

NPAIHB Weekly Update

May 14, 2024

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NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
Indian Leadership for Indian Health

Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Bridget Canniff
- Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Sessions
- Upcoming NPAIHB Events
- Upcoming NPAIHB Weekly Update Sessions
- Public Health Update – Tribal Public Health Infrastructure Building: Bridget Canniff & Victoria Warren-Mears
- IHS and/or State Partner Updates
- Questions & Comments

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Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities


- **NW Elders, Knowledge Holders and Culture Keepers ECHO** – 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12pm PT
 - Tuesday, May 14th 12pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month - Supporting Connections*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/nw-elders-knowledge-holders-and-culture-keepers/>
- **Hepatitis C ECHO** – Wednesdays at 11am PT
 - Wednesday, May 15th at 11am PT
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/hepatitis-c/>
- **The Month in Virology ECHO (Formerly COVID-19 ECHO)** – 3rd Wednesday of every month at 12pm PT
 - Wednesday, May 15th at 12pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: *The Month in Virology Clinical Updates*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/covid-19/>
- **Infectious Disease ECHO** – 3rd Thursday of every month at 11am PT
 - Thursday, May 16th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Diabetes Foot Infection Guidelines Update*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/infectious-disease/>

Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **EMS ECHO** - 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday of every month at 5pm PT
 - Thursday, May 16th at 5pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Withdrawal & Medications Used*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/emergency-medical-services-echo/>
- **emRIC ECHO**
 - Monday, May 20th at 8:30 am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Evenomations*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/emergency-medicine-echo-program/>
- **Cardiology ECHO** – 3rd Monday of every month at 11am PT
 - Monday, May 20th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Wide Complex Tachycardia*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/cardiology-echo-program/>
- **Community Health Representative (CHR) ECHO** – 3rd Monday of every month at 12:00pm PT
 - Monday, May 20th at 12:00pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: *See It, Stop It, Prevent It--Key Concepts in Elder Abuse*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/community-health-series/>

Gender-Affirming Care Gathering

- **Dates:** June 25th – 27th, 2024
- **Location:** Boise, ID & Virtually via Zoom
- **Description:** Staff (clinical and non-clinical) serving trans and gender-diverse American Indian & Alaska Native people are invited to participate in the Gender-Affirming Care Gathering. The program provides comprehensive information to effectively provide excellence in gender-affirming care. The program offers a free 2.5-day training (both in-person and virtual options available) & subsequent telehealth clinics.
- **Further Information & Registration:**
<https://www.indiancountryecho.org/gender-affirming-care-conference/>



Gender-Affirming Care Gathering
June 25-27, 2024 • Boise, ID


INDIAN + COUNTRY
ECHO

Clinical and non-clinical staff serving trans and gender-diverse American Indian & Alaska Native people are invited to participate in the Gender-Affirming Care Gathering. This will be a free 2.5-day training with in-person and virtual attendance offered. CE will be provided.

At this gathering, we will:

- ♥ Review elements of affirming clinic environments and best-practice gender-affirming care across the lifespan
- ♥ Explore Indigenous approaches to gender-affirming care and Indigenous peoples' gender-related cultural needs
- ♥ Hear about success stories for providing Indigenous gender-affirming care
- ♥ Discuss the current legal landscape of gender-affirming care and its implications for Indigenous gender-affirming care
- ♥ Connect with other clinicians and colleagues across Indian Country

Register Here:



More Information on Indian Country ECHO
www.IndianCountryECHO.org

www.surveymonkey.com/r/GenderAffirmingCare2024

The poster features a central illustration of a woman in a purple shirt and blue pants sitting on a stool, holding a bird. A moose is standing next to her, and a person in a wheelchair is sitting on the ground. The background is a dark blue night sky with stars and a moon. The illustration is framed by a circular border with colorful feathers. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster, surrounded by more feathers and a red heart.

