW: Authorities and Considerations in Addressing the COVID-19 Outbreak in Indian Country
• **USET Coronavirus Fact Sheet**
• CDC: **Interim guidance** to help households plan for community transmission of COVID-19
• CDC: **Interim guidance** for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs
• CDC: **Guidance** on school closure
• CDC: **Guidance** for Schools and Child Care Programs
• CDC: **Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission**
• CDC: **Guidance** for Retirement Communities and Independent Living
• CDC: **Guidance** on infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers
• CDC: **Clinical Questions and Answers about COVID-19 for Healthcare Professionals**
• CDC: **Interim Guidance** for Responding to COVID-19 among People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness
• CDC: **Interim Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities**
• USDA: **FNS Program Guidance on Human Pandemic Response**
• USDA: **Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions from the USDA**
• USPS: **Updates and FAQs for Residential Customers; Updates and FAQs for Business Customers**
• CDC: Information about pregnancy, breastfeeding, and caring for young children

### Funding Opportunities

#### Open Federal Funding Opportunities
- Economic Development Administration: [Recovery Assistance](#)
- SBA: [COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans](#)
- Administration for Community Living: [HHS Grant to Provide Meals for Older Adults](#)

#### Open Non-Federal Funding Opportunities
- NCAI COVID-19 Response Fund – rolling deadline ([apply](#))
- [Financial Relief Resources for Artists](#)
- New England Grassroots Environment Fund: [COVID19 Rapid Response Funding – Seed Grants](#)
- The SOZE Agency: [Artist and Activist Relief Fund](#) (waiting list for funds)

### Resources and Information
- 6/19: [FCC Broadband and Telehealth Funding Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Healthcare Providers](#)
- 6/18 HSDW: [COVID-19 Tribal Health Care Funding Chart](#)
- 5/18 USDA: [Coronavirus Food Assistance Program](#) (overview from NAAF)
- 5/15: Instructions on Reprogramming and Utilizing FY 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant funding to Prevent, Prepare for, and Respond to COVID19 Under the CARES Act
- 5/15 HUD ONAP: [Implementation Notice with instructions on how to apply for ICBG Imminent Threat funding provided under the CARES Act](#)
- 5/7 HHS: [HHS Extends Deadline for Attestation, Acceptance of Terms and Conditions for Provider Relief Fund Payments to 45 Days](#)
- 5/7 US Dept of Commerce: [Secretary of Commerce allocates $300 million in CARES Act aid to U.S. fishermen and seafood industries impacted by COVID-19](#)
- 5/4 FEMA: [FEMA Announces $200 Million for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program](#)
- 5/4 SBA opens Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications to agribusinesses
- 5/4 SBA: [Guidance on Whole Loans Sales of Paycheck Protection Program Loans](#)
- SBA: [COVID-19 Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources](#)
SBA: Paycheck Protection Program Frequently Asked Questions
Information about grants for museums and the arts

Resources

I. USET/USET SPF COVID-19 Tip of the Day

- 4/24 Tip of Day Follow-up to 2020:01: Follow Up: Document
- 4/21 Tip of the Day 2020:09: Expanded Telehealth Services for Tribal Medicare and Medicaid Enrollees
- 4/9 Tip of the Day 2020:05: Accessing the Strategic National Stockpile
- 4/7 Tip of the Day 2020:03: Case Definitions
- 4/6 Tip of the Day 2020:02: Don’t Fall Prey to Scammers
- 4/3 Tip of the Day 2020:01: Document

II. USET Tribal Epidemiology Center Recommendations for Tribal Consideration

- 9/3 UPDATED Guidance 2020-006: Testing and Implications for Public Health Decision Making
- 8/24 UPDATED Guidance 2020-007: Recommendations for Antibody Testing
- 8/13 Guidance 2020-009: School Reopening
- 7/23 Guidance 2020-008: The Community Use of Masks and Face Coverings in Response to COVID-19
- 7/23 UPDATED Guidance 2020-003: Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing
- 6/11 UPDATED Antibody Tests for COVID-19
- 5/28 COVID Testing Guidance
  - FDA COVID-19 testing
  - A Brief Guide to Testing for COVID-19
  - CLIA-Waived Tests for COVID-19
  - Antibody Tests for COVID-19
  - Educational Flyer for Tribal Leaders, Health Directors, and Providers: The Limitations of Testing and False Negatives
  - Community Educational Flyer: A Negative COVID-19 Test is not always Accurate
  - Talking Points: COVID-19 Testing and Implications for Public Health Decision Making
- 5/22 Guidance 2020-001: Case Definition for COVID-19 UPDATED
- 5/13 Guidance 2020-007: Recommendations for Antibody Testing
- 5/1 Guidance 2020-005: Appropriate Use of Disinfectants in Clinical and other Public Spaces
- 4/16 Guidance 2020-004: Contact Tracing During an Outbreak or Pandemic
III. General Resources


14. 8/31 National Grants Management Association: COVID Allowability Documentation and How to Avoid Audit Findings

- FEMA Region I: COVID-19 Long-Term Recovery Task Force Resource Guides:
  - Housing
  - Broadband Infrastructure
  - Arts and Culture
  - Fisheries/Aquaculture

- The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development 7/30: What Tribes and Tribal Entities Need to Know When Procuring Personal Protective Equipment

- 7/16: CDC updated information for Tribal Communities to plan, prepare and respond to COVID-19. They also provided updated information in each of the following links:
  - Tribal multi-generational housing during COVID-19
  - Social distancing and coping for tribal communities
  - CDC/EPA cleaning and disinfection guidance
  - Considerations for events and gatherings
  - Safe watering points

- 7/16 CDC: Food and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) webpage provides helpful information about handling food packages and tips for safely shopping for groceries.

