

NPAIHB COVID-19 Weekly Update

April 27, 2021

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Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Celeste Davis
- NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report: Celeste Davis
- Indian Health Service Update: Ashley Tuomi
- Data Update: Victoria Warren-Mears
- State Partner Updates:
 - Washington: Lou Schmitz, Tamara Fife, Jessie Dean, and Tam Lutz
 - Oregon: Julie Johnson, Candice Jimenez, and Sue Steward
 - Idaho: Joyce Broadsword, Liz Coronado, and Jessica Leston
- Legislative and Policy Update: Candice Jimenez

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NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report

Celeste Davis



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C-19 Emergency Response - NPAIHB Situation Report: 4/27/21

Toward Community Immunity

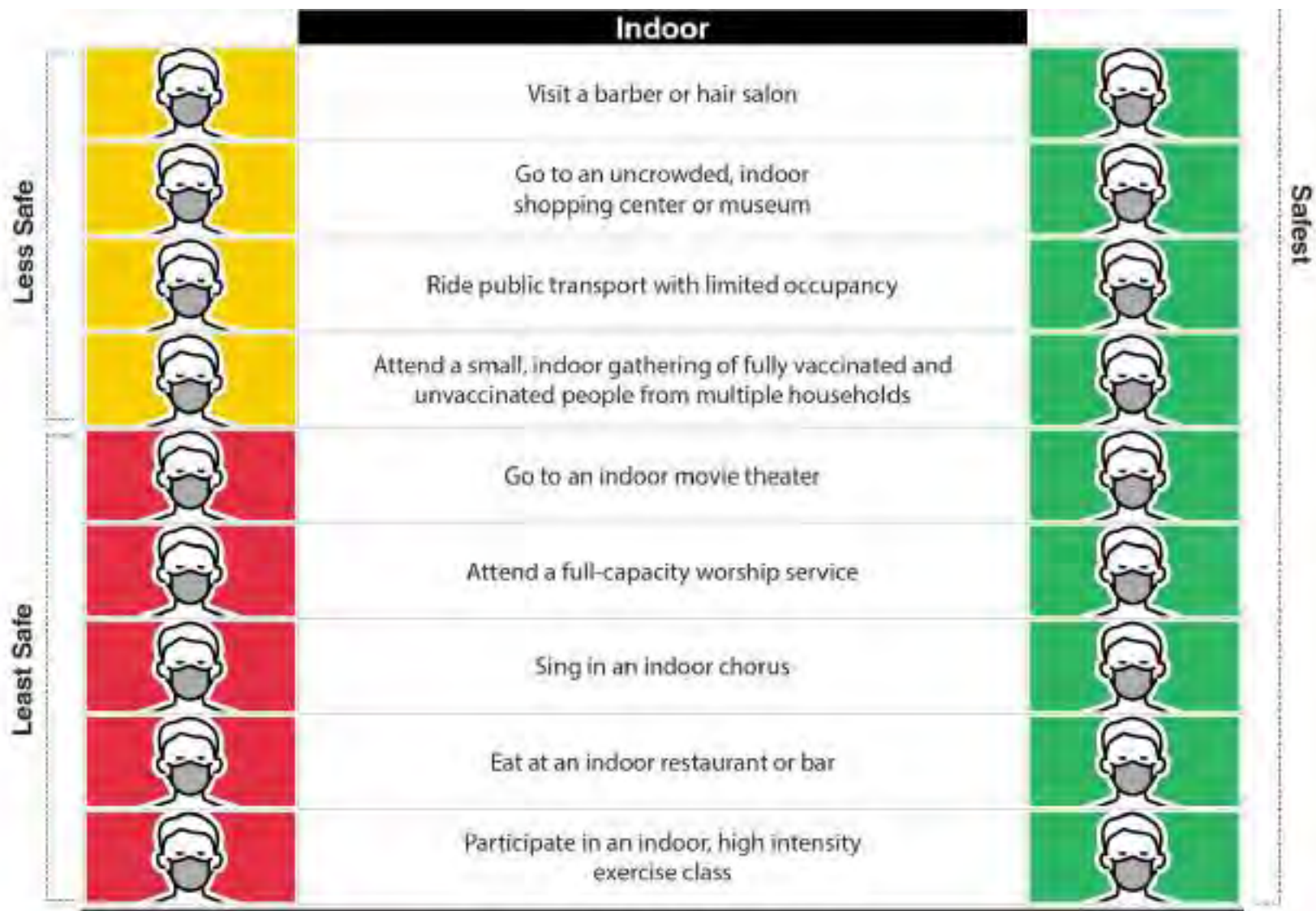
Get vaccinated, wear a mask, maintain distance, avoid crowds, wash your hands