Northwest Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference

June 10-12, 2024

Registration link:

<https://bit.ly/TPHEP2024RegistrationLanding>

Draft Agenda and other key info available on the NPAIHB events calendar at:

www.npaihb.org/npaihb-events/

Spirit Mountain Casino

27100 SW Salmon River Hwy

Grand Ronde, OR 97347

<https://bit.ly/2024TPHEPHotelReservation>

Tribal travel scholarships are available

Questions?? Contact the planning team @ NPAIHB at
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Conference funded by:

*Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division
Washington State Department of Health
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare*



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Weekly Update Schedule Preview: May-June

May 21: Public Health Update – Oregon Poison Control Center

May 28: Legislative & Policy Update

June 4: Public Health Update – Tribal Public Health Infrastructure Building Part 2

June 11: No Weekly Update – join us at the Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference, Grand Ronde, OR, June 10-12



Visit www.npaihb.org/weeklyupdate for upcoming topics, past presentations, and more!

Tribal Public Health Infrastructure

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PHIT Goals & Objectives

- Public Health Improvement and Training (PHIT)
 - Establish and implement a comprehensive Northwest tribal public health office that will provide education, technical assistance, and support to tribally-based health departments and programs, to engage in continuous performance improvement using the 10 Essential Functions of Public Health and Public Health Accreditation standards as guides.
 - Increase the number of tribally-based and UIHP public health programs and program staff.
 - Facilitate collaboration between tribal/UIHP public health and local/state public health systems.