- 7/8: CDC Interim Guidance for Election Polling Locations

- 7/8: CDC Interim Considerations for Health Departments for COVID-19 Testing in Homeless Shelters

- Contact Tracing Resources:
  - CDC COVIDTracer 1.0: a spreadsheet-based tool that allows public health officials and policy makers to compare three different contact tracing and monitoring strategies. A user manual also accompanies this tool. If you encounter any issues downloading the spreadsheet, please email HEMU@cdc.gov with subject line: COVIDTracer tool inquiry.
  - CDC Contact Tracing Training and Resources
  - Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity: Contact Tracing Workforce Estimator
  - CDC Interim Guidance on Developing a Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Plan
  - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials: Making Contact: A Training for COVID-19 Contact Tracers (free on-demand training)

- 6/18: National Indian Education Association and IllumiNative Native Education for ALL (NEFA) Initiative - NIEA and IllumiNative have partnered to bring virtual and home learning educational materials and resources online. Their goal is to ensure that students have access to culture-based educational resources in an online format. NIEA and IllumiNative want to give educators a platform to share what has been working in their communities.

- 6/9: IHS has established a Critical Care Response Team of health care professionals that can be mobilized to provide urgent lifesaving medical care to COVID-19 patients admitted to IHS or Tribal hospitals. They can also provide hands-on clinical education to help train frontline health care professionals to manage COVID-19 patients and other critically ill patients.
6/2: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) today launched the COVID-19 Response Resource Center to provide improved access to USPTO initiatives, programs, and other helpful intellectual property (IP)-related information regarding the COVID-19 outbreak.

6/3: The IRS added a new Topics for Tribes section on the Coronavirus Tax Relief for Businesses and Tax-Exempt Entities page on IRS.gov

5/28: Prioritizing Equity video series: COVID-19 & Native Voices in the Field

5/26: COVID Pandemic in Indian Country presentation by Setu Vora, MD

5/11 IHS: Interactive map which displays COVID-19 testing data by IHS area

5/1 House Natural Resources Committee: Coronavirus in Indian Country Resources

5/5: The Alabama Fire College offers free online COVID-19 safety training

4/30: COVID-19: The CIDRAP Viewpoint

4/30: Akin Gump: Interactive map that provides current information on U.S. state, county and local government business closure and stay-at-home orders.

4/29: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Section 106 and Coronavirus Impacts


4/17: Children’s Bureau Guidance for Cell Phones and Personal Protective Equipment

FEMA 4/17 Disaster Financial Management Guide and Fact Sheet

4/15: Public service announcements from RADM Michael Weahkee, Acting Director, IHS: Thanks to the dedicated public servants in the Indian Health Service and the many Tribal health care professionals; A Message to Indigenous People

4/15: Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker Client Memo: HRSA Hold Consultation on Emergency Funding; CMS Issues FAQ on Topics Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

4/14: Congressional Research Service: COVID-19 and the Indian Health Service


HHS 4/8: Indian Health Service Expands Telehealth Services During COVID-19 Response

Akin Gump: Interactive map that provides current information on U.S. state, county and local government business closure and stay-at-home orders.

Surviving Isolation

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):
- Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures
- Current Process for Tribal Governments to Request a Presidential Declaration
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response: Tribal Recipients (fact sheet)

3/24: Congressional Research Service: Senior Nutrition Programs’ Response to COVID-19

Washington State American Indian Health Commission Resources

Council on Governmental Relations developed a list of resources related to the Institutional Agency Responses

Information about requesting items from the Strategic National Medical Stockpile

PowerPoint for Community Education

Keep up to date with the latest coronavirus-related scams at www.ftc.gov/coronavirus or by signing up to get these consumer alerts.

CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity Group has compiled all COVID-19 webinars on the TRAIN Learning Network. Once you create an account and log in, you can access COVID-19 training.

CMS: Telehealth Toolkit for General Practitioners

CMS: End-Stage Renal Disease Providers Toolkit

FEMA: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis, stay informed with FEMA’s updated myth vs. facts related to the federal COVID-19 response.

CNN: How to coronavirus-proof your home tip sheet
• Indian Country Today launches weekday broadcast to cover COVID-19
• Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Section 106 and Coronavirus Questions & Answers for Indian Tribes
• Native Governance Center: guide with tips for Indigenized communication during COVID-19.
• 4/10 Federal Agency Information to Prevent Frauds and Scams
  o Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has tips to avoid scams related to COVID-19 and identifies critical infrastructure during COVID-19.
  o HHS warns about Medicare, COVID-19 testing and treatment scams.
  o DOJ is investigating and prosecuting Coronavirus scams and fraud.
  o FBI is seeing a rise in Coronavirus scams, including fake emails from the CDC, and fraudulent testing and medical equipment like face masks.
  o Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has COVID-19 scam information and is taking action against companies marketing fraudulent COVID-19 treatments.
  o Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation warns consumers about potential scams.
  o Social Security Administration warns Americans about fraudulent letters threatening the suspension of Social Security benefits.
  o U.S. Postal Inspection Service tips for avoiding and reporting fraud.

