

NPAIHB Weekly Update

September 24, 2024

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Indian Leadership for Indian Health

Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Bridget Canniff
- Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Sessions
- Upcoming NPAIHB Weekly Update Sessions
- NWTEC COVID-19 Update
- NPAIHB Legislative & Policy Update: Hilary Edwards
- State Partner Updates
- Questions & Comments

Guidelines

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- Use the chat box for questions, for Q&A after updates and announcements



Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **Care and Access for Pregnant People ECHO** – 4th Tuesday of every month at 11am PT
 - Tuesday, September 24th at 11am PT
 - Topic: *Oral Health and Pregnancy; Oral Health in Newborns*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/pregnancy-care-echo-program/>
- **Hepatitis C ECHO** – Wednesdays at 11am PT
 - Wednesday, September 25th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Common Drug-Drug Interactions with HCV DAAs*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/hepatitis-c/>
- **Dementia Caregiver Support ECHO** – 4th Thursday of every month at 11am PT
 - Thursday, September 26th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Behaviors Associated with Dementia*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/dementia-caregiver-support-echo/>
- **Journey to Health ECHO** – 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month at 7am/12pm PT
 - Thursday, September 26th at 12pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Back to School – Reflections on Tribal Support*
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/journey-to-health-echo-program/>

Weekly Update Schedule Preview: October

October 1: Measles & Measles Vaccines Update (OHA)

October 8: RSV & New Monoclonal Antibodies (OHA)
+ Health & Vaccine Updates (WA DOH)

October 15: No NPAIHB Weekly Update – QBM @ Yakama Nation

October 22: Legislative & Policy Update or TBD

October 29: Legislative & Policy Update or TBD



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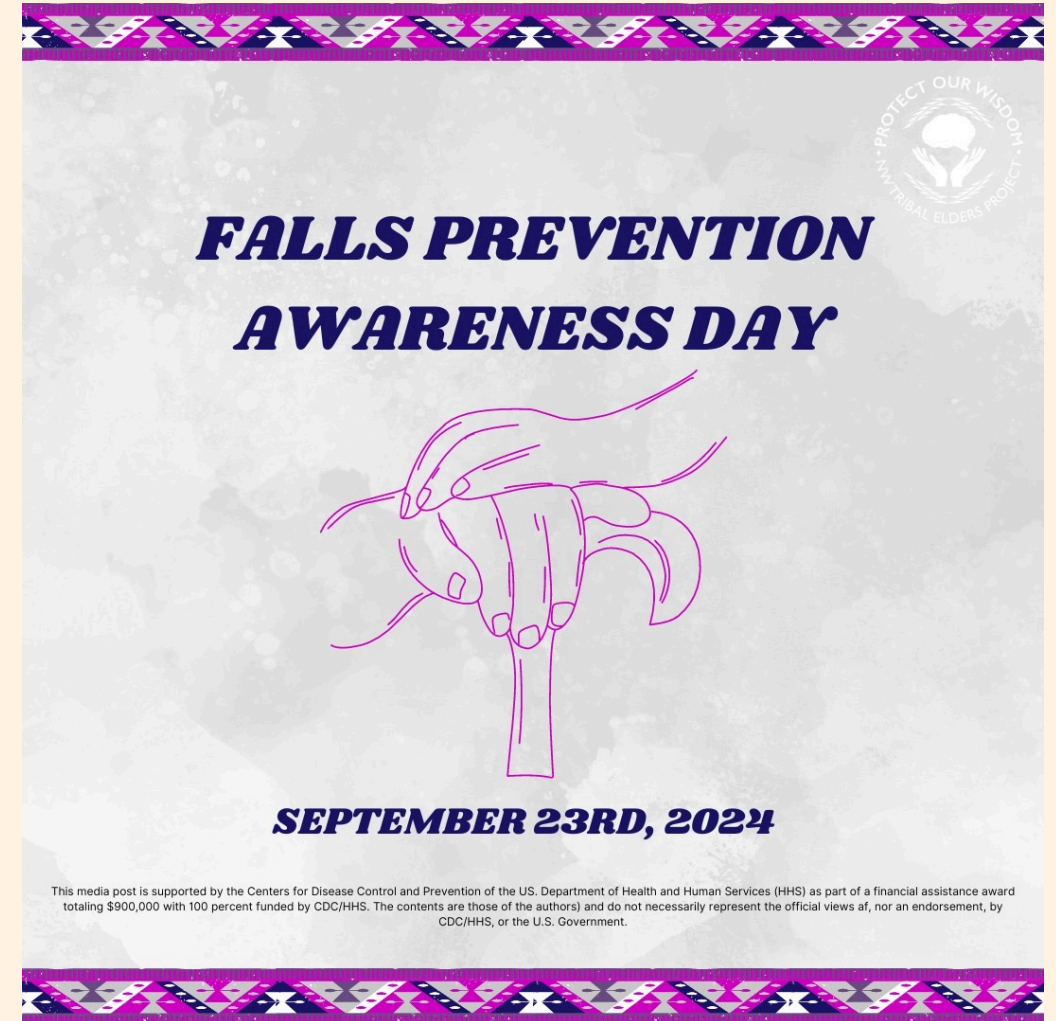
Visit www.npaihb.org/weeklyupdate for upcoming topics, past presentations, and more!