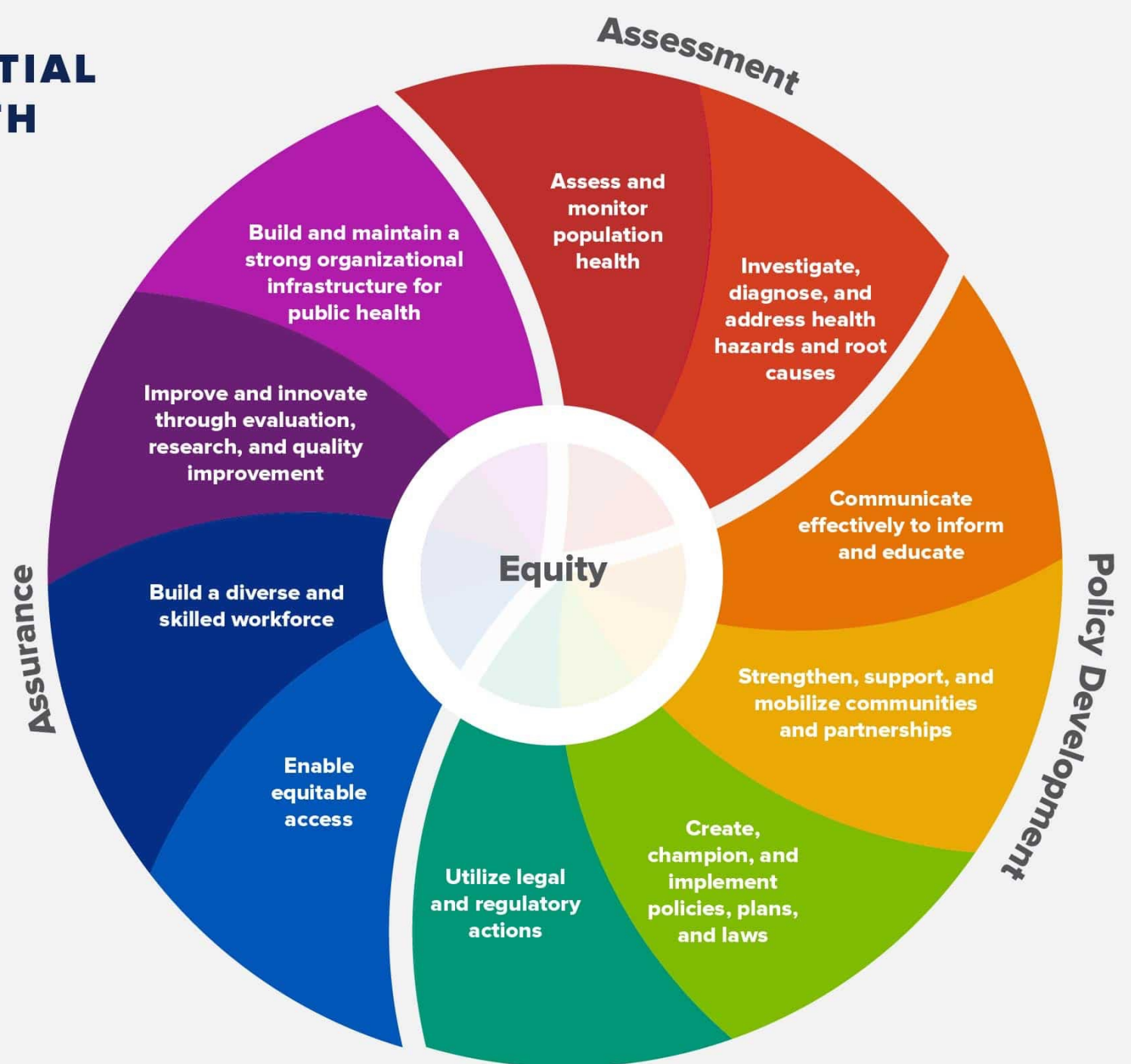
PHIT Projects & Activities

- PHIT Core: Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services in Indian Country – CDC
 - Technical assistance on public health infrastructure building, capacity building, public health accreditation readiness, tribal BRFSS, and other topics in public health
 - Coordination support for the NPAIHB Weekly Update
- Oregon Tribal Public Health Modernization (OTPHM) – OHA
 - Public health capacity & expertise assessments, action plans
 - Training and technical assistance for action plan implementation & public health program development
 - OTPHM Community of Practice
- Washington Tribal Public Health Improvement (WTPHI) – WA DOH
 - Data reporting and training on communicable disease
 - Training and outreach on topics of interest in Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)
 - Coordination support for the Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness (TPHEP) annual conference

THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve optimal health for all, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and services that enable good health and seek to remove obstacles and systemic and structural barriers, such as poverty, racism, gender discrimination, and other forms of oppression, that have resulted in health inequities. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve good health and well-being.



Structuring of Tribal Public Health Services

Which Public Health Functions are most important to your community?

Which functions or services do you already provide?

Do you need all services locally or is there opportunity to share services?

How much staff do you have or desire to have, and what are the funding sources for that staff?