I. Resources for Grants Management
• 8/31 National Grants Management Association: COVID Allowability Documentation and How to Avoid Audit Findings
• OMB: Guidance on Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by COVID-19
• WE HAVE SEEN FAKE GRANT COMMUNICATION CIRCULATING CONCERNING NON-COMPLIANCE. MAKE SURE TO VALIDATE ANY/ALL GRANT COMMUNICATIONS TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE NOT THE VICTIM OF A SCAM.

II. Resources for Healthcare Personnel
• Rural Health Information Hub: Rural Healthcare Surge Readiness
• 8/21 CMS: Rural Crosswalk: CMS Flexibilities to Fight COVID-19
• 7/16 CDC: Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE and Equipment
• 6/30 CMS: Updated COVID-19 FAQs
• 6/29 FEMA and HHS ASPR: New England Tribal Testing and Contact Tracing Strategy
• 6/28 CDC: Clinical Questions about COVID-19: Questions and Answers
• 6/9: IHS has established a Critical Care Response Team of health care professionals that can be mobilized to provide urgent lifesaving medical care to COVID-19 patients admitted to IHS or Tribal hospitals. They can also provide hands-on clinical education to help train frontline health care professionals to manage COVID-19 patients and other critically ill patients.
• 6/1 CDC: Information for Healthcare Professionals
• 5/29 CDC: Discontinuation of Home Isolation for Persons with COVID-19 (Interim Guidance)
III. Resources for Housing Personnel

- 5/15 HUD ONAP issued an Implementation Notice to provide Tribal Nations with instructions on how to apply for ICBG Imminent Threat funding under the CARES Act
- 5/15: Instructions on Reprogramming and Utilizing FY 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant funding to Prevent, Prepare for, and Respond to COVID19 Under the CARES Act
- 4/22 ONAP: training program on the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Formula Funding Provided Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)
• 4/17 ONAP: Third HUD Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) COVID-19 FAQs for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs)
• 4/8 OASH: Guidance for Licensed Pharmacists, COVID-19 Testing, and Immunity under the PREP Act
• 4/3 Sample Documents Provided to Assist Tribal Housing Organizations:
  o Sample Resolution for Providing Essential Services
  o Sample Protocols for Performing Essential Services
  o Sample Resolution Approving 2020 Rent and Homebuyer Payments
  o Sample Emergency Paid Leave Provision
  o Personnel Policy Amendment Emergency Administrative Leave
• HUD: COVID-19 FAQs for the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) (including the Project-based Voucher Program [PBV]) and Native American Programs
• HUD: Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities to Support Infectious Disease Response
• HUD ONAP CODETALK
• 3/30 HUD ONAP: Important Reporting Extension Information
• 3/30 HUD ONAP: FAQs for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs)

IV. Behavioral Health Resources
• SAMHSA: Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19 (updated 8/21)
• CDC’s How Right Now initiative is a communication initiative focused on mental health and emotional well-being amid the COVID-19 pandemic and reopening of the country.
• Mountain Plains Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network – Tips for Using Videoconferencing to Deliver Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Services
• Pacific Southwest Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network – Virtual Learning Guide
• COVID-19 Mental Health Resource Hub
• SAMHSA: Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health – Tips For Social Distancing, Quarantine, And Isolation During An Infectious Disease Outbreak
• SAMHSA: Coping With Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks
• American Psychological Association (APA): Keeping Your Distance to Stay Safe
• APA: Five Ways to View Coverage of the Coronavirus
• CDC: Coping with Stress
• The Native Wellness Institute is bringing uplifting messages, information, entertainment and tools to help your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. They will have programming for all ages and stages. LIVE each day at Noon Pacific on the Native Wellness Institute Facebook page!
• IHS: Resources for Mental Health Programs
• Online 12 Step Meetings
• Free App to Support People in Recovery During COVID-19 Outbreak

V. Resources for Pandemic Preparedness and Plans
• Information about requesting items from the Strategic National Medical Stockpile
• CDC: Pandemic Planning and Preparedness Resources
• CDC: Nonpharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs)
• EBCI: DRAFT Pandemic Flu Plan
• Tribal Pandemic Influenza Plan
• Pandemic Flu Checklist for local Health Departments
VI. Resources for Telemedicine
- HSDW 4/3: CMS’ Informational Bulletin on Medicaid Telehealth Flexibilities
- CMS 4/2: Rural Health Care and Medicaid Telehealth Flexibilities
- CMS: Medicare Telemedicine Health Care Provider Fact Sheet
- CMS Press Release: President Trump Expands Telehealth Benefits for Medicare Beneficiaries During COVID-19 Outbreak
- CMS Press Release: CMS Publishes FAQs to Ensure Individuals, Issuers and States have Clear Information on Coverage Benefits for COVID-19
- CMS: COVID-19 FAQs for Essential Health Benefits
- CMS: CMS Long-Term Care Nursing Homes Telehealth and Telemedicine Toolkit
- CMS: Services payable under Medicare Physician Fee Schedule when furnished via telehealth

VII. Resources for Parents and Caregivers
- Explore the National Museum of the American Indian’s Native Knowledge 360° and their lessons and resources. Learn about current and future exhibits, including Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation's Armed Forces, Americans, and Developing Stories: Native Photographers in the Field.
- Check out our other resources, including tips for talking to children about the coronavirus and tips for keeping kids busy while keeping yourself calm.

