



# DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES Indian Policy on Early Learning



## TRIBAL AND URBAN INDIAN HEALTH IMMUNIZATIONS COALITION

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**American Indian Health Commission  
for Washington State**

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FOR WELLNESS**





# AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH COMMISSION FOR WASHINGTON STATE



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# PUBLIC HEALTH

AIHC Mission: Improve the Overall Health of Indian People of WA State

Strategy: Advocacy, Policy and Programs to Advance Best Practices

Leadership

Engagement

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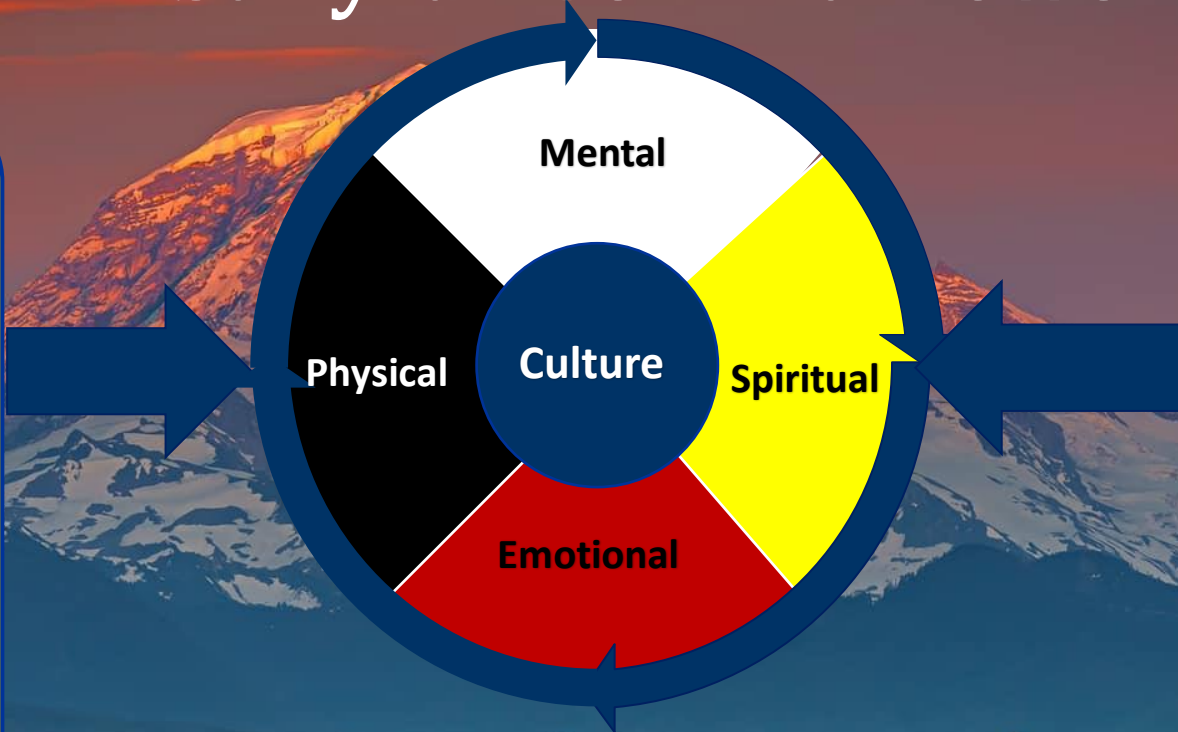
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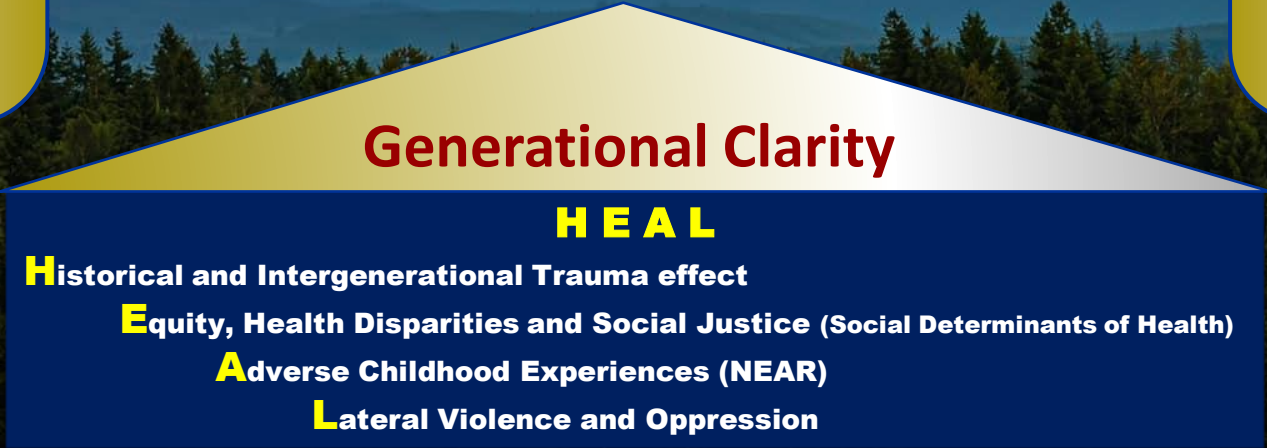
# Pulling Together for Wellness A Tribally-driven Framework