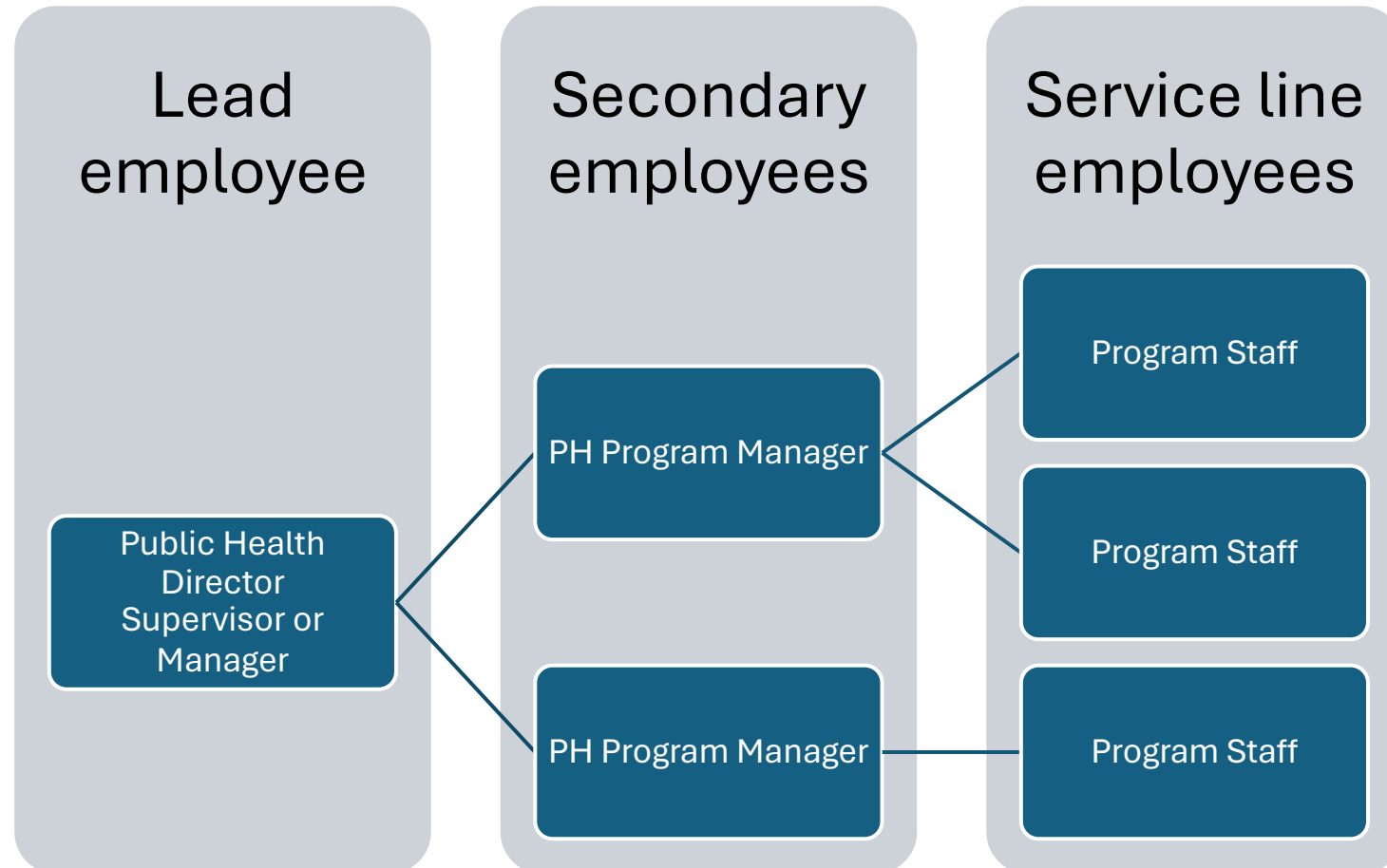
How should you partner with LHJs, the State and/or Federal Government?

Cross Jurisdictional Sharing



- Cross-jurisdictional sharing can range from supporting informal arrangements to more formal changes in structure. In public health, cross-jurisdictional sharing often occurs between health departments or agencies serving two or more jurisdictions.
- Collaboration allows communities to solve issues or problems that cannot be easily solved by a single organization or jurisdiction.
- NWTEC projects are prepared to enter into MOUs to assist in achieving public health program goals.

Structure Depends on Size, Defined Needs and Funding



Public Health Infrastructure: Suggested Steps



Initial community assessment (definition of needs) in collaboration with Tribal Government



Examine existing public health policies and programs



Develop desired structure and funding sources



Write grants/ contracts for funding or advocate for other funding

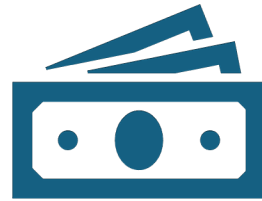


Hire subsequent staff and expand public health program services

Additional Suggested Steps



Consider MOUs/MOAs to
accelerate your plan



Consider long term
funding and sustainability



Ensure Tribal Government
buy-in at each step

Creating a Vision for Public Health



What are the community health outcomes?



What are the key metrics of success?



How will initiatives grow in the long-term?