- Continue screening, testing, and tracing
- We will win the battle through vaccinations
 - **US – 29%, WA – 31%, OR-29%, ID-26%**
- Guidelines and Risk Model to limit indoor airborne transmission of COVID-19
 - <https://www.pnas.org/content/118/17/e2018995118>
 - Masking, distance, cleaning/disinfecting, ventilating
- CDC Updated Guidelines Released Today
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>
 - Mask wearing outdoors....
 - Infection Prevention in Health Care
- Reach out for any Technical Assistance or unmet needs



Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



Take prevention measures

Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask
Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



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Upcoming NPAIHB telehealth opportunities

-April 27-May 4

- Hepatitis C Elimination ECHO
 - Tuesday, April 27th at 12pm PT (Topic: **Hepatitis C Treatment and Medications**)
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/hepatitis-c-elimination/>
- Hepatitis C ECHO
 - Wednesday, April 28th at 11am PT (Topic: **Case Presentations & Treatment Recommendations**)
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/hepatitis-c/>
- Maternal and Child Health ECHO
 - Wednesday, April 28th at 12pm PT (Topic: **Childhood Vaccinations**)
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/maternal-and-child-health/>
- Community Health Representative ECHO
 - Thursday, April 29th at 12pm PT (Topic: **2SLGBTQ**)
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/community-health-series/>
- COVID-19 ECHO
 - Monday, May 3rd at 12pm PT (Topic: **Emerging Topics | Public Health Updates**)
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/covid-19/>

Indian Health Service Update

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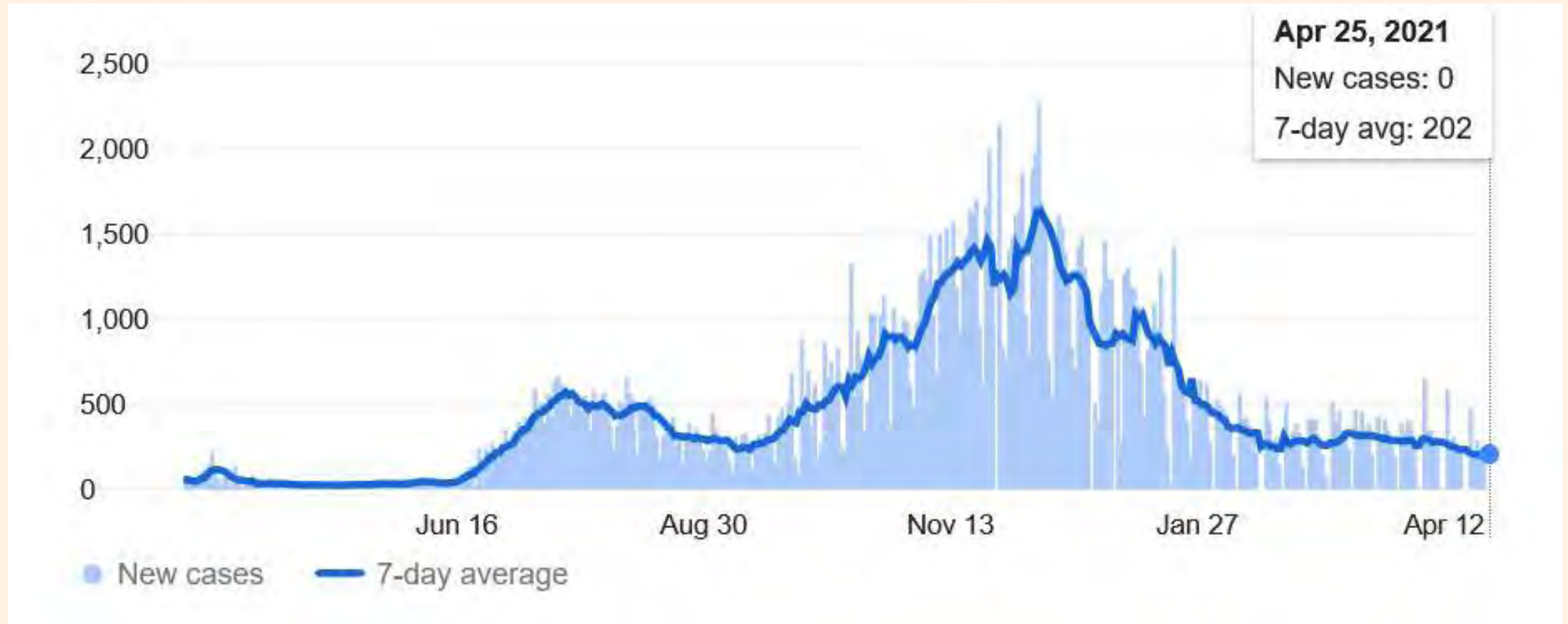
Data Update

