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1. News

Recent News

- **NY Times 5/1:** Native American Tribes Sue Treasury Over Stimulus Aid as They Feud Over Funding
- **HuffPost 4/29:** Tribes Were Supposed To Get $8 Billion In COVID-19 Aid. They’ve Gotten $0.
- **NBC 4/28:** Guidelines call for 14-day drop in cases to reopen. No state has met them.
- **Politico 4/28:** House drops plan to return to Washington next week
- **Keloland 4/26:** BIA director tells CRST chairman to get South Dakota agreement on US 212 roadblocks
- **KUAF 4/24:** Cherokee Nation Expands Telemedicine Services
- **Politico 4/20:** A watchdog out of Trump’s grasp unleashes wave of coronavirus audits
- **Yahoo News 4/21:** Coronavirus computer modelers revise their dates for easing state shutdowns
- **Native News Online 4/17:** Tribal Pressure Mounts Over Trump Administration Sending CARES Act Funds to Alaska Native Corporations
- **NY Post 4/17:** Big restaurant chains take $30M in coronavirus loans meant for small businesses
- **Huffington Post 4/17:** Tribes Aren’t Getting COVID-19 Aid Because Federal Agencies are Flailing
- **Politico 4/16:** Trump Interior official helped clear way for payments to ex-employer

Recent Updates from Federal Partners

- **FEMA 5/2:** Daily Briefing Points; Fact Sheet: PPE Packages for Nursing Homes Fact Sheet; Fact Sheet: FEMA Administrator Authority to Approve Crisis Counseling
- **FEMA 5/1:** Advisory: Grant Programs Directorate Procurement; Daily Briefing Points
- **FEMA 4/30:** Daily Briefing Points and COVID-19 By the Numbers
- **EPA 4/30:** Updated guidance to help facility operators and families properly clean and disinfect spaces
- **FEMA 4/29:** Daily Briefing Points
- **FEMA 4/28:** Daily Briefing Points
- **DHS 4/27:** Weekly Update
- **FEMA 4/27:** Daily Briefing Points and COVID-19 By the Numbers
- **CMS 4/27:** CMS Reevaluates Accelerated Payment Program and Suspends Advance Payment Program
- **FEMA 4/26:** Daily Briefing Points
- **FEMA 4/25:** Daily Briefing Points and COVID-19 by the Numbers
- **FEMA 4/24:** Additional $100 million available to Firefighters through Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (application deadline: May 15)

USET/USET SPF Member News

- **5/1 WPLG:** Seminole Tribe fire chief dies from coronavirus contracted at conference
- **4/29 Bangor Daily News:** Judge rules in favor of Maine tribe in blocking stimulus funds for tribal corporations
- **4/29 Hartford Courant:** Mohegan Sun, shut to slow the spread of coronavirus, extends closing to May 12
- **4/28 WFMZ:** A message from Wind Creek CEO, Jay Dorris
- **4/23 Cherokee One Feather:** EBCI Tribal Council Approves Aid for Navajo Nation
- **4/17 Neshoba Democrat:** Choctaws make urgent plea for members to take COVID-19 seriously as infections surge
- **4/17 Native Business Magazine:** Six Tribal Nations Sue Treasury Secretary Mnuchin to Stop Tribal CARES Funding to Alaska Native Corporations

Policy and Legislative News

- **4/30 Federal Reserve:** Tribal businesses included under Main Street Lending Program
- **4/30 Indianz.com** Udall formally requests IG investigation of data breach
- **4/27 Politico:** House to join Senate in returning to Washington next Monday
- **4/15 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to House Leadership:** COVID-19 Recovery Legislative Proposal (Phase 4)
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**
3. Re-opening Information

Recent News
- NBC 4/28: Guidelines call for 14-day drop in cases to reopen. No state has met them.
- 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 Office of the California Governor: Governor Newsom Outlines Six Critical Indicators the State will Consider Before Modifying the Stay-at-Home Order and Other COVID-19 Interventions

US/EU SET SPF Member News
- 4/29 Hartford Courant: Mohegan Sun, shut to slow the spread of coronavirus, extends closing to May 12
- 4/28 WFMZ: A message from Wind Creek CEO, Jay Dorris

Economy Re-Opening Blueprints
- Tribal Nations
  - Will post as information becomes available
- States
  - Will post as information becomes available

Resources
- 4/30 EPA: Updated guidance to help facility operators and families properly clean and disinfect spaces
- 4/30 CNN: This is where all 50 states stand on reopening
- 4/30 NY Times: See Which States Are Reopening and Which Are Still Shut Down
4. Best Practices

Best Practices for Pandemic Preparedness and Planning

- 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](#)
  
While the content at the provided links was developed to prepare for, or respond to, an influenza ("flu") pandemic, the newly emerged coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that seems to be spreading much like flu. Guidance and tools developed for pandemic influenza planning and preparedness can serve as appropriate resources for health departments in the event the current COVID-19 outbreak triggers a pandemic.

- CDC: [Nonpharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs)](#)
  
NPIs are actions, apart from getting vaccinated and taking medicine, that people and communities can take to help slow the spread of illnesses like pandemic influenza (flu). NPIs are also known as community mitigation strategies. When a new virus spreads among people, causing illness worldwide, it is called a pandemic. Because a pandemic virus is new, the human population has little or no immunity against it. This allows the virus to spread quickly from person to person worldwide. NPIs are among the best ways of controlling pandemics when vaccines are not yet available.
  