How will funding be secured in the short, mid and long term?

Coming Up: Public Health Infrastructure Part 2



NPAIHB Weekly Update: June 4

Join us for a follow-up interactive discussion on what public health infrastructure building means for your tribe or organization!




Questions/Comments

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Portland Area IHS Update

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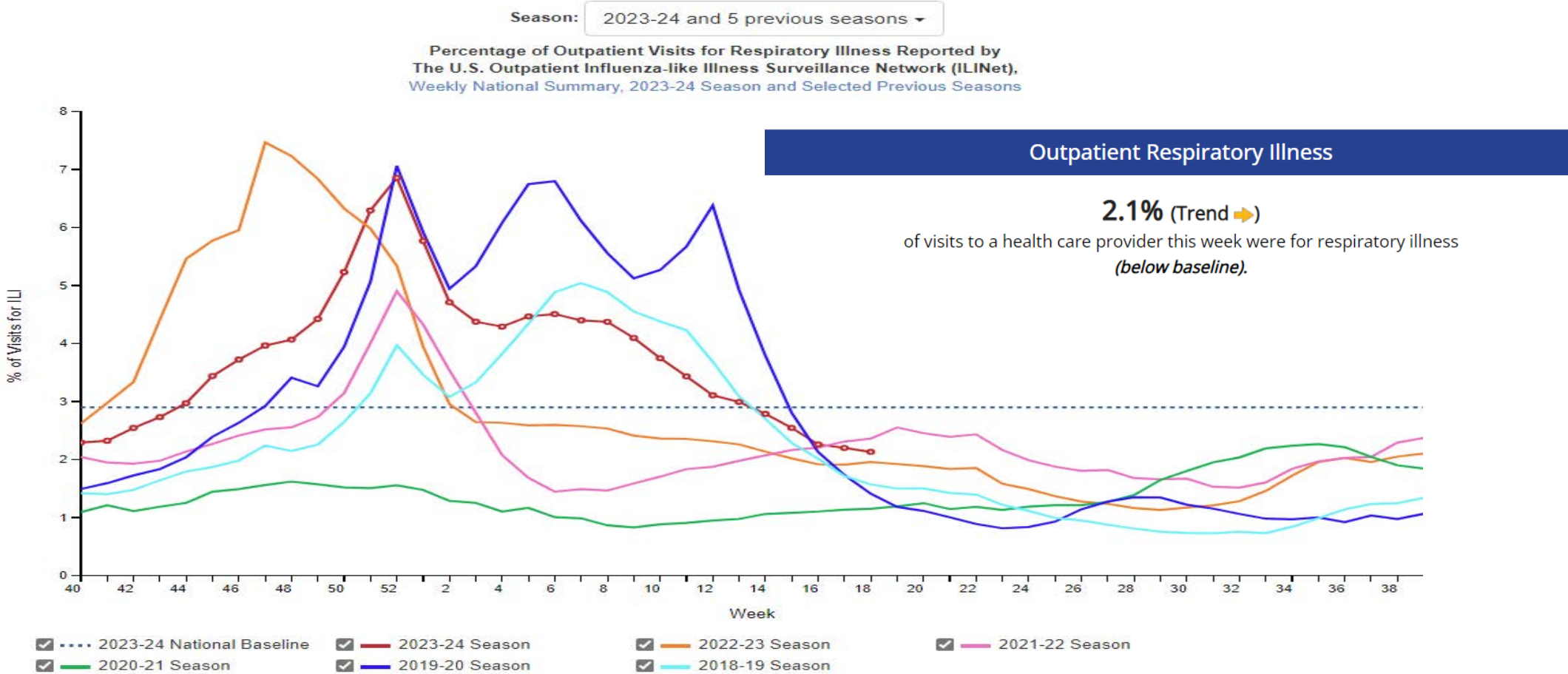