VIII. Print Resources for Communication – fact sheets, flyers, and posters
- 9/16: Face Masks and COVID-19: What Community Members Need to Know
- USET Coronavirus Fact Sheet
- 7/30: NIHB Community Health Tools – one-page fact sheets on various COVID-19 issues
- Share Facts about COVID-19
- What you need to know
- Stop the spread of germs
- What to do if you are sick
- Get your Clinic Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019
- 10 ways to manage respiratory symptoms at home
- If you have these symptoms, please see the front desk immediately
- Please read before entering
- Stay Healthy Wash Your Hands
- Wash Your Hands
- Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands
- Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019
- Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health During an Infectious Disease Outbreak
- Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks
- Prevention Steps for Caregivers and Household Members of Individuals with COVID-19
- What People with Diabetes Should Know
- Common Questions and Answers for Tribal Elders
- Information for People Who Have Had Close Contact with Someone with COVID-19
- Stay at home if you are sick!
- What Tribal Members need to know about COVID-19
- Elder Mental Health during COVID-19
• Native Realities has worked with some of the best Native comic artists and graphic designers to bring you a series of C-19 Health Propaganda Posters!

IX. Education Resources
• 7/2 BIE: School Reopening Plan
• 7/1 CDC: Considerations for K-12 Schools – Readiness and Planning Tool
• 7/1 Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs: DTLL and Indian Affairs COVID-19 Adaptive Operations Recovery Plan
• 5/19 CDC: Considerations for Schools
• 5/14 NIEA: Survey on Impact of COVID-19 in Native Schools
• 4/10 CDC: Interim guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Childcare Program: Plan, Prepare, and Respond to COVID-19
• 3/14 BIE: BIE-Funded School Closure Guidance Memorandum
• 3/14 BIA: Dear School Leaders Letter – Guidance and Communications Protocols
• BIA: School Closures (as of March 23, all 185 BIE schools are closed)
• Head Start Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center: Responding to COVID-19
• The Readiness Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center has useful information, resources, trainings, and tools for addressing infectious diseases, related topics, and protecting the school community.
• Fact Sheet: Impact of COVID-19 on Assessments and Accountability under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
• 3/20: Helping Students Adversely Affected by School Closures, Secretary DeVos Announces Broad Flexibilities for States to Cancel Testing During National Emergency
• Federal Student Aid: Coronavirus Information for Students, Borrowers, and Parents
• AISES Together Towards Tomorrow Fund: Provides Native American/Indigenous undergraduate/graduate students enrolled in an accredited U.S. college or university who have been affected by COVID-19 a one-time scholarship of $500.

X. Resources for Tribal Administrators, Managers, and Teleworkers
• Native Learning Center Hoporemk Podcast: Responding To a Positive COVID-19 Diagnosis in the Workplace
• COVID-19 Emergency Sick and Family Leave: What Employers Need to Know
Tips for Managers/HR While Working from Home
• Manager/Employee Relations
• How to Run an Effective Virtual Meeting
• How to Manage Your Team from Home
• 7 Tips to Remotely Manage Your Team
Improving Your Work from Home Experience
• 32 Tips to Make Working from Home Easier
• 5 Tips for Staying Productive and Mentally Healthy While You’re Working from Home
• 7 Effective Ways to Work from Home During the Coronavirus Outbreak
• Keeping Your Mind and Body Healthy
7. Calls/Webinars/Briefings/Events

Monday, September 28 through Thursday, October 1

- Tribal Consultation on COVID-19 Vaccination Planning for Indian Country
  Deputy Secretary Hargan has announced the initiation of Tribal Consultation to seek input from Tribal Leaders on COVID-19 vaccination planning for Indian Country. This Tribal Consultation complements the state planning process that began last week with the publication of the CDC’s COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations. This playbook guides Immunization Program Awardees (e.g., state and local jurisdictions with routine immunization programs) in planning and operationalizing their COVID-19 vaccination response. Tribal Leaders will have several forums to discuss vaccination planning for distribution and allocation, including the following national and regional conference calls:
    1. September 28, 2020; 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET: HHS Regions 1, 2, 3, 4
       Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 433 5800
    2. September 28, 2020; 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM ET: HHS Region 5
       Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 237 2009
    3. September 29, 2020; 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET: HHS Regions 6
       Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 978 7009
    4. September 29, 2020; 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM ET: HHS Regions 7, 8
       Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 692 6624
    5. October 1, 2020; 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET: HHS Region 9
       Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 650 2728
    6. October 1, 2020; 4:00 – 5:00 PM ET, HHS Region 10
       Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 442 6687

In addition to feedback during conference calls, Tribal leaders can provide input and recommendations in writing by submitting comments to consultation@hhs.gov. The deadline for written comments on this Tribal Consultation is Friday, October 9, 2020.