NPAIHB Updates & Events

Falls Prevention Awareness Week

September 23-27

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/IAfTCfhStP/>



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COVID-19 Update



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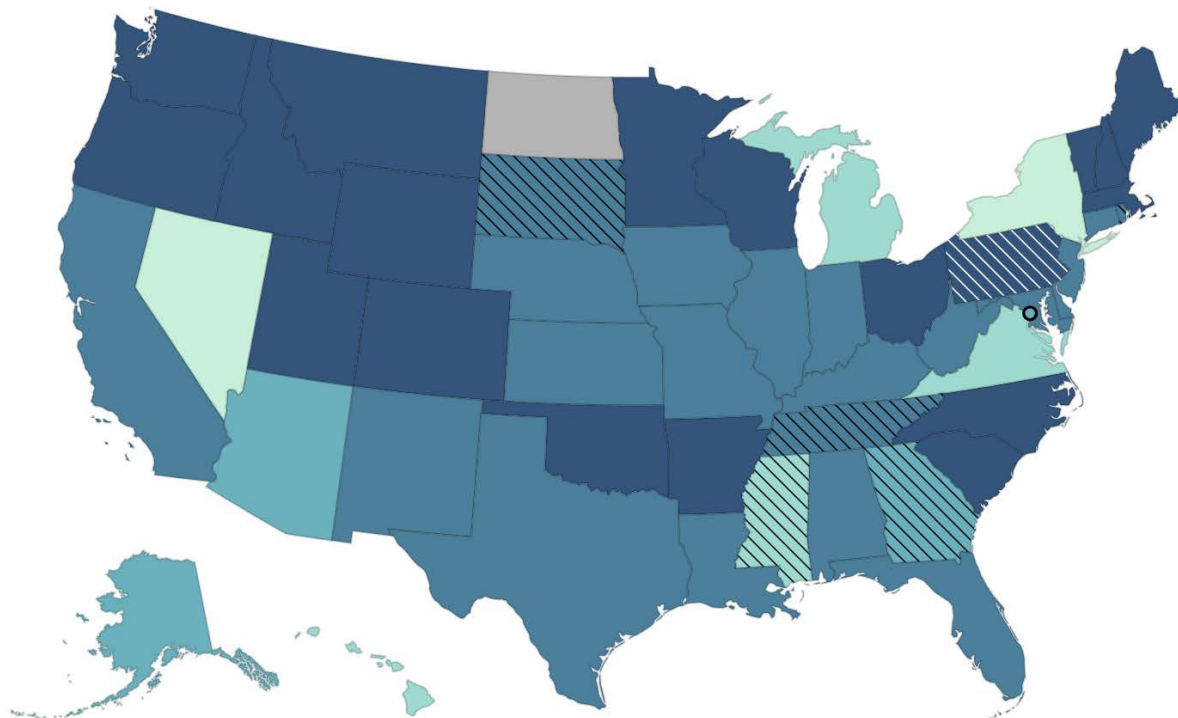
Time Period: September 08 - September 14, 2024

COVID-19 Current Wastewater Viral Activity Levels Map

<https://www.cdc.gov/nwss/rv/COVID19-currentlevels.html>



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SARS-CoV-2 Wastewater Viral Activity Levels

Select a level to add or remove from map.