Topics for Today

Current Situation Report –

- Outpatient Influenza-like Illnesses
- COVID-19
- Influenza

Outpatient Respiratory Illness Visits



COVID-19 Update in the US

COVID-19 Update for the United States

Early Indicators

Test Positivity >

% Test Positivity

3.1%

(April 28 to May 4, 2024)

Trend in % Test Positivity

+0.1% in most recent week



Mar 16, 2024

May 4, 2024

Emergency Department Visits >

% Diagnosed as COVID-19

0.3%

(April 28 to May 4, 2024)

Trend in % Emergency Department Visits

-7.6% in most recent week



Mar 16, 2024

May 4, 2024

Severity Indicators

Hospitalizations >

Hospitalization Rate per 100,000 population

1.1

(April 14 to April 20, 2024)

Trend in Hospitalization Rate

-26.7% from Apr 14 to Apr 20



Mar 2, 2024

Apr 20, 2024

Deaths >

% of All Deaths in U.S. Due to COVID-19

0.7%

(April 28 to May 4, 2024)

Trend in % COVID-19 Deaths

No change in most recent week



Mar 16, 2024

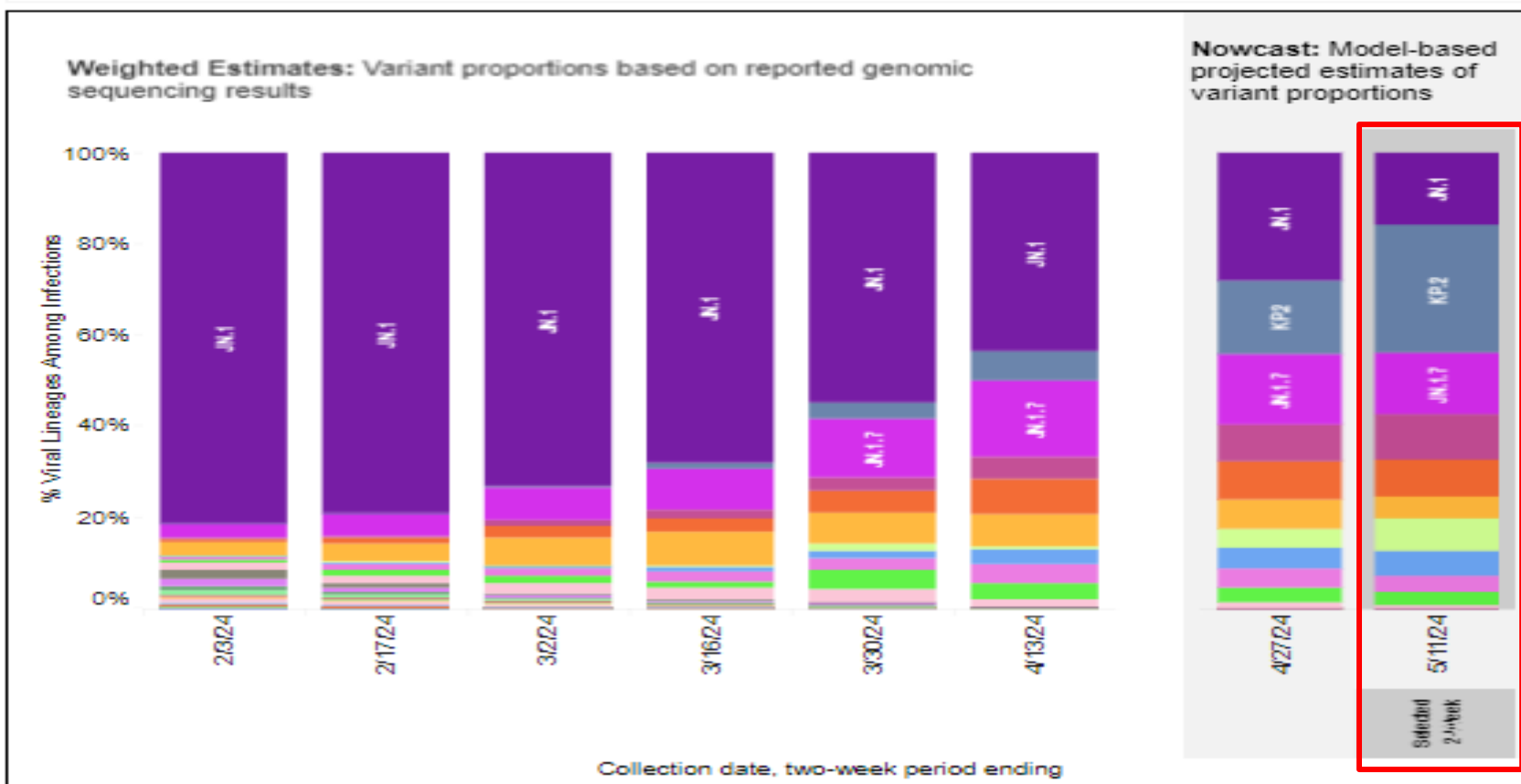
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These early indicators represent a portion of national COVID-19 tests and emergency department visits. [Wastewater](#) information also provides early indicators of spread.