Recurring – Next call is Monday, September 28

- Every Monday: Northwest Indian Health Board COVID-19 ECHO
  The one-hour long sessions include an opportunity to engage in didactic sessions focused on COVID-19 response in I/T/U clinics. The target audience is healthcare professionals including MDs, advance practice providers, pharmacists, RNs, and medical assistants. Every Monday and Wednesday at 12:00 PM-1:00 PM Pacific (join).

Recurring – Next call is Wednesday, September 30

- Every Wednesday: Northwest Indian Health Board COVID-19 ECHO
  The one-hour long sessions include an opportunity to engage in didactic sessions focused on COVID-19 response in I/T/U clinics. The target audience is healthcare professionals including MDs, advance practice providers, pharmacists, RNs, and medical assistants. Every Monday and Wednesday at 12:00 PM-1:00 PM Pacific (join).

Recurring – Next call is Thursday, October 1

- Every Thursday: IHS COVID-19 TeleECHO Session: IHS Clinical Readiness and Patient Care
  Thursdays at 2:00 PM Eastern (register)
Recurring – Next call is Friday, October 2

- **Every Friday: USET COVID-19 ECHO (9/11 recording)**
  The session will include updates related to Indian Country, updates on the status of COVID-19 in the USET region, and an opportunity to ask questions and receive expert advice.
  Fridays at 11:00 AM Central [join](#)
  Join by phone only at any of the following numbers using meeting ID 918 0885 1929:
  646-558-8656; 253-215-8782; 301-715-8592; 346-248-7799. Press *6 to mute your line.

Thursday, October 8

- **Recommendations for Influenza Prevention and Treatment in Children: An Update for Pediatric Providers**
  During this COCA call, subject matter experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and CDC will discuss strategies primary care providers and medical sub-specialists can use to improve flu prevention and control in children this season.
  Thursday, October 8 at 2:00 PM-3:00 PM Eastern [join](#)
  Join by phone: 669 254 5252 or 646 828 7666, webinar ID: 161 603 9348

Recurring – Next call is Thursday, October 8

- **Every other Thursday: Joint USET/USET SPF, BIA Eastern Region Office, and IHS Nashville Area Office Weekly Tribal Nations COVID-19 Response and Relief Effort Call**
  Every other Thursday at 1:00 PM Central—effective 10/8, calls will take place the second Thursday of each month
  Dial-in number: 435-777-2200; Conference ID: 139-8682 (All lines are placed on mute when joining. Press *5 on your phone keypad to be placed in a question queue.)
  **THIS CALL IS FOR USET/USET SPF & EASTERN REGION/NASHVILLE AREA TRIBAL NATIONS ONLY**

- **Every other Thursday: Indian Country COVID-19 Update Call**
  Thursdays at 4:00 PM-5:30 PM Eastern [RSVP](#) Note: You must RSVP to join the call. Upon successful registration, you will receive a confirmation email with dial-in instructions.
8. Key Partners

A. Federal Partners

- For a complete HHS, FEMA, USDA, BIA Contact List, click here.
- White House, CDC and FEMA COVID-19 website – coronavirus.gov
- **Indian Health Service (IHS) Area Offices and Directors**
  - Alaska Area – Evangelyn "Angel" Dotomain
  - Albuquerque Area – Leonard Thomas, MD
  - Bemidji Area – Daniel R. Frye
  - Billings Area – Bryce Redgrave
  - California Area – Beverly Miller
  - Great Plains Area – James Driving Hawk
  - Nashville Area – Beverly Cotton, DNP, RN
    - Max Boykin, Facility Preparedness
    - Harold Jones, Coordination with Federal and State Agencies, 316-303-5681
    - For IHS COVID-19 Funding Technical Assistance
      - Title I Tribal Nations: Ralph Ketcher and Michelle Nahlee
      - Title V Tribal Nations: Ashley Metcalf
  - Navajo Area – Roselyn Tso
  - Oklahoma City Area – Rear Adm. Travis Watts, PharmD
  - Phoenix Area – Charles Ty Reidhead, MD, MPH
  - Portland Area – Dean Seyler
  - Tucson Area – Dixie Gaikowski
- **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Regional Offices**
  - Richard Melville, Eastern Regional Director
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** – TribalSupport@cdc.gov 404-498-0300
- **FEMA Tribal Contacts**
- **World Health Organization**
- **Federal Trade Commission**
- **USDA Rural Development Launches COVID-19 Resources page**
- **U.S. Food & Drug Administration**
- **U.S. Department of Education** Contact: Susan Falconer (Phone: 202-320-6837)
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture** Contact: Lillie Brady (Phone: 202-845-3872)
  - 3/20 National Agricultural Statistics Service Press Release
- **U.S. Small Business Administration** Contact: Ryan Lambert (Phone: 202-615-6570)
- **U.S. Department of Labor**
- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security** Contact: Cherie Short (Phone: 202-893-2941)
  - 3/26 Acting Secretary Chad Wolf Statement on the REAL ID Enforcement Deadline
- **U.S. Department of State** Contact: Bill Killion (Phone: 202-647-7595)
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** Contact: Thayer Verschoor (Phone: 202-461-7385)
  - Office of Tribal Government Relations contacts
- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** Contact: Britt Carter (Phone: 202-440-0728)
  - Information about 3/26 temporary policy regarding EPA enforcement of environmental legal obligations during COVID-19 outbreak
- **U.S. Department of the Interior**
  - March 25 Dear Tribal Leader Letter from the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
- **Office of the Director of National Intelligence**
• **U.S. Election Assistance Commission**
• U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: **Darcie Johnston** (Phone: 202-690-1058)
• U.S. Department of Transportation: **Sean Poole** (Office: 202-597-5109, Cell: 202-366-3132)
• **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**