- Components of the PTW framework:**
- Mobilizing at the Tribal/Community Level
  - Leadership and Community Engagement
  - Recruit and Retain Partners
  - Specific Outreach to Youth and Elders
  - Engagement of Cultural Resources and Traditional Healers
  - Inclusion of Cultural Consideration in the Planning Process
  - Use of Storytelling – Balance of Data and Stories
  - 7 Generation Strategies – Strength-based
  - Integrates Trauma Informed Strategies



- Tools of the PTW Framework:**
- Definition, Vision and Values of the PTW Framework
  - Partnership Development Inventory and Process
  - Community Health Assessments and Environmental Scans
  - Inventory of Cultural Appropriate Strategies
  - Matrix: Vision, Goals, Indicators, Strategies (including PSE, EB, PB, PP)
  - 20 Competence Domains (knowledge, skills, and abilities)







# Tribal/Urban Indian Health Immunization Coalition

## PTW Model Establishing Continuity through Seven Generations Strategic Planning

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**PURPOSE:** To improve American Indian / Alaska Native immunizations and vaccine access, surveillance, practices, infectious disease prevention and health literacy

### **Tribally-Driven Prevention & Support for Immunizations and Infectious Disease**

- Tribally-Driven Strategic Planning
- Network of Partners
- Historical and Cultural Context
- Based on a continuum of over a decade of Immunizations work

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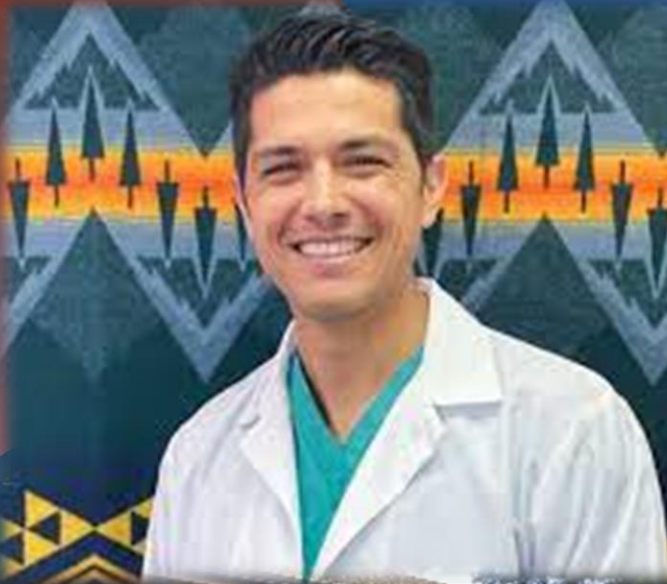


# Tribal/Urban Indian Health Immunization Coalition

**MONITORING VACCINE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE ISSUES WITH MEMBERS AND COLLABORATING PARTNERS.  
SERVING AS A TRUSTED SOURCE FOR INFORMATION SHARING.**



# Community Engagement





## AIHC Mission: Improve the Overall Health of Indian People of WA State

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### Tribal and Urban Indian Health Immunization Coalition (TUIHIC)