This website provides decision makers, planners, and public health professionals with educational tools, resources, pandemic planning guides, checklists, and select research about the types of NPIs and how they work in different settings.

**Prevention Best Practices**

- 4/30 EPA: [Updated guidance](#) to help facility operators and families properly clean and disinfect spaces
- 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 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 3/27: EPA Announces Steps to Protect the Availability of Gasoline during COVID-19 Pandemic
• 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 Coronaviruses
• 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: Coronavirus (COVID-19) and drinking water and wastewater
• EPA: Information from the CDC about water transmission and COVID-19
• EPA: Incident Action Checklist - Pandemic Instructions

**Best Practices for Healthcare Personnel**

• 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

4/24 Follow-up to 4/3 USET/USET SPF COVID-19 Tip of the Day 2020:01: Documentation

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

COVID Stimulus Package 4

Status: Not yet introduced

- 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
  - Press Release
  - Fact Sheet

Tribal Advocacy:

- 4/15 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to Senate Leadership: COVID-19 Recovery Legislative Proposal (Phase #4)

Tribal 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
- 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
- Bill Text

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

Status: Introduced in Senate
- 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 lmalerba@usetinc.org.
❖ 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
- 4/22 Kevin McCarthy Republican Leader’s Daily Schedule on April 23
- 4/21 Majority Leader Hoyer Floor Update
- 4/21 Senate Minority Leader Schumer Dear Colleague Regarding Emergency Funding and Commitments for 4th package
- 4/19 Majority Leader’s Floor Schedule Update
- 4/17 Senate Democrat Letter Urging WH and Republicans to Support Additional Funding for Governments in Coronavirus Relief Fund
- 4/8 Pelosi and Schumer Joint Statement on Interim Emergency Coronavirus Relief

Tribal Priorities:
- 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 McCarthy

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**
- 5/1 Letter from Rep Grijalva and Subcommittee Chairs to IG Requesting Tara Sweeney Investigation
- 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**
- 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 Federal District Court of the District of Columbia 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
- 4/16 Chehalis Tribe et al. versus Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of US Dept of Treasury

**Tribal Implementation Advocacy**
- 4/29 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to Treasury and Interior regarding the release of all CARES Act funding
- 4/22 Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee
  - Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee Letter to Secretary of Treasury regarding TTAC CARES Act Relief Funding Recommendations
  - Treasury also released FAQs
  - All documents are available on Treasury’s site
- 4/17 USET SPF Letter to SBA and Treasury Regarding USET SPF Comments on the Implementation of Section 1102 of the CARES Act
  - 4/24 SBA interim final rule would make small Tribal gaming operations eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program
- 4/16 ANCSA Regional Association CARES Act Statement
- 4/16 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to DOI and Treasury
- 4/16 Letter from House Native American Caucus Leadership to DOI and Treasury
- 4/13 NCAI Letter to Treasury on CARES Act and Tribal Governments
- 4/13 GPTCA Letter to Treasury and DOI on Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funds
- 4/11 NCAI Letter to Treasury on CARES Act and Tribal Governments
- 4/11 Tribal Technical Advisory Group Letter to CMS
- 4/10 Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development Letter to Treasury
- 4/8 USET SPF Comments to Treasury and DOI on Distribution of CARES Act Title V Tribal Set Aside
  - USET SPF Follow-Up Communication
- 4/8 Forest County Potawatomi Comments on Distribution of CARES Act Title V Tribal Set Aside
- 4/7 Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Comments to Treasury and DOI on Distribution of CARES Act Title V Tribal Set Aside
- 4/3 NIHB Letter to HHS, CDC, SAMHSA, and HRSA
- 4/3 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to the US Department of Health and Human Services
- 4/2 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to the US Small Business Administration and the Secretary of the Treasury Regarding the Paycheck Protection Program
- 4/2 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to the US Department of the Interior
- 4/1 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 3/31 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to the US Department of Agriculture
- 3/31 Joint Tribal Organization Letter to the US Department of Education
- 3/31 NAFOA: Considerations for the Implementation of Title V, Coronavirus Relief Funding for Tribal Governments
- 3/29 NCAI Letter to the Secretary of the Treasury Re: Implementation of Title V of the CARES Act
  - 3/27 Colloquy Regarding the Intent of the Tribal Portion of the Coronavirus Relief Fund in the CARES Act
- 3/27 NAFOA Letter on Tribal Relief Fund

- Executive Implementation
  - 4/23 IHS DTLL - Distribution of Remaining $367 M in CARES Act Funding
    - 4/24 Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker Memo: IHS releases Dear Tribal Leader Letter on Final CARES Act Allocations
  - 4/22 HHS Fact Sheet on Allocation of CARES Act Provider Relief Fund
    - 4/22 Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker Memo: reports on HHS allocation of the remaining $70 billion of CARES Act Provider Relief Fund
  - 4/16: Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Statement on the Coronavirus Relief Fund Process
  - 4/15 HUD: DTLL - Input Requested on ICDBG-CARES Act Grant Ceilings
  - 4/15 DOI Information Sheet: CARES Act Operation of Indian Programs and Indian Education Programs
  - 4/13 U.S. Department of Interior DTLL – CARES Act Distribution of Funds
  - 4/10 U.S. Department of the Treasury Tribal Consultation-CARES Act Announcement
  - 4/3 Dear Tribal Leader Letter IHS Announcing Availability and Distribution Decision for Appropriations in CARES Act
  - 3/31 Dear Tribal Leader Letter DOI/Treasury Consultation Calls
  - 3/27 Indian Health Service: Dear Tribal Leader Letter from IHS Principal Deputy Director RADM Michael Weahkee