**B. Tribal Partners**

- **National Indian Health Board (NIHB): Stacy A. Bohlen**, Chief Executive Officer – 202-507-4073
- **National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH): Fracys Crevier**, Executive Director
- **National Council of American Indians (NCAI): Fawn Sharp**, President
- **National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)**
  - Gary Cooper, Chairman
  - **Tony Walters**, Executive Director
- **National Congress of American Indians: Resources for Indian Country**
  - **Situation Summaries**—posted weekly beginning 7/16
- Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative: **COVID-19 Resource Library**
- **Native American Agriculture Fund: COVID-19 Resource Page**

**C. Tribal Epidemiology Centers** ([Link to map](https://www.tribal-epi.org)) ([COVID-19 Resources](https://www.tribal-epi.org/covid-19/resources))

- **Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium:** Ellen M. Provost, DO, MPH, MS, 907-729-4567
  - COVID19plan@anthc.org
- **Albuquerque Area Southwest:** Kevin English, DrPH, 505-962-2602
- **California Rural Indian Health Board:** Vanessa Cresci, MSW, MPA, 916-929-9761
- **Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council:** German Gonzalez, MD, MPH, 715-588-1093
- **Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board:** PJ Beaudry, MPH, 605-721-1922 ext. 155
- **Inter Tribal Council of Arizona:** Jamie Ritchey, PhD, MPH, 602-258-4822
- **Navajo Nation:** Ramona Antone-Nez, MPH, BSN, 928-871-6265
- **Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board:** Victoria Warren-Mears, PhD, 503-228-4185
- **Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council:** Helen Tesfai, 406-252-2550
- **Southern Plains Tribal Health Board:** Tracy Prather, MHA, 405-652-9216
- **United South and Eastern Tribes:** Christy Duke, 615-872-7900
  - USETCovid19responseteam@usetinc.org
- **Urban Indian Health Institute:** Abigail Echo-Hawk, MA, 206-812-3030

**D. State Health Departments**

- Alabama
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Mississippi
- New York
- North Carolina
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Virginia
- **Washington**
- **West Virginia**
- **Wisconsin**
- **Wyoming**
9. Tribal Business and Economic Impact

Information and Resources

- Financial Crimes Enforcement Network 7/30: Advisory on Cybercrime and Cyber-Enabled Crime Exploiting the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic
- 6/3 USPTO: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) today launched the COVID-19 Response Resource Center to provide stakeholders and other interested parties with improved access to USPTO initiatives, programs, and other helpful intellectual property (IP)-related information regarding the COVID-19 outbreak.
- International Economic Development Council (IEDC) COVID-19 Webinars: Recordings and Slides
- 5/4 SBA: Guidance on Whole Loans Sales of Paycheck Protection Program Loans
- 4/23 Forbes: Five Important Warnings As The Paycheck Protection Program Opens Back Up
- 4/17 FEMA: Disaster Financial Management Guide and Fact Sheet
- 4/16 Politico: Small business fund expires with deal out of reach this week
- 4/15 DOL Press Release: U.S. Department of Labor Takes Action to Help American Workers During the Coronavirus Pandemic
- 4/15 COVID-19 and Indian Country: Early snapshot reveals disproportionate economic exposure and uncertainty
- 4/13 The Harvard Project COVID-19 Resources for Indian Country Toolbox
- 4/9 Federal Reserve takes actions to provide up to $2.3 trillion in loans to support the economy
  - Main Street Expanded Loan Facility – Term Sheet
  - Main Street New Loan Facility – Term Sheet
- 4/3 SBA Interim Final Rule: Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; PPP
- 3/30 SBA Procedural Notice: Deferments for SBA-Serviced Loans (Disaster Home and Business Loans and SBA-Purchased 504 Debentures) Adversely Affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency
- A breakdown of COVID-19 stimulus bill for economic developers
- NAFOA Legislative Relief Summary
- SBA Disaster Assistance in Response to Coronavirus
- Federal Reserve System: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Resources
- US Department of Agriculture: USDA Implements Immediate Measures to Help Rural Residents, Businesses and Communities Affected by COVID-19
- Small Business Administration: COVID-19 Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources

*Note that non-profits—including governments and municipalities—are not eligible for SBA loans. The disaster loans are administered through the states and territories. More information is available at www.SBA.gov/disaster.

WE HAVE SEEN FAKE GRANT COMMUNICATION CONCERNING NON-COMPLIANCE. MAKE SURE TO VALIDATE ANY/ALL GRANT COMMUNICATIONS TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE NOT THE VICTIM OF A SCAM.