Victoria Warren-Mears



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Idaho case data

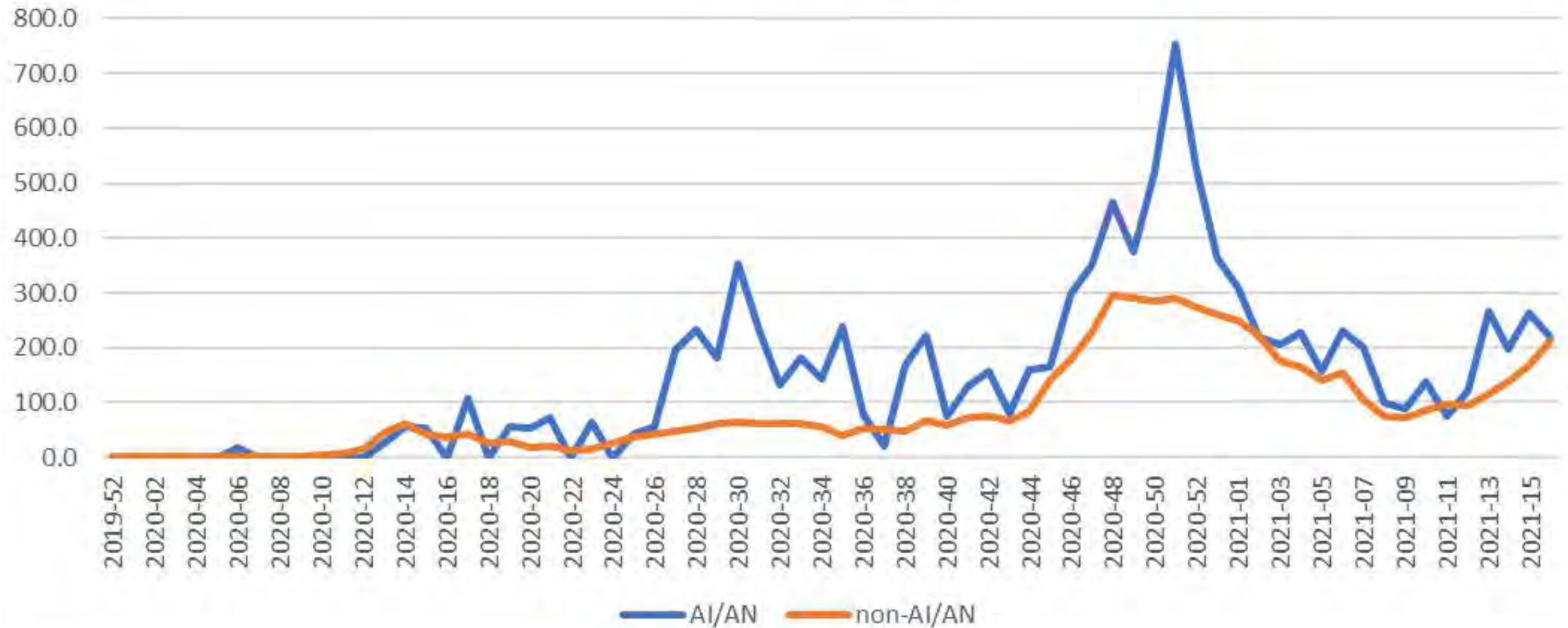


Idaho Data Summary

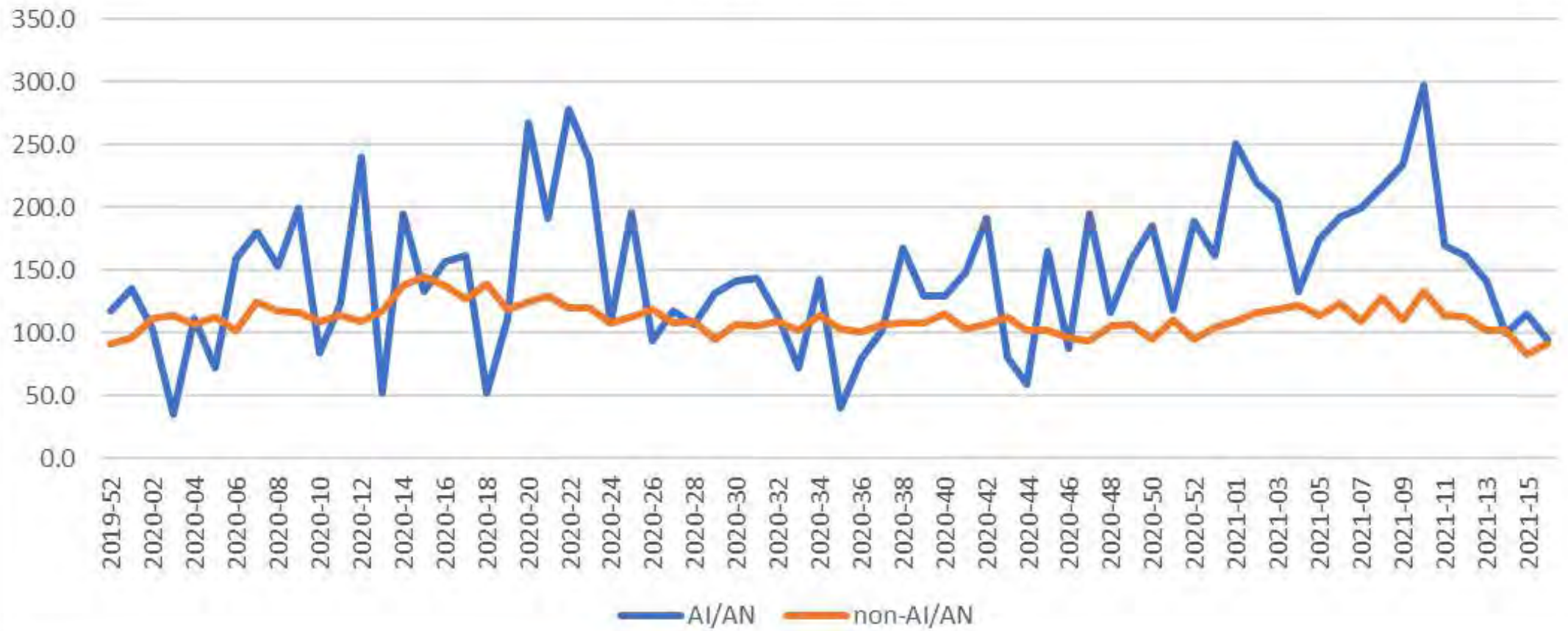
- Idaho has had 1/3 of the new cases of COVID – 19 compared to Oregon and 16% of the new cases in Washington in the last two weeks
- Lowest estimate of people fully vaccinated 26% estimate versus 28.8% of Oregonians, and 30.6% of Washingtonians