Very High High Moderate Low Minimal No Data *Limited Coverage

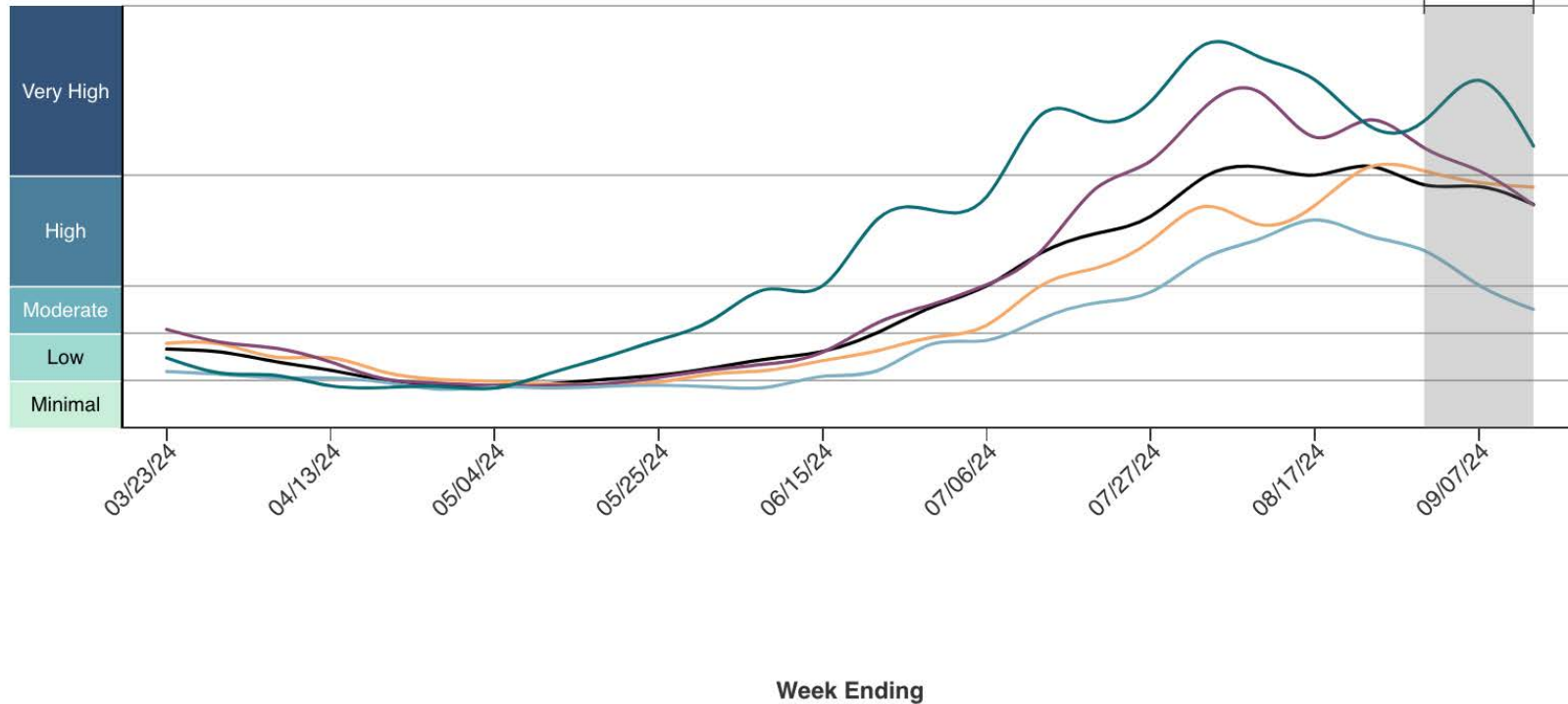
* Based on a small segment (less than 5%) of the population and may not be representative of the state/territory.