Variants

Weighted and Nowcast Estimates in United States for 2-Week Periods in 1/21/2024 – 5/11/2024

Hover over (or tap in mobile) any lineage of interest to see the amount of uncertainty in that lineage's estimate.



Nowcast Estimates in United States for 4/28/2024 – 5/11/2024

		USA		
WHO label	Lineage #	%Total	95%PI	
Omicron	KP.2	28.2%	20.5-37.3%	
	JN.1	15.7%	13.3-18.5%	
	JN.1.7	13.3%	10.5-16.8%	
	JN.1.16	10.0%	7.1-13.8%	
	JN.1.13.1	8.0%	5.2-11.9%	
	KP.1.1	7.1%	4.4-11.1%	
	JN.1.11.1	5.4%	3.0-9.3%	
	JN.1.8.1	4.8%	3.7-6.1%	
	KQ.1	3.8%	2.4-6.1%	
	JN.1.18	2.6%	1.9-3.6%	
	JN.1.13	0.1%	0.0-0.3%	
	GE.1	0.0%	0.0-0.1%	
	BA.2.86	0.0%	0.0-0.1%	
	JG.3	0.0%	0.0-0.0%	
	XBB	0.0%	0.0-0.0%	
	EG.5	0.0%	0.0-0.0%	

COVID Variant KP.1.1 and KP.2

Commonly known as “FLiRT” variants

- The nickname comes from the technical names for their mutations: F for L at position 456 and R for T at position 346
- Descendant of JN.1 variant
- Virus is spreading quickly and better than KP.1.1 at evading immunity
- Symptoms: similar to other variants
- Are we protected against FLiRT? Insufficient data to show whether vaccines will provide protection. Waning immunity.

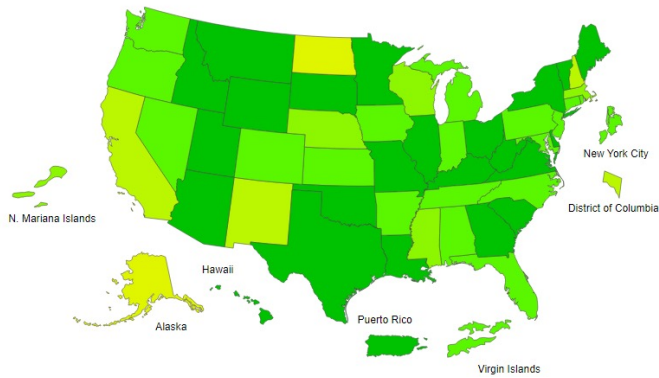
COVID-19 Update

Higher risk associated with exposure to patients in the healthcare setting, we encourage interim [CDC Source Control](#) recommendations in your healthcare facilities:

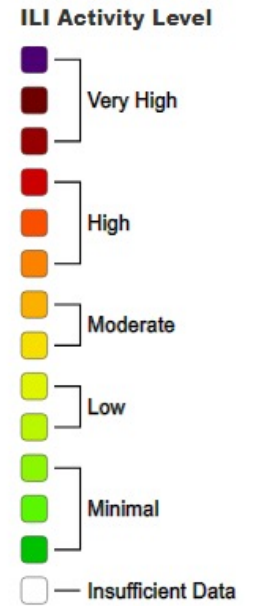
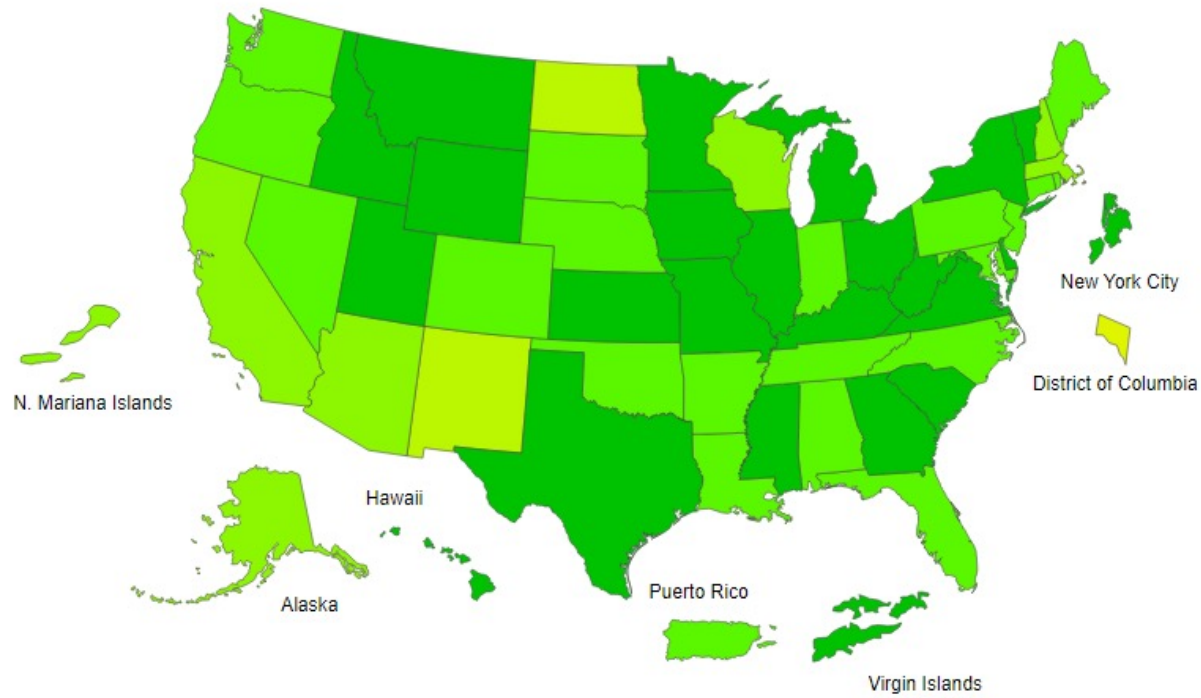
- Remaining up to date with all COVID-19 vaccine doses,
- Identification and management of individuals with suspected/confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection,
- Implementation of source control measures,
- Optimization and use of engineering controls & indoor air quality,
- Viral testing, regardless of vaccine status, for those with even mild symptoms of COVID-19
- Contact tracing for suspected healthcare-associated suspected or identified transmission, and
- Implementation of appropriate transmission-based precautions.

2023-24 Flu Season Week 9

Week 17



2023-24 Influenza Season Week 18 ending May 04, 2024





<https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health-awareness-month/toolkit>



State Partner Updates

- Washington
- Oregon
- Idaho



Questions and Comments



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