ED Visit with Coronavirus Diagnosis by Week & Race Oregon State



Suicide Ideation ED Visit Rates by Week & Race Oregon State



Oregon Data Summary

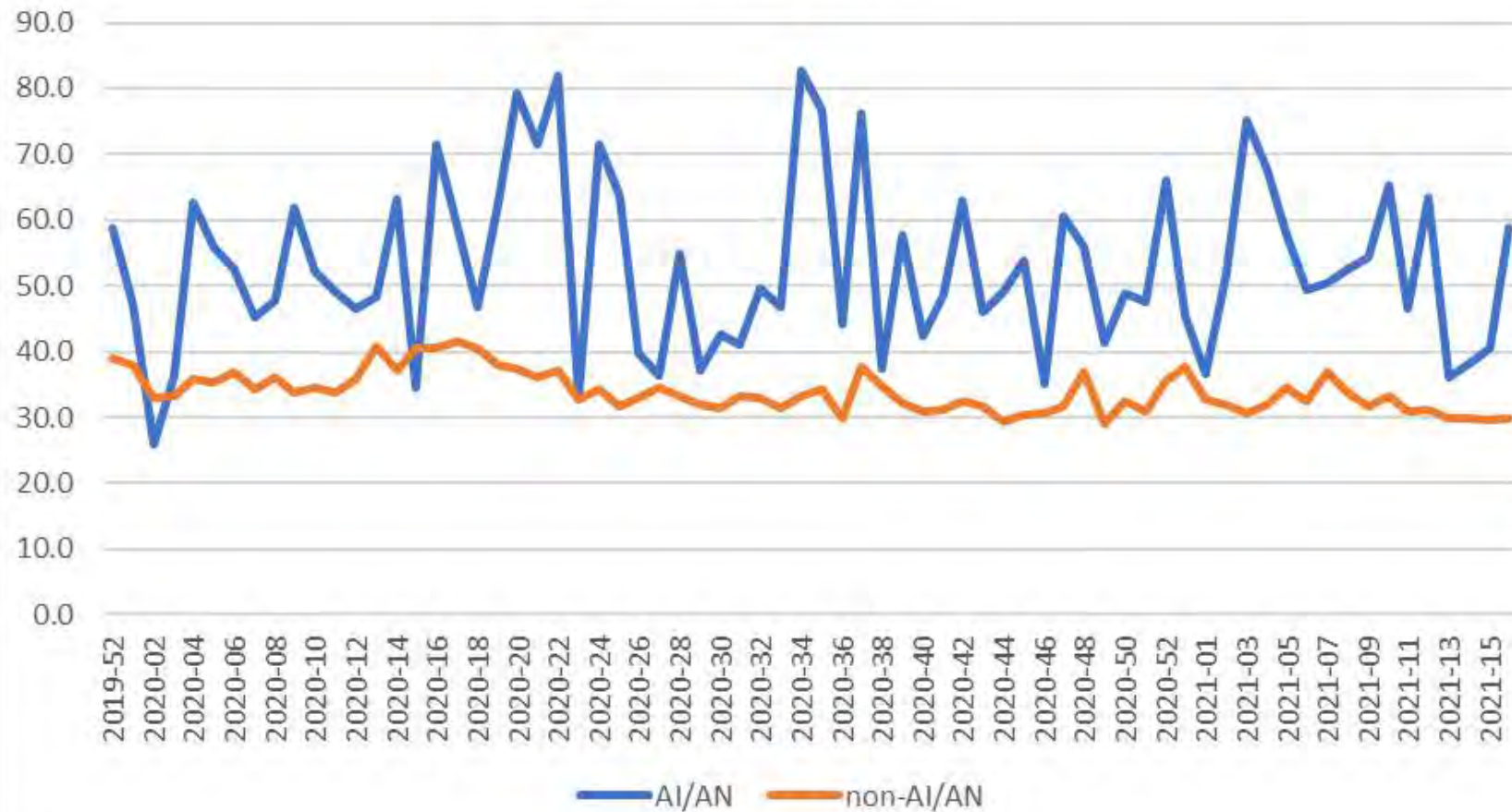
- Overall emergency department visits continued to increase. ED visits for AI/AN increased from the previous two weeks.
- For AI/AN, ED visits for coronavirus diagnosis increased compared to the past week, and have seen an overall upward trend over the past 6 weeks.
 - Rates for non-AI/AN have also been increasing over the past 6 weeks.
- AI/AN rates for COVID-19 diagnosis decreased from the previous week, though CLI visits for AI/AN rose slightly.
 - Non-AI/AN rates for COVID-19 diagnosis and illness visits continue to see an upward trend.
- There were 0 ED visits for COVID-19 vaccine adverse events for AI/AN again this week.
 - AI/AN ED visit rates for suicidal ideation and psychological distress decreased from the previous week.