Data last updated 2024-09-19

COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance

6 Months ▾

US Overview Week ending 9/14/24



Nationally, the wastewater viral activity level for COVID-19 is currently **high**.

Region with the highest wastewater viral activity level for COVID-19:
West

The Western reporting region includes 13 states and one territory: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, **Idaho**, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, **Oregon**, Utah, **Washington**, and Wyoming.

Select a geography to add or remove it from the visualization.

- National
- Midwest
- South
- Northeast
- West

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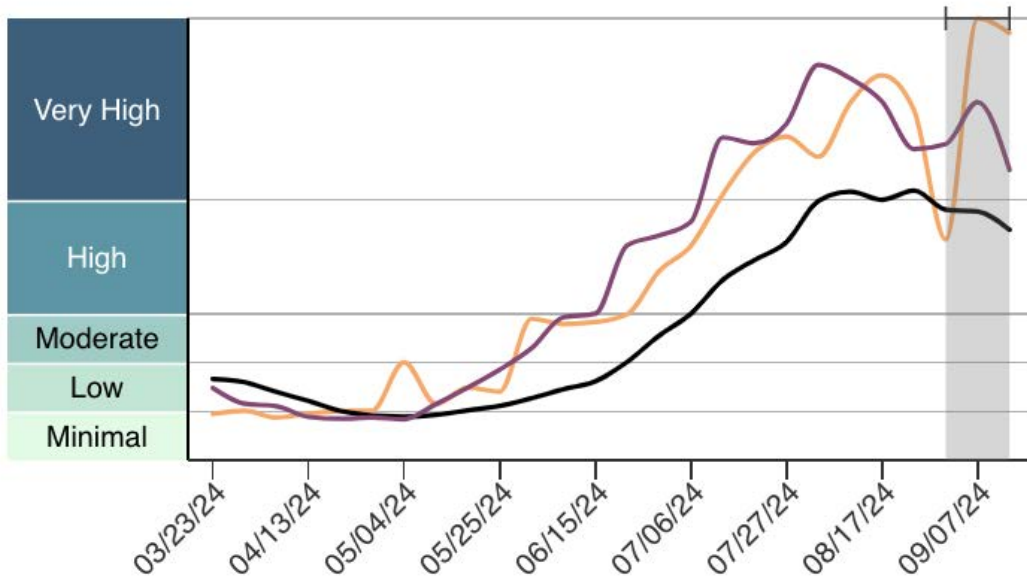
www.cdc.gov/nwss/rv/COVID19-nationaltrend.html

Date Period

6 Months

Idaho

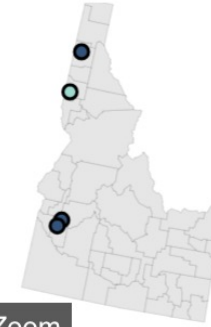
Week ending 9/14/24



Selected State National Regional

Data from the most recent two weeks may be incomplete due to delays in data reporting. These data sets are subject to change and are indicated by the gray shading.

Time Period: September 08 - September 14, 2024



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Idaho COVID-19 Wastewater Trends (6 Months)

VERY HIGH

This is the median of all wastewater sites in the state/territory.

In **Idaho**, the wastewater viral activity level for COVID-19 is currently **Very High**.