- Resources
  - 4/29 FAQs: Employee Retention Credit under the CARES Act
    - Tribes and tribal businesses are discussed or mentioned in FAQs 2, 18, 21. FAQ 21 provides specifically:
      
      **If a tribe or tribal entity operates a trade or business, is the tribe or tribal entity eligible for the Employee Retention Credit?**
      
      Yes, if a tribe or tribal entity operates a trade or business, the tribe or tribal entity may be an Eligible Employer for purposes of the Employee Retention Credit, if it otherwise meets the requirements for the Employee Retention Credit. Additional information will be forthcoming regarding the determination
of qualified wages for, and application of the aggregation rules to, these employers.

- 4/23 Paycheck Protection Program FAQs
- 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
- 4/14 Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: States Need Significantly More Fiscal Relief to Slow the Emerging Deep Recession
- 4/14 Indian Affairs: Coronavirus Relief Fund Web Portal Registration Guidance for Tribal Governments
- 4/9 Congressional Research Service: The CARES Act: Implications for Tribes
- 4/8 VA CARES Act- Economic Impact Payments
- 4/8 Frequently Asked Questions for the Paycheck Protection Program
- 4/6 HUD Offers $200M of COVID-19 Relief to Native Americans
- 4/3 Small Business Administration Interim Final Rule: Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program
- 4/1 Congressional Research Service: CARES Act Background and State and Local Allocations
- 4/1 Sens. McSally (R-AZ) and Daines (R-MT) Letter to Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Interior Secretary Bernhardt Requesting Tribal Consultation and Flexibility in Administering CARES Act Tribal Relief Funds
- 4/1 California Congressional Delegation Letter to Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Interior Secretary Bernhardt Requesting Expedited Rulemaking and Dispersal of CARES Act Tribal Relief Funds
- 3/31 Senate Finance Committee: CARES Act: Employee Retention Credit FAQ
- 3/27 National Council of Urban Indian Health: Phase 3 of Coronavirus Pandemic Package Signed Into Law
- 3/20 Tribal Priorities for Economic Development and Employment for COVID-19 Stimulus Package
  - Tribal Employment Priorities – FUTA and Fisheries Technical Corrections
- 3/20 Tribal Priorities for Tribal Governance and Housing for COVID-19 Stimulus Package
- 3/20 Tribal Priorities for Health Education and Nutrition for COVID-19 Stimulus Package
H.R. 6201: The Families First Coronavirus Response Act
Status: Signed into law on 3/18
• Bill Text
• Bill Summary
• This legislation 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.
• 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
• This legislation 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.

Other Resources and Items of Interest
• 4/23 Mass. Lawmakers Urge Trump Administration to Fully Fund COVID-19 Response for Tribal Nations in Massachusetts
• 4/20 Joint Organization Letter: Cost-Share Waiver and Funding Adjustment Request
• 4/14 Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee: COVID-19-Related Income: Marketplace and Medicaid Eligibility
• 4/14 Congressional Research Service: COVID-19 and the Indian Health Service
• 3/17 Senate Democrats
• 3/20 COVID-19 Relief for Small Businesses Act of 2020
• 3/5 Bi-Partisan Senate Letter to HHS
6. Resources, Funding Opportunities, and Guidance

Guidance
- OMB Memo 4/22: Aligning Federal Agency Operations with the National Guidelines for Opening Up America Again
- NIH 4/22 NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines
- CDC 4/17: Support for States, Tribes, Localities and Territories
- CDC 4/16: Guidance for Tribal Communities, including information about social distancing in Tribal communities and FAQs about funeral and burial services for AI/ANs
- CDC 4/12: Interim Guidance for Conserving and Extending Filtering Facepiece Respirator Supply in Non-Healthcare Sectors
- CDC CISA Update 4/13:
  - Essential Critical Worker Dos and Don’ts COVID-19
  - Interim Guidance for Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19
- BIA 4/8: Temporary Guidance – Road Closures or Restrictions on Tribal Lands
- HHS 4/8: Indian Health Service Expands Telehealth Services During COVID-19 Response
- CDC Guidance as of 4/5:
  - Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation
  - Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19
  - Cloth Face Coverings: Questions and Answers
- Administration for Community Living:
  - FAQs on Nutrition Services Emergency Management
  - FAQs on Disaster Relief Under the Older Americans Act
  - FAQs on the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
  - FAQs on Home and Community-Based Supportive Services and Elder Rights
- USDA 3/16: USDA Ensures Food Safety During COVID-19 Outbreak
- The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America – 15 Days to Slow the Spread
- Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker: Authorities and Considerations in Addressing the Global COVID-19 Outbreak in Indian Country
- USET Coronavirus Fact Sheet
- Update and Guidance on How to Flatten the Curve: flattenthecurve.com
- 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: Considerations on school closure
- CDC: Guidance for Schools and Child Care Programs
- CDC: Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission. This is a guide for communities describing possible coronavirus transmission.
- CMS: Guidance for Nursing Homes (revised 3/13)
- CDC: Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living
- CDC: Guidance on infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers
• IHS 3/25: Avoid Nebulizer Therapy to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19
• Homeland Security: Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce v2.0 Released 3/28
• CMS Recommendations to Cancel Adult Elective and Non-Essential Medical, Surgical and Dental Procedures
• CMS: FAQs for Medicaid and CHIP (updated regularly)
• CMS 3/18: FAQs for Catastrophic Health Coverage
• CMS 3/17: CMS Guidance to Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Organizations
• CDC: Clinical Questions and Answers about COVID-19 for Healthcare Professionals
• CDC: Interim Guidance for Responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (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
• HUD 3/20: Dear Lender Letter to Section 184 and 184A Lenders and Servicers on the Foreclosure and Eviction Moratorium in connection with the COVID-19 National Emergency
• USPS: Updates and FAQs for Residential Customers; Updates and FAQs for Business Customers
• Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency: Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce
• CDC: Information about pregnancy and breastfeeding
• CDC: Considerations for Inpatient Obstetric Healthcare Settings