General Resources

- Centers for Disease Control
  - Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers
  - Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses
  - Cleaning and Disinfection for Community Facilities
- Congressional Research Service
  - 4/6: COVID-19 Stimulus Assistance to Small Businesses: Issues and Policy Options
• Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): Risk Management for COVID-19
• Department of Labor (DOL): OSHA Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19
• National Cyber Security Alliance: COVID-19 Security Resource Library
• World Health Organization (WHO): Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19
• Ready.gov: Preparedness Planning for Your Business

Resources for Native Business Owners
• Small Business Development Center (for members): COVID-19 Small Business Resources
• Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs): Get free business consulting and at-cost training
  - Alabama
  - Connecticut
  - Florida
  - Louisiana
  - Maine
  - Massachusetts
  - New York
  - North Carolina
  - Rhode Island
  - South Carolina
  - Texas
  - Virginia
  - Mississippi
• Better Business Bureau: Tips for business owners during the coronavirus pandemic
• Facebook Small Business Grants Program
• Small Business Resilience Toolkit
• Small Business Resilience Quick Action Guide
• Google for Small Business: Resources to help your small business manage through uncertainty
• Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians: MBCI Office of Economic Development Offers Cash Management Advice for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19
• Entrepreneur’s Survival Guide in the Age of the Coronavirus
• Resources for Artists and Crafters
  - COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources
  - List of Arts Resources During COVID-19
• Resources for Restaurant Owners
  - How can restaurants & bars survive the COVID-19 pandemic?

Resources for Tribal Enterprises
• U.S. Chamber of Commerce
• Better Business Bureau: Coronavirus checklist for businesses
• COVID-19: Implications for Business
• COVID-19: Crisis Management and Business Continuity
• Resources for 8(a) Enterprises
  - Native American Contractors Association (NACA): Coronavirus Updates
  - Defense Pricing and Contacting COVID-19 Guidance Page
  - Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Memo: Managing Defense Contracts Impacts of the Novel Coronavirus
• Resources for Tourism Enterprises
  - Buzzfeed 4/23: 14 Ways The Coronavirus Pandemic May Change How We Travel In The Future
American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA)
- 4/16: For the Love of Travel – Planning for when travel resumes
- CEO Message Regarding COVID-19
- Funding for Cultural Tourism Resource page

Hotel Development Insider 4/7:
- Hoteliers forced to shift mindsets and strategies
- What the $2 Trillion U.S. Stimulus Package Means for Travel Businesses
- Preventative Measures and Cleaning Systems Help Hotels Reduce the Spread of Infection
- A suggested plan for financial recovery from a seasoned hotel veteran

Resources for Retail Enterprises
- The Atlantic 4/27: The Pandemic Will Change American Retail Forever
- Retail Minded 4/7: Advice from Industry Leaders

National 8(a) Association Announces COVID-19 Resources and #SmallBiz20Strong Campaign

Resources for Tribal Nation Leaders
- 7/1 Blue Stone Strategy Group offers many services tied to Treasury’s CRF guidance. Their team of tribal leaders, tribal professionals and subject-matter experts can help you use CARES Act funds to the greatest impact—protecting tribal communities and economies
- COVID Action Platform
- Tips for Business and Community Leaders Working to Address the Social and Economic Fall-Out from the Coronavirus
- Restoreyoureconomy.org

Resources for Consumers
- Native Learning Center Hoporenkv Podcast: How Should I Manage My Investments During the Pandemic?
- Federal Trade Commission
  - How to Spot, Avoid, and Report Coronavirus Scams
  - Keep up to date with the latest coronavirus-related scams at www.ftc.gov/coronavirus or by signing up to get these consumer alerts.
- Better Business Bureau
- COVID-19 Impact: Cyber Criminals Target Zoom Domains
- Forbes (March 25): All you wanted know about those tax stimulus checks but were afraid to ask
- IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: Protecting your finances during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Surveys: Information Gathering for Strengthened Advocacy Efforts
Please see the Surveys section to participate in surveys from AIANTA and Native Women Lead.
- 9/9 Survey Results from the National Center for American Enterprise Development
- 5/18 Findings from the follow-up survey from the Center for Indian Country Development: COVID-19: A deep economic crisis in Indian country
- U.S. Chamber – MetLife Poll results
10. **USET/USET SPF and USET-Region Meetings/Events**

**Postponement/Cancellation Notices & Complete List of Indian Country Postponements/Cancellations**

- March 16-20, Washington, D.C., USET SPF/USET Impact Week **Postponed**
- March 19: [Department of Interior consultation](#) regarding the realignment of Indian Affairs energy offices. **Being Rescheduled.**
- March 24-26, Portland, ME, USET’s Project ECHO HCV/HIV PrEP/Substance Use Disorder Clinical Training **Rescheduled to December 8-10**
- April 6-7, Nashville, TN, Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) Annual Conference **Rescheduled to April 20-23 as Virtual Event**
- April 7-8, Nashville, TN, USET’s SDPI Grant Training **Postponed**
- April 10, Nashville, TN, USET Cost Principles Training for Managing Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements **Postponed**
- April 30-May 1, Nashville, TN, USET-IHS NAO Behavioral Health RPMS Training **Postponed**
- June 9-10, Choctaw, MS, USET’s Wetland Delineation Seminar **Postponed**
- June 23-25, American Indian & Alaska Native National Behavioral Health Conference **CANCELED**
- July 12-17, Winter Harbor, ME, USET Tribal Climate Resilience Camp **Rescheduled to July 11-16, 2021**