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**PURPOSE:** To improve American Indian / Alaska Native immunizations and vaccine access, surveillance, practices, infectious disease prevention and health literacy. Strategies are Tribally-driven prevention and support for immunizations and infectious disease, including *monitoring vaccine and infectious disease issues with TUIHIC members and collaborating with Partners, serving as a trusted source for information sharing. Key strategic elements:*

- Promotion of 100% Immunized AI/AN population (goal est. 2008)
- Tribally-Driven Strategic Planning
- Historical and Cultural and Trauma Informed Context
- Network of Partners
- Based on a continuum of over a decade of Immunizations work

### TUIHIC CHARTER (2018)

**MISSION:** Honoring independent sovereign nations and urban Indian communities—coming together equally to strengthen Tribal and Urban Indian Communities.

**PURPOSE:** To improve immunizations access, surveillance, practices, disease prevention and health literacy.

**CHALLENGES:** Studies show that American Indians and Alaska Natives are heavily impacted by illnesses that could have been prevented through proper immunizations.

**BENEFIT:** Strengthening the health of American Indians and Alaska Native populations through effective strategies to access immunizations and lower risk by ensuring equitable access and extended support to best and promising prevention practices through the Indian Health Care Delivery System and Indian Health Care Providers ((IHCP) inclusive of ITU).

### 2020-21 Strategies/Activities

Addressing COVID-19 and Routine Vaccination - Help stop the spread of Infectious Disease

- Development of Tribally-driven strategies to meet Tribal and AI/AN community needs
- Raise Awareness in efforts to improve immunizations through Policy, Practice, and System changes through engaging Tribes and Urban Indian Programs.
- Increase equitable access to the vaccines by addressing barriers
- Build confidence in the vaccines and vaccination systems
- Building Vaccine Confidence by addressing long-term barriers
- Dissemination of scientifically accurate information sharing
- Provide credible information via trusted messengers
- Provide vaccine technical assistance, trainings, materials, fact sheets, messages
- Enhanced partnerships
- Identify sustainable strategies to improve the immunization rates
- Utilize Tribal immunization information systems (i.e., RPMS or Child Profile) to support vaccination.

### Accomplishments

- Facilitated the establishment of the Official Tribal and Urban Indian Vaccination Record cards through support of Tribal Leadership on Tribal, State, and Federal levels. Resolutions passed by Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and National Congress of American Indians.
- Convened four quarterly TUIHIC meetings and two Vaccine Hesitancy/Confidence Taskforce meetings; partnered with the American Lung Association to sponsor a Vaccine Hesitancy Webinar with Dr. Dakotah Lane, Lummi Nation.
- Established the TUIHIC Vaccine Hesitancy/Confidence Taskforce and 4 focused workgroup content areas: Health Workers; Cross Borders Issues; Engagement: Youth, Elders, Family, Friends, Community; and Technology/Research
- Supported, engaged, informed, and created – gathering information, to inform development of resources and provide technical assistance in emerging areas: COVID-19 and routine vaccines available on the TUIHIC website.
- Enhanced Partnerships and collaboration efforts, including: speakers series, Presentations/Content Experts, Sharing and Dissemination of Information and Materials, Vaccination Clinics, In-kind and Direct Support.





# 2020-21 TUIHIC Highlights

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## 2020-21 TUIHIC Highlights

## OFFICIAL TRIBAL AND URBAN INDIAN VACCINE RECORD CARDS

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**Tribal American Indian and Alaska Native  
Vaccination Record Card**



OFFICIAL Tribal AI/AN Vaccination Record to be used for verification of vaccination.

Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.  
*Caution: this has your private information for your safety please do not post your completed card on social media.*

Last Name _____	First Name _____	MI _____	
Date of birth _____		Patient number (medical record or IIS record number) _____	
Vaccine	Product Name/Manufacturer	Date	Healthcare Professional Signature / Clinic Site Name #
1 <sup>st</sup> Dose COVID-19	Lot Number _____	mm / dd / yy	_____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose COVID-19	_____	mm / dd / yy	_____
Other	_____	mm / dd / yy	_____
Other	_____	mm / dd / yy	_____

### Reminder! Return for a second dose!

Vaccine	Date
COVID-19 vaccine 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose Required	mm / dd / yy
Other	mm / dd / yy

**REMINDE RS:**

- Bring your vaccination card to every vaccination or medical visit.
- Check with your health care provider to make sure you are not missing any doses of routine or recommended vaccines.
- Check with your clinic to confirm all your vaccinations are up to date.