Funding Opportunities

Resources
• 4/30 Main Street Lending Program FAQs
• Updated 4/27 Comprehensive Chart of COVID Funding Opportunities
• 4/24 SBA interim final rule would make small Tribal gaming operations eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program
• 4/23 UPDATED HSDW Guide to Federal Coronavirus Stimulus Funding and Programs for Tribal Health Programs
• 4/20 COVID-19 Funding for Indian Country Chart
• Instructions for Applying for Grants
• 4/17 COVID-19 Funding for Law Enforcement
• 4/8 HSDW Summary of Federal Indian Country COVID Programs
• Small Business Administration: COVID-19 Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources
• 3/18 DOL: Availability of $100 Million in National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grants

CARES Act (third package passed 3/27)
• Grant Funding Opportunities
  o HRSA Rural Tribal COVID-19 Response Program – Application Deadline: May 6
  o FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program – Application Deadline: May 15
  o NEH CARES: Cultural Organizations – Application Deadline: May 11
  o DOJ/OJP/BJA Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation – Application Deadline: May 29
- HRSA [funding for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients](#)
- SAMSHA [DTL](#) regarding supplements to the existing Tribal Behavioral Health Grant (Native Connections)

- Loans and Non-Grant Funding Opportunities
  - 4/30 [Main Street Lending Program expanded scope and eligibility](#)
  - FCC: [COVID-19 Telehealth Program](#) – Instructions, FAQs, and Public Notice
  - SBA: [COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans – Rolling Application Acceptance](#)
    - 4/20: [breakdown of overall EIDL loan by state](#) and [breakdown of the EIDL Advance](#)
  - SBA: Paycheck Protection Program [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
    - [US Chamber of Commerce Small Business Guide and Checklist](#)
    - Kabbage: [Apply for federal relief through the Paycheck Protection Program](#)
  - [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund](#)
    - 4/27 CMS Reevaluates Accelerated Payment Program and Suspends Advance Payment Program ([Fact Sheet](#))

### Families First Coronavirus Response Act (second package passed 3/18)
- Grant Funding Opportunities
  - Administration for Community Living: [HHS Grant to Provide Meals for Older Adults](#)
    - Rolling Application Acceptance
- Loans and Non-Grant Funding Opportunities

### Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (first package passed 3/6)
- Grant Funding Opportunities
  - CDC: [Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response (CDC-RFA-OT20-2004)](#) – Application Deadline: 5/31; CDC reviewing applications and issuing expedited notices of award on a rolling basis
  - SAMHSA: [Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19 – Short Title Emergency COVID-19 (FOA FG-20-006, CFDA 93.665)](#)
    - Application Deadline: 4/10
- Loans and Non-Grant Funding Opportunities

### Other Federal Funding Opportunities
- 4/30 EPA: [Environmental Justice Communities Impacted by COVID-19](#) – Application Deadline: June 30

### Foundation and Other Funding Opportunities
- Native American Agriculture Fund: [Request for Applications](#) – Application Deadline: June 1
- 4/23 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)
- NDN Collective: [COVID-19 Response Project](#)

### Information
- 4/15 [Coronavirus Tax Relief for Businesses and Tax-Exempt Entities](#)
• Keep up to date with the latest Coronavirus-related scams at www.ftc.gov/coronavirus or by signing up to get these consumer alerts.
• RESOURCES FOR GRANTS MANAGEMENT
• Information about grants for museums and the arts

Archive
• 4/3 HUD Press Release: HUD makes $200 million of COVID-19 relief funding available...
• Coronavirus (COVID-19): FEMA Assistance for Tribal Governments 3/26 Guidance
• 3/17 SBA Updates Criteria on States for Requesting Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Resources

I. USET/USET SPF COVID-19 Tip of the Day
• 4/24 Tip of the 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
• 4/17 Tip of the Day 2020:08: Numerous Covid-19 Funding Opportunities Available
• 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: Accessing the Strategic National Stockpile

II. USET Tribal Epidemiology Center Recommendations for Tribal Consideration
• 5/1 COVID-19 Guidance 2020-005: Appropriate Use of Disinfectants in Clinical and other Public Spaces
• 4/16 COVID-19 Guidance 2020-004: Contact Tracing During an Outbreak or Pandemic
• 4/6 COVID-19 Guidance 2020-002: Social Distancing
• 4/2 COVID-19 Guidance 2020-001: Case Definition for COVID-19