Sites reporting in the last week: 4
Sites reporting in the last 30 days: 4



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Source: www.cdc.gov/nwss/rv/COVID19-statetrend.html

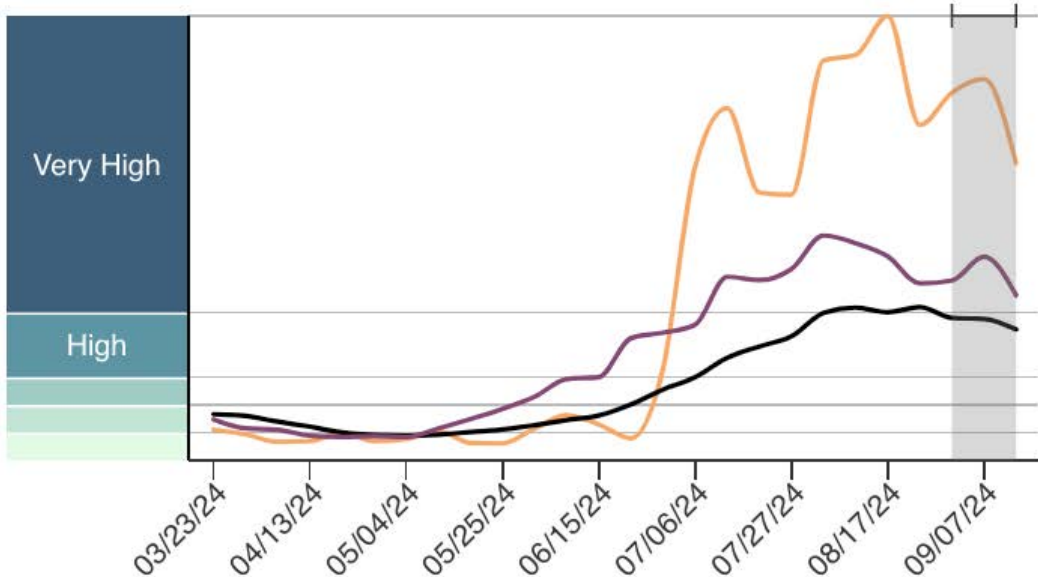
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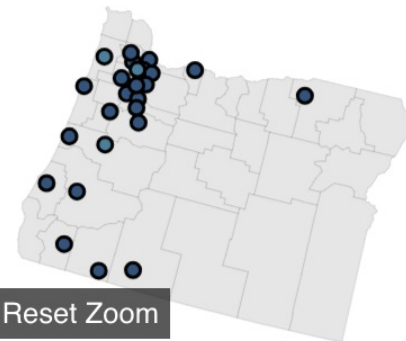
Oregon

Week ending 9/14/24



● Selected State
 ● National
 ● Regional

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**Oregon
 COVID-19
 Wastewater
 Trends
 (6 Months)**

VERY HIGH

This is the median of all wastewater sites in the state/territory.

In **Oregon**, the wastewater viral activity level for COVID-19 is currently **Very High**.

Sites reporting in the last week: **26**
 Sites reporting in the last 30 days: **35**



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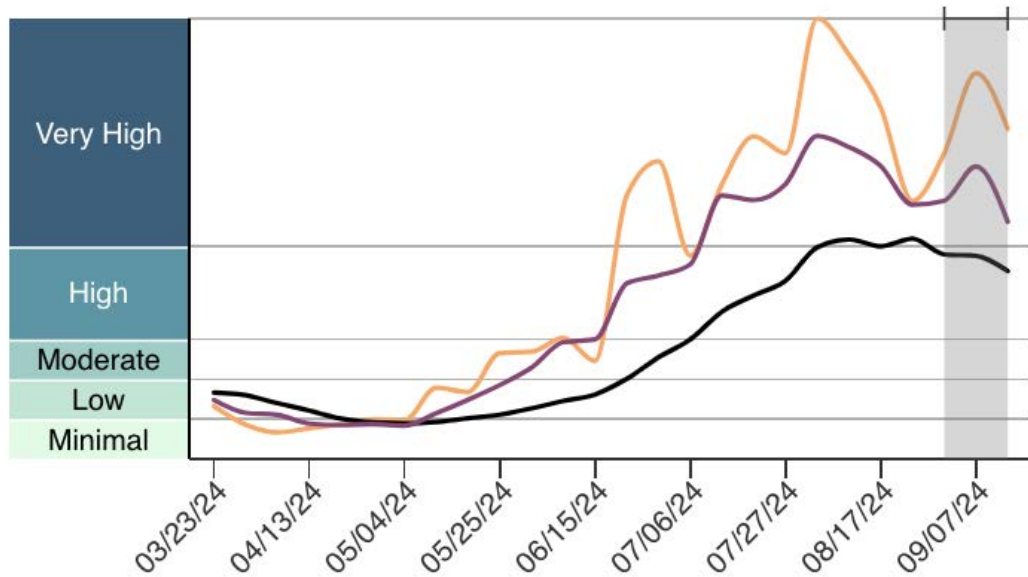
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Date Period