Health Care Visit with COVID Diagnosis by Week & Race
Washington State



Suicide Ideation Health Care Visit Rates by Race Washington State



Washington Data Summary

- Total health care visits (for AI/AN and Washington State as a whole) are about the same as the previous week.
- AI/AN COVID-19 diagnosis and COVID-like illness health care increased again for the seventh week, from 79.5 per 10,000 health care visits in the previous week to a rate of 91.4 per 10,000 health care visits.
 - Rates for non-AI/AN have also continued to increase from the previous seven weeks.
- There was a slight increase for AI/AN pneumonia health care visits from the previous week.
- The AI/AN rate for COVID-19 vaccine adverse events decreased after a sharp increase in the previous week; the rate is still based on a small number of cases (<10).
- For AI/AN, rates for suicide ideation and attempts increased from the previous week.
 - Rates non-AI/AN for these visits remained stable.



State Partner Updates

Washington AIHC/DOH/HCA: Lou Schmitz, Tamara Fife, Jessie Dean, and Tam Lutz

Oregon OHA: Julie Johnson, Candice Jimenez, and Sue Steward

Idaho DHW: Joyce Broadsword, Liz Coronado, and Jessica Leston



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Legislative and Policy Update

Candice Jimenez



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Legislative and Policy Update Agenda

- National Listening Sessions
- House and Senate Hearings
- Legislative & Policy Updates
- Administrative and Regulatory Updates
- Upcoming Consultations
- Upcoming Regional and National Meetings



National Listening Sessions at National Indian Health Board Public Health Summit

- Indian Health Service
 - April 27, 9 – 11am Pacific
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - April 28, 10:45am – 12:45pm Pacific
- Indian Health Service Division of Behavioral Health
 - April 29, 9 – 11am Pacific



Biden Administration Announces Nomination for Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs

Bryan Newland, former President of the Bay Mills Indian Community (Ojibwe). He previously served as Counselor and Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs under Obama's Administration. His nomination will be considered by U.S. Senate.



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House and Senate Hearings

- **Senate Committee on Appropriations (April 28 at 7am Pacific)**
 - **Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**
 - Addressing Health Disparities in Indian Country: Review of the Indian Health Service's COVID Response and Future Needs
- **House Committee on Energy and Commerce (April 27 at 8am Pacific)**
 - The Long Haul: Forging a Path through the Lingering Effects of COVID-19



Legislative and Policy Updates

- **S.1365 - Extending Tribal Broadband Priority Act of 2021**
 - **Sen. Elizabeth Warren** – would require the FCC to open a new 2.5 GHz Rural Tribal Priority Window that lasts at least 180 days, to commence no later than 30 days after the bill is enacted
- **H.Res.344 / S.Res.172 - Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis**
 - House (Rep. Hayes of Connecticut) / Senate (Sen. Brown of Ohio)
- **H.R.2767 – Peers in Medicare Act**
 - Rep. Chu of California and Rep. Smith of Nebraska



Administrative and Regulatory Updates

- **Indian Health Service reopened the comment period on the Acquisition Rules to Implement the Buy Indian Act**
 - Consultation occurred in November 2020
 - Comment period extended to June 21, 2021
- **HHS Advisory Council Meeting on Alzheimer’s Research, Care and Services**
 - May 3, 2021 from 10am – 1:30pm Pacific
- **HIPAA Privacy Act Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**
 - Comment period extended to May 6, 2021, 3pm Pacific
 - NPAIHB hosting a discussion on proposed changes on April 28, 2021 from 2:30 – 3:30pm Pacific



Upcoming Caucuses and Consultations

- **NPAIHB CHAP Tribal Caucus**

- April 27, 2021 3:00 Pacific

- **Veteran's Affairs Consultation re Co-Pays for Veterans at VA Clinics**

- Apr 29, 2021 Consultation 10am – 12pm



Upcoming Regional & National Meetings

Apr 27 – Apr 29	National Indian Health Board, National Tribal Public Health Summit
Apr 27	NIHB PHS: IHS Listening Session 9am – 11am Pacific
Apr 28	HIPAA Privacy Act, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Discussion 2:30 – 3:30pm Pacific
Apr 29	NIHB PHS: IHS Behavioral Health Listening Session 9am – 11am Pacific
Apr 29	Veterans Administration Consultation on Elimination of Co-Pays for American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans 10am – 12pm Pacific



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Please contact Liz Coronado at ecoronado@npaih.org or Veronica Smith at vsmith-contractor@npaih.org for more information on any of these meetings

Questions or Comments



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