III. General Resources
• 4/29 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Section 106 and Coronavirus Impacts
• Center for World Indigenous Studies: COVID-19 in Indian Country
• 4/28 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials: Making Contact: A Training for COVID-19 Contact Tracers (free on-demand training)
• 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

4/15 The Administration for Children and Families - Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

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

4/13 The Harvard Project - COVID-19 Resources for Indian Country Toolbox


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)

Congressional Research Service 3/24: 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 login, 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

- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has tips to avoid scams related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and identifies critical infrastructure during COVID-19.
- HHS warns about medicare, COVID-19 testing and treatment scams.
- DOJ is investigating and prosecuting Coronavirus scams and fraud.
- FBI is seeing a rise in Coronavirus scams, including fake emails from the CDC, and fraudulent testing and medical equipment like face masks.
Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has COVID-19 scam information and is taking action against companies marketing fraudulent COVID-19 treatments.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation warns consumers about potential scams.

Social Security Administration warns Americans about fraudulent letters threatening the suspension of Social Security benefits.

U.S. Postal Inspection Service tips for avoiding and reporting fraud.

IV. Resources for Grants Management

- OMB: Guidance on Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- **WE HAVE ALREADY 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.**

V. Resources for Healthcare Personnel

- Information about requesting items from the Strategic National Medical Stockpile
- HHS Office for Civil Rights: OCR Announces Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth Remote Communications During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- CDC: Get Your Clinic Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- CDC: Discontinuation of Home Isolation for Persons with COVID-19 (Interim Guidance)
- CDC: COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Healthcare Providers Fact Sheet
- 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
- CDC: Information for Healthcare Professionals
- CDC: What Healthcare Personnel Should Know about Caring for Patients withConfirmed or Possible COVID-19 Infection
- CDC: Healthcare Professionals: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
- CMS: COVID-19 FAQs
- CDC: Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- CDC: Strategies for optimizing the supply of facemasks, eye protection, isolation gowns, and N95 respirators.
- CDC: Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators using Contingency and Crisis Capacity Strategies
- A diagram for general steps that Tribal clinics established to collect of drive-up samples.
- CDC has developed a form that provides a standardized approach to reporting COVID-19 cases (individuals with at least one respiratory specimen that tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19). The COVID-19 Case Report Form is designed to collect key information on COVID-19 case-patients, including:
  - Demographic, clinical, and epidemiologic characteristics
  - Exposure and contact history
  - Course of clinical illness and care received
Additional resources to assist in the completion and analysis of the COVID-19 Case Report Form are available:

- COVID-19 Case Report Form Instructions
- Data dictionary

For jurisdictions that have the capacity to do their own laboratory testing: For reporting jurisdictions who are able to assign nCoV IDs for COVID-19 case-patients and use CDC’s electronic reporting system: The jurisdiction should enter all cases into CDC’s electronic reporting system with the jurisdiction-issued nCoV ID, unless other arrangements to transmit data have been made and approved by CDC. At this time, we ask that jurisdictions prioritize case reporting. However, jurisdictions can use the CDC’s electronic reporting system to manage PUI data based on their local needs.

For reporting jurisdictions that are not yet able to assign nCoV IDs or use CDC’s electronic reporting system: The jurisdiction should call the CDC EOC Watch desk at 770-488-7100 to receive a CDC-issued nCoV ID, and to complete a PUI and Case Report Form.

For jurisdictions that do not have capacity to do their own testing and are sending specimens to CDC for testing: This document provides supplemental guidance regarding specimen collection, storage, and shipping to CDC laboratories.

- The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana announced on 3/24 that they are partnering with Vivera Pharmaceuticals to gain FDA emergency approval for the Vivera Pharmaceuticals powered by Pharmact AG CoV - 2 Rapid Test, a novel rapid testing kit manufactured by Pharmact AG, a leading German manufacturer of rapid diagnostic testing kits.

As States around the country issue mandatory stay-at-home orders, and with no definitive end in sight to this global crisis, there will be a significant increase in the need for reliable testing to adequately serve those who need the most support. The CoV-2 Rapid Test provides results within 20 minutes, making it ideal for point of care testing and triage of large patient populations. This proprietary assay does not require additional equipment or use of already overburdened third-party laboratories.

- Indian Health Service – COVID-19 website
- CDC: Personal protective equipment (PPE) burn rate calculator
- CDC: Comprehensive Hospital Preparedness Checklist for COVID-19
- This Toolkit on Alternate Care Sites was developed to help state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) entities to address potential shortages in medical facilities during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. It is intended to provide technical assistance to SLTT entities in establishing and operationalizing Alternate Care Sites (ACS).