6 Months ▾

Washington

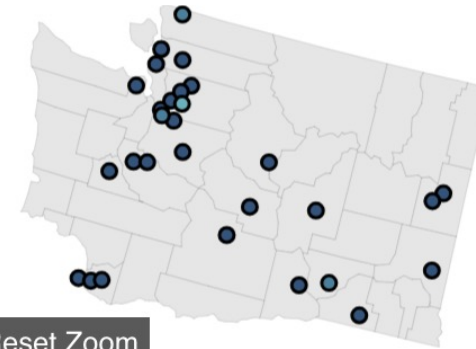
Week ending 9/14/24



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Washington
COVID-19
Wastewater
Trends
(6 Months)

VERY HIGH

This is the median of all wastewater sites in the state/territory.

In **Washington**, the wastewater viral activity level for COVID-19 is currently **Very High**.

Sites reporting in the last week: **29**
Sites reporting in the last 30 days: **29**



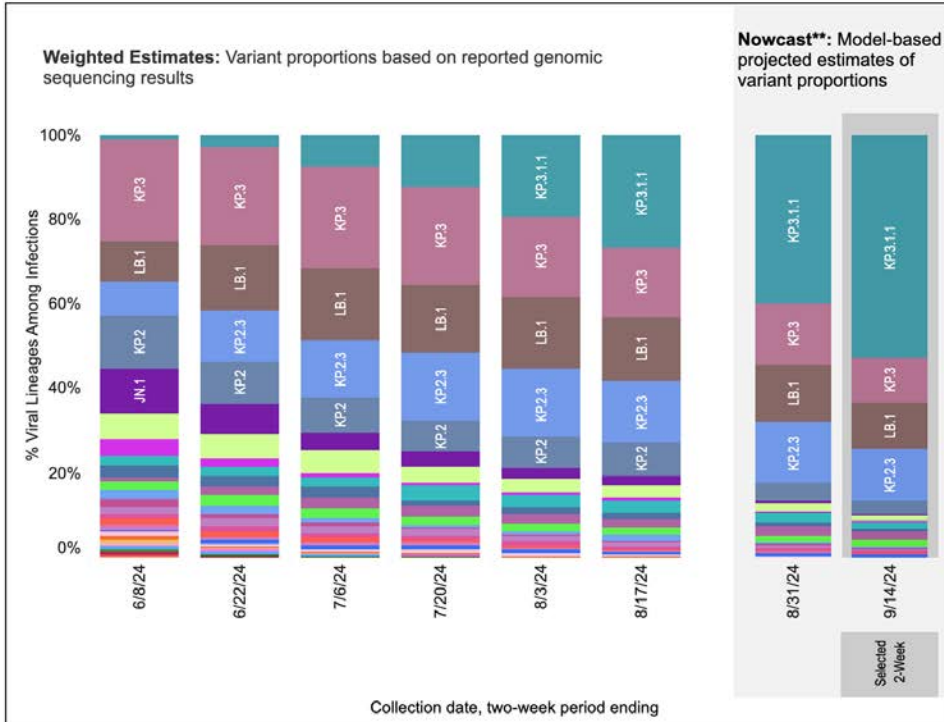
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COVID-19 Variants

Weighted and Nowcast Estimates in United States for 2-Week Periods in 5/26/2024 – 9/14/2024