**SAFETY:**

- If you have an adverse reaction, contact your provider or clinic.
- You can report possible adverse reactions following COVID-19 vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at [vaers.hhs.gov](https://vaers.hhs.gov).
- LOST CARD?** If your vaccine card is lost ask your health care provider for a replacement.
- OPTION:** take a photo of your vaccination card on your phone.

For more information about COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccine, visit:  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).  
Tribal and Urban Indian Health Immunization, <https://aihc-wa.com/immunizations/>  
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# Tribal/Urban Indian Health Immunization Coalition



**National Congress of American Indians, Resolution Urging Federal, State and Local Governments to Recognize Official Tribal Vaccination Record Cards and Urban Indian Health Vaccination Records Cards**



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #AK-21-016

**TITLE: Urging Federal, State and Local Governments to Recognize Official Tribal Vaccination Record Cards and Urban Indian Health Vaccination Record Cards**

WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, NCAI acknowledges the need for an Official Tribal Vaccination Record Card and an Urban Indian Health Vaccination Record Card in support of COVID-19 and vaccination record needs; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Nations are sovereign nations and the United States has a unique legal and political relationship with Tribal Nations established through the U.S. Constitution, treaties, federal statutes, executive orders, and judicial decisions; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and on March 13, 2020 a nationwide presidential emergency disaster was declared in the United States; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with many experiencing serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, currently there are three approved COVID-19 vaccines available on a limited basis and more vaccines may be approved going forward; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Nations and urban Indian health facilities have been administering vaccines to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and to Non-Indians in surrounding communities; and

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NCAI 2021 Mid Year Conference

Resolution AK-21-016

WHEREAS, Tribal Nations, as sovereign nations, seek the recognition of Tribal Vaccination Record Cards and for those Cards to be accepted nationwide in the non-Indian health systems within federal, state and local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Urban Indian Health Vaccination Record Cards should also be accepted nationwide in the non-Indian health systems located in federal, state and local jurisdictions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) urges federal, state and local governments and their agencies to:

- Recognize Tribal Nations as sovereign nations uniquely positioned to accurately and timely respond to vaccination records for their tribal citizens and service populations; and
- Recognize Tribal Vaccination Record Cards and Urban Indian Health Vaccination Record Cards as official documents to confirm vaccination status; and
- Recognize Tribal Vaccination Record Cards and Urban Indian Health Vaccination Record Cards in vaccine guidance documents and/or other policies that reference federal, state and local government vaccination documentation; and
- Acknowledge and recognize that Tribal Vaccination Record Cards and Urban Indian Vaccination Record Cards enhance the health and well-being of American Indians and Alaska Natives by providing required documentation with fewer barriers to access lifesaving vaccinations and official records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2021 Mid Year Conference of the National Congress of American Indians, held June 20, 2021 - June 24, 2021, with a quorum present.

ATTEST:

  
Fawn Sharp, President



Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary

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## 2020-21 TUIHIC Highlights

### **PARTNERSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**Urban Indian Health Institute**  
**Partnerships for Native Health, WSU**  
**Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center**  
**American Lung Association**  
**Washington State Public Health Association**  
**Kaiser Permanente**  
**DOH Statewide Collaborative Partners**  
**Department of Children, Youth and Families**  
**Washington State Public Health Association**  
**US Health and Human Services**  
**Indian Health Services**  
**Northwest Portland Indian Health Board**  
**Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians**

### **COLLABORATION EFFORTS**

- **Speakers Series**
- **Presentations/Content Experts**
- **Sharing and Dissemination of Information and Materials**
- **Vaccination Clinics**
- **In-kind and Direct Support**



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*Vaccine Hesitancy Task Force COVID-19 Prevention and Vaccination Promotion Support*