- OB/GYN Items of Interest:
  - Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
  - Society of Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology COVID-19 toolkit
  - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists COVID-19 resources
  - UCSF COVID-19 resources
  - California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative resources
  - CDC guidance about pregnancy and breastfeeding

- 3/27 IHS DTLL re: Coronavirus Funding from Families First Coronavirus Relief Act
- 3/30 CMS Fact Sheet: Expansion of the Accelerated and Advance Payments Program for Providers and Suppliers During COVID-19 Emergency
- 3/31 CDC: Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators using Contingency and Crisis Capacity Strategies
- 4/7 CMS: Dear Clinician Letter with links to helpful information
VI. Resources for Housing Personnel

- 4/28 ONAP: ONAP has developed a 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 other Tribal Housing Organizations:
  - Sample Resolution for Providing Essential Services
  - Sample Protocols for Performing Essential Services
  - Sample Resolution Approving 2020 Rent and Homebuyer Payments
  - Sample Emergency Paid Leave Provision
  - 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 Community Development Block Grant (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)

VII. Behavioral Health Resources

- 4/17: Telehealth Learning and Discussion Series for Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Support Providers; Weeks of March 30 through April 27.
- 4/17: SAMHSA – Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19
- 4/17: Mountain Plains Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network – Tips for Using Videoconferencing to Deliver Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Services
- 4/17: Pacific Southwest Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network – Virtual Learning Guide
- 4/15: COVID-19 Mental Health Resource Hub
- SAMHSA: Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19
- 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: Manage Anxiety and 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

VIII. Resources for Pandemic Preparedness and Plans
• Information about requesting items from the Strategic National Medical Stockpile
• CDC: Pandemic Preparedness Resources
• CDC: Nonpharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs)
• EBCI: DRAFT Pandemic Flu Plan
• Tribal Pandemic Influenza Plan
• Pandemic Flu Checklist for local Health Departments

IX. 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: List of services payable under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule when furnished via telehealth

X. Resources for Parents and Caregivers
• 4/28 Washington Post: The ultimate parents’ guide to education and activity resources
• 4/15: Family Fun While Staying Home
• 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.
• World Economic Forum 4/6: How to look after someone with Coronavirus

XI. Print Resources for Communication – fact sheets, flyers, and posters
• Flyer – USET Coronavirus Fact Sheet
• Flyer – Share Facts about COVID-19
• Flyer – What you need to know
• Flyer – Stop the spread of germs
• Flyer – What to do if you are sick
• Flyer – Get your Clinic Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019
• Sign/Flyer – 10 ways to manage respiratory symptoms at home
• Sign/Flyer – If you have these symptoms, please see the front desk immediately
• Sign/Flyer – Please read before entering
• Flyer – Stay Healthy Wash Your Hands
• Flyer – Wash Your Hands
• Flyer – Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands
• Poster – Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019
• Flyer – Talking with Children: Tips for Caregivers, Parents, and Teachers During Infectious Disease Outbreaks
• Flyer – Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health During an Infectious Disease Outbreak
• Flyer – Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks
• Fact Sheet – Prevention Steps for Caregivers and Household Members of Individuals Diagnosed with COVID-19
• Fact Sheet – What People with Diabetes Should Know
• Fact Sheet – Common Questions and Answers for Tribal Elders
• Fact Sheet – Information for People Who Have Had Close Contact with Someone with COVID-19
• Poster – Stay at home if you are sick!
• Fact Sheet – What Tribal Members need to know about COVID-19
• Fact Sheet – Elder Mental Health during COVID-19
• Posters – 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!

XII. Education Resources

• Bureau of Indian Education (BIE): BIE-Funded School Closure Guidance Memorandum
• BIA: March 14 Dear School Leaders Letter – Guidance and Communications Protocols
• BIA: School Closures
• CDC guidance on Considerations for School Closures
• CDC: Interim guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Childcare Program: Plan, Prepare, and Respond to COVID-19
• Head Start Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center: Coronavirus Prevention and Response
• 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
• Dept of Education 3/20: Broad flexibilities provided to states to bypass ESSA mandated testing for the 2019-2020 school year due to COVID-19 national emergency. State education leaders can find the waiver application here.

• AISES Together Towards Tomorrow Fund: The T3 Fund will allow AISES to provide Native American/Indigenous undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in an accredited U.S. college or university who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic a one-time scholarship of $500. https://www.aises.org/t3

XIII. Resources for Tribal Administrators, Managers, and Teleworkers

• WALA 4/23: ADOL: Refusal of work can lead to disqualification in unemployment benefits

• Native Learning Center Hoporenkv 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 – Nextiva Blog

• 5 Tips for Staying Productive and Mentally Healthy While You’re Working from Home – TIME Magazine

• 7 Effective Ways to Work from Home During the Coronavirus Outbreak – GoodHousekeeping

• Keeping Your Mind and Body Healthy – TIME Magazine
7. Calls/Webinars/Briefings/Events

Monday, May 4

- **IHBG CARES Act Training**
  Special CARES Act $200 million Indian Housing Block Grant funding has been fully allocated. More information and technical assistance in the completion and submission of abbreviated housing plan is being provided by the Eastern Woodlands Office.
  Monday, May 4 at 1:00 PM-3:00 PM Central
  Call in number 1-877-873-8017 Access Code 1525497
  Join Skype Meeting | Trouble Joining? Try Skype Web App

- **Informational webinar/call to discuss the CDC OT20-2004 noncompetitive NOFO**
  This emergency funding opportunity is designed to fund federally recognized tribes that contract or compact with the Indian Health Service under Title I and Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, or consortia of these tribes, or their bona fide agents. All federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, consortia of federally recognized tribes, or their bona fide agents are also eligible for funding under this announcement. During a national emergency, these organizations are uniquely positioned to provide emergency preparedness and response support for tribal health departments and other components of the tribal public health system.
  Webinar topics include an abbreviated background and overview section, a breakdown of required application documents and documents NOT required, additional details on Component A and Component B eligibility, explanation of the funding formulas for each Component and what to can expect for funding, and end with questions and answers.
  Monday, May 4 from 3:00-4:00 PM Eastern. (join webinar)
  Audio Only: 646-828-7666, Meeting ID: 160 884 7446, Password: 720980