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

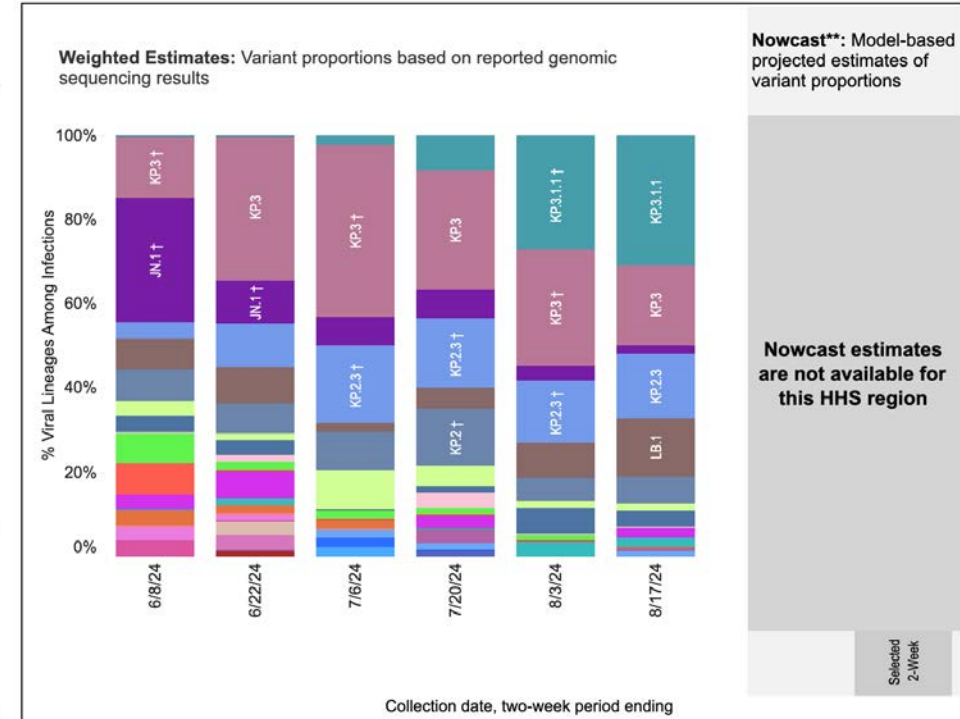


Nowcast Estimates in United States for 9/1/2024 – 9/14/2024

USA		%Total	95%PI
WHO label	Lineage #		
Omicron	KP.3.1.1	52.7%	48.6-56.8%
	KP.2.3	12.2%	10.8-13.8%
	LB.1	10.9%	9.4-12.6%
	KP.3	10.6%	9.3-12.1%
	KP.2	3.1%	2.2-4.2%
	LP.1	2.1%	1.4-3.0%
	KP.1.1.3	1.9%	1.4-2.8%
	JN.1.18	1.7%	0.6-4.0%
	KP.1.1	1.5%	1.2-1.9%
	KS.1	0.7%	0.4-1.0%
	KP.2.15	0.7%	0.4-1.0%
	LF.3.1	0.6%	0.4-0.9%
	JN.1.16.1	0.6%	0.4-0.8%
	KP.4.1	0.2%	0.1-0.4%
	JN.1.11.1	0.2%	0.1-0.3%
	JN.1	0.2%	0.1-0.3%
	KW.1.1	0.0%	0.0-0.1%
	XDV.1	0.0%	0.0-0.1%
	JN.1.16	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	JN.1.7	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	KP.1.2	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	KQ.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	JN.1.8.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	JN.1.32	0.0%	0.0-0.0%

Weighted Estimates in HHS Region 10 for 2-Week Periods in 5/26/2024 – 9/14/2024

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



** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
 # Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one 2-week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all 2-week periods displayed. While all lineages are tracked by CDC, those named lineages not enumerated in this graphic are aggregated with their parent lineages, based on Pango lineage definitions, described in more detail here: <https://web.archive.org/web/20240116214031/https://www.pango.network/the-pango-nomenclature-system/statement-of-nomenclature-rules>.