## Engage, Gather, Inform, and Create

- Support – gathering information, continue to inform development of resources and provide technical assistance in emerging areas: COVID-19 and routine vaccines.
- Continued work on Vaccine Hesitancy Tribal/Urban Indian COVID-19 Talking Points to Support Emerging Issues for Multiple Audiences as issues emerge
- Work with a Native Media Firm to Develop Specific Recordings Regarding Key Messages from Community Influencers, including Tribal/Urban Indian Youth, Elders, Community members, Providers, and Leaders
- Youth Engagement in Vaccine Hesitancy Efforts – Inform, Engage, and Create (various age groups)
- Pulling Campaign— symbol reflected with Paddles for achievements of 100% youth rates—Vaccine Hesitancy Task Force



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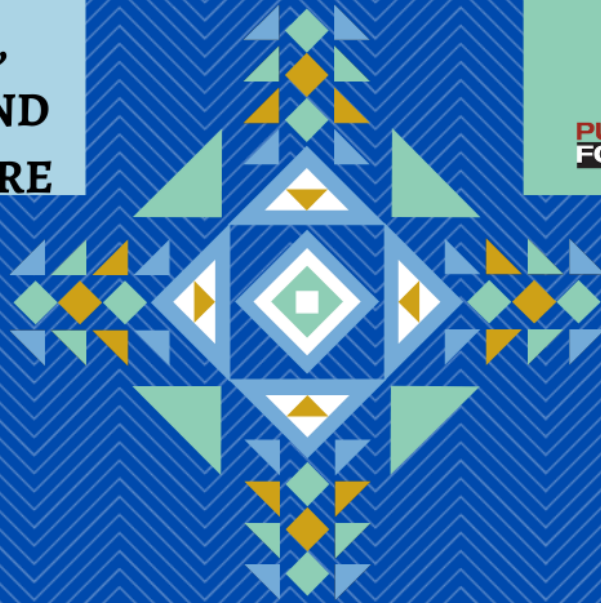
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**Check with your  
clinic for current  
COVID-19 guidance  
and to ensure all  
vaccines are up to  
date.**

**Wash  
YOUR  
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**PROTECT  
YOUR  
COMMUNITY**

**PROTECT  
YOUR TRIBE**

**#VACCINESWORK TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES**

<https://aihc-wa.com/pulling-together-for-wellness/immunizations/>

**Additional Resources: CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/> and WA State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/youandyourfamily/immunization>**

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**Check with your clinic for current COVID-19 guidance and to ensure all your vaccines are up to date, including your seasonal flu shot.**

**LEARN MORE**  
Being protected from getting sick is important because even though many people with COVID-19 have only a mild illness, others may get a severe illness, have long-term health effects, or even die. There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you, even if you don't have an increased risk of developing severe complications. Learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work. (<https://www.cdc.gov/>)

**TODAY, TOMORROW AND INTO THE FUTURE**

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**FOR WELLNESS**

**Protect your Elders**

**Protect infants who are too young to get vaccines**

**Check with your clinic to ensure all vaccines are up to date.**

**Should my child be getting routine vaccinations now? YES. During this pandemic, the last thing we need is to start an outbreak of vaccine-preventable diseases like measles on top of COVID-19.**

**Protect your family**

**Protect your friends**

**Protect your community**

**Protect your Tribe**

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**Will the COVID-19 vaccine change my DNA?**

**NO. COVID-19 mRNA vaccines instruct cells to make a "spike protein." that helps protect against COVID-19.**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/mrna.html>

**"An mRNA vaccine doesn't actually contain the virus itself. Think of it as an email sent to your immune system that shows what the virus looks like, instructions to kill it, and then--like a Snapchat message--it disappears. Amazing technology."**  
Dr. Tom Frieden, former Director of Centers for Disease Control

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Flu Shot? Now?  
Yes? or No?



## Getting A Flu Vaccine is Very Important for American Indians and Alaska Natives

### WHY?

Getting the flu vaccine can protect your baby. The flu vaccine protects both mom and baby from the flu. This is important as the flu can cause more severe illness in both pregnant moms and developing babies.

Mom passes protective antibodies onto the developing baby while pregnant. This protects a baby after birth from the flu.

A pregnant person is not only “eating for 2”, they are staying healthy for 2!

You have the power to make the best choices for you and your baby!