- **Tribal Homeland Security and Emergency Management Working Group Meeting**
  Tribal Emergency Management Priorities
  Monday, May 4 at 3:30 PM Eastern
  Call-In: 1-888-244-8150; Participant Code: 7493904451

Recurring – Next call is Monday, May 4

- **Every Monday and 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 Monday and Thursday at 1:00 PM Central
  Dial-in number: 435-777-2200; Conference ID: 139-8682
  Your line will be placed on mute when you join. If you would like to ask a question, please push *5 on your phone keypad to be placed in a question queue.
  **THIS CALL IS INTENDED FOR USET/USET SPF & EASTERN REGION/NASHVILLE AREA TRIBAL NATIONS ONLY**

- **Every Monday and 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)
Tuesday, May 5
- **Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network: Strategic Discussion**
  AI/AN communities: Trauma-Responsive Approaches to Support the Communities.
  Tuesday, May 5 at 2:00 PM-3:00 PM Eastern To join Zoom click [here](#). Password: 721216
- **Guiding Native Farmers Through COVID-19 Relief & Recovery**
  Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) and Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI) are working with Farm Aid and Farmers' Legal Action Group (FLAG) to present a webinar.
  Preview the [Farmers’ Guide to COVID-19 Relief](#) (updated April 27).
  Tuesday, May 5 at 3:00 PM ET ([register](#))

Wednesday, May 6
  A new venture by Mvskoke Loan Fund, Native CDFI Network, Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) and NAAF seeks to share financial tools directly with Native farmers and ranchers. A recording of the first webinar on April 29 can be found online and webinars are scheduled on Wednesdays through June 3.
  Wednesday, May 6 at 3:00 PM Eastern ([register](#))

Thursday, May 7
- **Webinar: Combating Social Isolation for Seniors During the COVID-19 Pandemic**
  Please join Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Administration for Community Living, Veterans Health Administration, and National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging for the National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day 2020. The discussion will include ideas to promote connection and recovery for older adults with serious mental illness and substance use disorders during this time. Read more.
  Thursday, May 7 at 1:00 PM-2:30 PM Eastern ([more information](#))
- **Native American Agriculture Fund 2020 Request for Applications Webinar**
  NAAF is in the midst of their 2020 Request for Applications. They encourage all prospective grantees - 501(c)(3) organizations, educational organizations, CDFIs and Tribes - to visit their website to learn about the application due June 1, 2020. This is the third of five webinars.
  Thursday, May 7 at 2:00 PM Central ([register](#))

Recurring – Next call is Thursday, May 7
- **Every Thursday: Indian Country COVID-19 Response 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.

Recurring – Next call is Friday, May 8
- **Every Friday: USET COVID-19 ECHO** ([5/1 session recording](#))
  The session will include a presentation focused on COVID-19 updates related to Indian Country, updates on the status of COVID-19 in the Nashville Area, and an opportunity to ask questions and receive expert advice related to COVID-19.
  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 when not speaking.

- **Every Friday: National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) Call for Title VI Grantees**
  Tribes are encouraged to join the call as it is an opportunity to receive COVID-19 information and updates and discuss the impact that COVID-19 is having in Tribal communities. Administration for Community Living (ACL) staff will be on all calls, as will resource centers from NIEJI, the University of Alaska, the University of Hawaii and the University of North Dakota. Fridays at 3:00 PM Eastern ([more information](#) or [join by webinar](#))
  Dial-in: 202-774-2300, Code: 990 715 504

**Tuesday, May 12**

- **Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network: Strategic Discussion**
  Racial equity and health disparities in the age of COVID-19: What new strategies are needed.
  Tuesday, May 12 at 2:00 PM-3:00 PM Eastern To join Zoom click [here](#). Password: 100817

**Wednesday, May 13**

- **Native Farmer, Rancher, and Fisher Sovereignty Series: Sharpening Your Tools to Access Data Driven Analysis – Week 3: Sources of Farm Financial Information**
  A new venture by Mvskoke Loan Fund, Native CDFI Network, Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) and NAAF seeks to share financial tools directly with Native farmers and ranchers. Webinars are scheduled on Wednesdays through June 3.
  Wednesday, May 13 at 3:00 PM Eastern ([register](#))

**Wednesday, May 20**

  A new venture by Mvskoke Loan Fund, Native CDFI Network, Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) and NAAF seeks to share financial tools directly with Native farmers and ranchers. Webinars are scheduled on Wednesdays through June 3.
  Wednesday, May 20 at 3:00 PM Eastern ([register](#))

**Wednesday, May 27**

  A new venture by Mvskoke Loan Fund, Native CDFI Network, Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) and NAAF seeks to share financial tools directly with Native farmers and ranchers. Webinars are scheduled on Wednesdays through June 3.
  Wednesday, May 27 at 3:00 PM Eastern ([register](#))

**Wednesday, June 3**

- **Native Farmer, Rancher, and Fisher Sovereignty Series: Sharpening Your Tools to Access Data Driven Analysis – Week 6: Land Rental Arrangements**
  A new venture by Mvskoke Loan Fund, Native CDFI Network, Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) and NAAF seeks to share financial tools directly with Native farmers and ranchers. Webinars are scheduled on Wednesdays through June 3.
  Wednesday, June 3 at 3:00 PM Eastern ([register](#))
8. Key Partners

A. Federal Partners

- For a complete HHS, FEMA, USDA, BIA Contact List, click here.