For a complete list of postponements and cancellations in Indian Country, please click [here](#).
11. Declared States of Emergency

**US-SET/US-SET SPF Tribal Nations that have declared a state of emergency**
- Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
- Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
- Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
- Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
- Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- The Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut
- Narragansett Indian Tribe
- Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township
- Penobscot Indian Nation
- Poarch Band of Creek Indians
- Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Seminole Tribe of Florida
- Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana

**States that have declared a state of emergency**
- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

- **NEW 9/15:** The Center for Indian Country Development (CICD) at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis needs participation from tribal governments and enterprises on their latest survey assessing the evolving economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey addresses revenue declines, the impacts to employment, and the provision of government services as a result of current or anticipated declines in revenues. Having real-time data on the economic impacts of COVID-19 in Indian Country is critical for the development of sound public policy. The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous, and only aggregated results will be shared publicly. The deadline to complete the survey is 7:00 p.m. CDT Friday, September 18, 2020. Click [here](#) to take the survey.

- As the International Economic Development Council continues to monitor and respond to the ongoing crisis associated with the coronavirus pandemic, we are issuing our third survey to assess the impact on economic development organizations. This information will be used to guide our discussions with stakeholders, policymakers and elected officials, as well as inform decisions on new research, services, and organizational priorities. Thank you for your input and please continue to stay healthy and safe.

- **Participate in Survey on Tribal Inclusion in the SBA Paycheck Protection Program**
  NAFOA is seeking to better understand the extent of tribal participation in the Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). *They respectfully ask each entity that applied, considered, or otherwise did not apply for an SBA PPP Loan fill out the survey.* There are questions for all entities included in the survey. Any information collected through this survey will be kept confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of NAFOA. Any public dissemination of the results of the survey will be anonymous and in a manner that does not allow the identification of any specific tribal government. [Take the NAFOA Survey](#).

- **The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC)** seek to strengthen their networks and provide innovative responses to address pressing issues within our communities. In order to adjust their programming to better serve Indian Country, they have developed four national surveys to target 1) Tribal producers, 2) community grocers, food hubs, and cooperatives, 3) American Indian food companies, and 4) Tribal leadership to inform them of food system impacts brought about by COVID-19. These surveys can be found on their COVID-19 response page.

- Chair Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and the majority staff of the House Natural Resources Committee are seeking information from Native American communities impacted by coronavirus on the level of governmental response they’ve seen, the status of their health and social safety needs, and how Congress and other agencies can better serve them during the pandemic. The Committee has set up an [online form](#) and is welcoming input from Tribal Nations and Tribal organizations across the country.

- **The Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium (SGCETC),** a non-profit Tribal organization governed by a Tribal Board of Directors, requests your assistance. They have heard concerns about the lack of access to supplies associated with collecting the samples for COVID-19 testing and a need for increased access to a limited number of public and private labs that analyze the tests. To more effectively relay their needs and challenges to those who can potentially assist in getting additional resources, they want to ensure their requests for assistance are as clear and direct as possible. In addition, by periodically surveying your supply need priorities over the next few weeks, they can determine if current shortages are being resolved and if other supplies are moving into a category of concern for supply shortages. Please note that this is a [very limited survey](#) specifically related to supplies generally associated with
the collection of samples needed for COVID-19 analysis. SGCETC will secure all survey results and will NOT share individual results or identify survey respondents to anyone without the written permission of the Tribal Nation. Again, the analysis and communication related to the results will be in aggregate and will not identify specific Tribal Nations or Clinics. If you have questions regarding the purpose for the survey or safeguarding of information, please contact Jay Spaan, Executive Director, at jays@tribalselfgov.org or 918-370-4258.

- The National American Indian Housing Council would like to find out how COVID-19 is affecting your housing program and community, so please help by taking this short survey. Even if you have taken the survey before, feel free to submit a new response if circumstances in your community have changed.

- American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association is distributing this survey broadly to get a better understanding of the impact of the response/containment effort for the COVID-19 specific to Indian Country tourism. Individual responses are confidential; they will be looking for collective data and concerns to ensure voices are heard in the days, months and year to come as they collectively work towards supporting Native communities.

- Native Women Lead has co-created a survey to better understand the challenges you are facing and how they can be supportive. Please fill out this survey and share it with your network. Native Women Lead is working to figure out how they can help move capital and resources to you all. Your support in filling out the survey will help guide them and all of their partners.

- There is legislation that includes Indian country specific funding. IHS is currently consulting on how to best disperse this funding. To offer your views and comments, please provide feedback ASAP by emailing consultation@ihs.gov.

- While we’re all doing our part to flatten the curve, take a moment to be counted in the 2020 Census! The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. Native Americans living on reservations and in traditional villages were the most undercounted people in the 2010 U.S. Census. The federal government allocates nearly $1 billion in annual federal resources to Indian Country based on Census data. American Indian and Alaska Native governments use this money to provide educational assistance for low-income children, employment and training programs, health services, special programs for elders, and Indian housing and community development. Without an accurate count, Tribal governments do not receive adequate funding for these programs and are less able to meet the needs of their people. Learn more about the importance of participating in the census and be counted at https://2020census.gov/.