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pregnancy/vacc-during-after.html>

← **Healthy Choices Strengthen Future Generations** →

**Seven Generations Way of Living**

**Making Choices for the Health of Indigenous People  
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Protect your family, community, and Tribe.  
What you need to know to keep your family safe and healthy.



Pierre Family Celebration, Lummi Nation

## COVID-19

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## SYMPTOM CHECKER

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	Flu	Cold	Allergies
Fever	<b>Common</b>	<b>Common</b>	<b>Rare</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>
Sneezing	<b>Rare</b>	No	<b>Common</b>	<b>Common</b>
Cough	<b>Common</b>	<b>Common</b>	<b>Common</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>
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Aches & Pains	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Common</b>	<b>Common</b>	No
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Shortness of Breath	<b>Sometimes</b> <small>(with more serious infections)</small>	No	No	<b>Common</b>
Stuffy and Runny Nose	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Common</b>	<b>Common</b>
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# THE WISDOM OF OUR MATRIARCHS

Our sacred role is the survival of our families and Tribes

PLEASE GET VACCINATED

Protect Our Seven Generations



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# WARRIORS PROTECT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY



Be a Warrior  
PLEASE GET VACCINATED



WE ARE ALL WARRIORS  
Protecting Our Seven  
Generations Way of Living



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# WARRIORS PROTECT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

## BE A WARRIOR GET VACCINATED

### Seven Generations Way of Living



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**"I serve my role as an elected official that believes we must walk our talk "Vaccination prevents serious illness and death within our Tribal communities across Indian Country."**

**I survived the Positive diagnosis of COVID 19 because I received the Pfizer 2 dose vaccine in December 2020/January 2021."**

**Marilyn Scott (Whe-che-litsa),  
Councilwoman of the Upper Skagit Tribe**







**“I am Willie Frank, Chairman of the Nisqually Indian Tribe. We are in difficult times right now. We need to pull together to protect our communities.**

**“As Tribal leaders it is up to us, along with other leaders, including the state, to educate folks to make sure they are getting the accurate information in the right way to support our community members to make good choices.**

**“Be a warrior and protect our families and communities, now, and into the future. Get vaccinated.”**



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## What is on the horizon?



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## Annual Quarterly/Annual Meeting Schedule- tentative

8- 3-21 – TUIHC Quarterly Meeting – 1:00-3:00 pm  
**11-9-21 – TUIHC Annual Meeting – 10:00 am-3:00 pm**  
2-8-22 – TUIHC Quarterly Meeting – 1:00-3:00 pm  
5-10-22 – TUIHC Quarterly Meeting – 1:00-3:00 pm  
8-9-22 – TUIHC Quarterly Meeting – 1:00-3:00 pm

## Workgroup/Task Force Meeting Schedule

**September 29 – Vaccine Confidence/Hesitancy-  
1:00- 3:00pm**

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## Speakers' Series Topics

**1st: September 28 Addressing COVID-19 and Trauma  
Effects–Bonnie Duran Dr.PH**

2nd: Youth Voices - October

3<sup>rd</sup>: Pediatricians talk about COVID-19 vaccinate safety  
- October

4<sup>th</sup>: Topic to be Determined - November

## SUPPORTING TRIBAL AND URBAN INDIAN EVENTS

September – Support Vaccine

--Vaccine Clinics in partnership with Medical Teams  
International

– TA to addressing underlying issues re: vaccine  
confidence



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*MONITORING VACCINE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE ISSUES WITH TUIHC MEMBERS AND COLLABORATING WITH PARTNERS, SERVING AS A TRUSTED SOURCE FOR INFORMATION SHARING*



## FOCUSED WORKGROUP CONTENT AREAS

- Vaccine Confidence/Hesitancy
- Healthcare Workers
- Cross Borders Issues
- Engagement: Youth, Elders, Family, Friends, Community
- Technology/Research

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## Engage, Inform, and Create

Work with a SkyBear, a Native Media Firm to Develop Specific Recordings Regarding Key Messages from Community Influencers, including Tribal/Urban Indian Youth, Elders, Community members, Providers, and Leaders

Are there Influencers you recommend that we reach out to within your Tribe/Community?

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What other resources are needed?

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<https://aihc-wa.com/pulling-together-for-wellness/immunizations/>

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