- **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
  - 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)


- 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
- **Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA)**
  Dante Desiderio, Executive Officer – (202) 631-2003
- **National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)**
  Gary Cooper, Chairman
  Tony Walters, Executive Director
- National Congress of American Indians: [Resources for Indian Country](#)
- Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative: [COVID-19 Resource Library](#)
- Native American Agriculture Fund: [COVID-19 Resource Page](#)

C. Tribal Epidemiology Centers ([Link](#) to map) ([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
9. Tribal Business and Economic Impact

Calls and Webinars
- International Economic Development Council (IEDC) COVID-19 Webinars: Recordings and Slides
  Preparing for What Comes Next; Demystifying Financial Programs and Resources; CARES Act - A Closer Look with IEDC; A Ten-Point Action Plan for Economic Developers; Boost Your COVID-19 Tech Toolbox

Information and Resources
- Forbes 4/23: Five Important Warnings As The Paycheck Protection Program Opens Back Up
- FEMA 4/17: Disaster Financial Management Guide and Fact Sheet
- Politico 4/16: Small business fund expires with deal out of reach this week
- 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
  o Main Street Expanded Loan Facility – Term Sheet
  o Main Street New Loan Facility – Term Sheet
- 4/3 Small Business Administration Interim Final Rule: Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program
- 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
- NAOFA 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
  o Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers
  o Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses
  o Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities
- Department of Commerce: Latest News
- Congressional Research Services
  o 3/30: COVID-19 Stimulus Assistance to Small Businesses: Issues and Policy Options
  o 4/6: COVID-19 Stimulus Assistance to Small Businesses: Issues and Policy Options
• Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): [Risk Management for COVID-19](#)
• EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)
• Department of Labor (DOL)
  o [OHSA Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19](#)
  o [Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus](#)
• National Cyber Security Alliance
• World Health Organization (WHO): [Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19](#)
• Ready.gov: [Preparedness Planning for Your Business](#)

**Resources for Native Business Owners**

• 4/17: the [Save Small Business Fund](#) is a grantmaking initiative offering short-term relief for small employers in the United States and its territories.
• [Impact of COVID-19 on Small Business Infographic](#)
• Small Business Development Center: [COVID-19 Small Business Resources](#)
• Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs): Get free business consulting and at-cost training

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• 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
  o [COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources](#)
  o [List of Arts Resources During COVID-19](#)
• Resources for Restaurant Owners
  o [3/28 Syracuse.com: To go or not to go? How takeout works for some restaurants and not others](#)
  o [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
Bloomberg Government Contracts Analysis: COVID-19 Contractor Guidance

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 Community Leaders
- 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
- Forbes 3/12: List Of Banks Offering Relief To Customers Affected By Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Surveys: Information Gathering for Strengthened Advocacy Efforts
Please see the Surveys section to participate in surveys from American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association and Native Women Lead.
- 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 30-May 1, Nashville, TN, USET-IHS NAO Behavioral Health RPMS Training [Postponed](#).
- June 9-10, Choctaw, MS, USET’s Wetland Delineation Seminar [Postponed to September 1-3](#).
- 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 USF 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
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- Wyoming
12. **Surveys: Information Gathering for Strengthened Advocacy Efforts**

- **2020 American Indian Tourism Conference Survey:** The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) invites you to participate in a [brief online survey](#) regarding the upcoming American Indian Tourism Conference (AITC). This survey will provide useful information on how AIANTA will move forward in planning of the AITC. Your participation matters – AIANTA hopes to obtain responses from as many individuals as possible to make meaningful decisions. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes. Thank you in advance for your participation.

- **HHS Region 1:** Due to the Global COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, HHS has made the necessary decision to postpone the Tribal Consultation slated to occur on May 19, 2020. Your health, safety, and well-being is paramount to HHS. In the meantime, please take a few seconds to complete a [doodle poll](#) to help select a Region 1 Tribal Consultation date that works best for most. Kindly provide your selection no later than May 8, 2020. HHS looks forward to your timely responses, as they continue to work to ensure a meaningful Tribal Consultation. Thanks for your understanding and unwavering commitment to public health in Tribal Nations.

- **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. They just launched this national survey that can be found on their COVID-19 response page: [https://www.indianag.org/resilient](https://www.indianag.org/resilient).

- **The National Indian Health Board (NIHB)** is asking for Tribes' continued assistance in assessing the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) prevention and response capacity in Indian Country. An initial survey was distributed on March 3rd, 2020 and received over 190 responses, providing much needed information in advocating for funding for Indian Country, as was approved by Congress in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act. NIHB thanks all for the response. As the pandemic continues to expand across the nation and challenges our public health infrastructure and capacity on a daily basis, it is crucial that NIHB continue to hear the needs of Tribes. [This second survey](#) will assess current and expected needs for medical countermeasures, workforce, infrastructure, and communication in response to COVID-19. Please consider the survey questions and share any information you can with NIHB. This survey should take about 10-15 minutes to complete.

- **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@tribalsefgov.org](mailto:jays@tribalsefgov.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 us by taking [this short survey](https://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](https://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](mailto: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/](https://2020census.gov/).