HHS Region 10: AK, ID, OR, WA



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COVID-19 Emerging Variant: XEC

What we know so far:

- Omicron offshoot – combination of KP.3.3 and KS.1.1
- First identified in August, earliest cases in Western Europe May-June
- Has been detected in the US, but is not yet on the CDC COVID-19 variant tracker, which includes variants once they account for $\geq 1\%$ of cases
- May be the next dominant strain in the US & Canada by October/November
- Symptoms are similar to other variants
- Does not appear to be more dangerous or produce more severe disease than past variants; too early to say whether it's more transmissible
- Current vaccines are expected to protect against XEC (Omicron subvariants)



Tracking XEC

- 600+ XEC cases worldwide
- Most prevalent in Western Europe

<https://outbreak.info/situation-reports?xmin=2024-03-16&xmax=2024-09-16&pango=XEC>

Outbreak.info genomic reports: scalable and dynamic surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 variants and mutations. Karthik Gangavarapu, Alaa Abdel Latif, Julia L. Mullen, Manar Alkuzweny, Emory Huffbauer, Ginger Tsueng, Emily Haag, Mark Zeller, Christine M. Aceves, Karina Zaiets, Marco Cano, Xinghua Zhou, Zhongchao Qian, Rachel Sattler, Nathaniel L. Matteson, Joshua I. Levy, Raphael T. C. Lee, Lucas Freitas, Sebastian Maurer-Stroh, GISAID Core and Curation Team, Marc A. Suchard, Chunlei Wu, Andrew I. Su, Kristian G. Andersen & Laura D. Hughes. *Nature Methods* (2023). doi: [10.1038/s41592-023-01769-3](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41592-023-01769-3)



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Summary


As of 3 September 2024 10:30 AM, **633** sequences in the **XEC** lineage have been detected since the lineage was identified:

location ↻	XEC found		when found **	
	total	cumulative prevalence *	first	last
Washington, United States	5	2%	26 Jul 2024	6 Sep 2024
Worldwide	633	1%	28 Jun 2024	10 Sep 2024
United States	102	< 0.5%	14 Jul 2024	8 Sep 2024
Oregon, United States	0	not detected		
Idaho, United States	0	not detected		

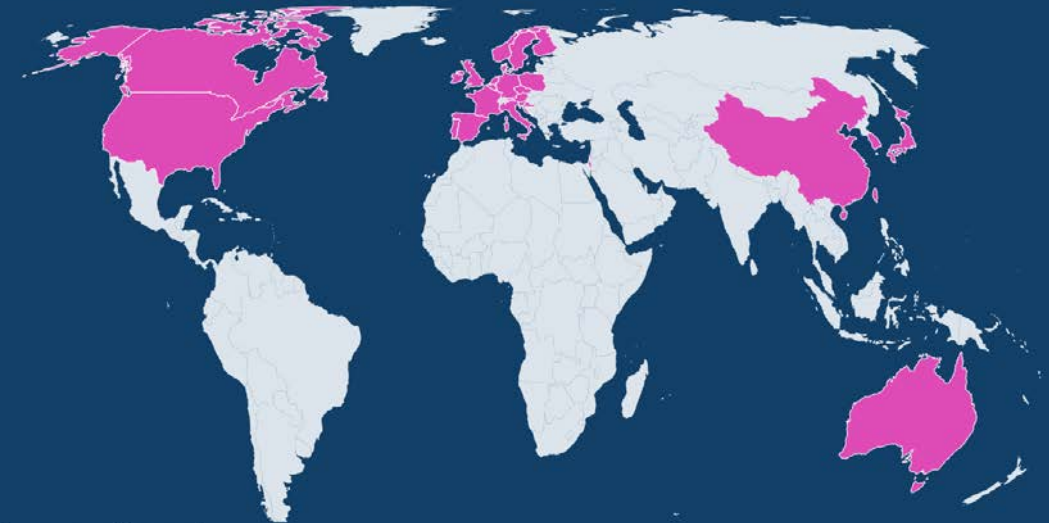
[view change over time](#)

[change locations](#)

* Apparent cumulative prevalence is the ratio of the sequences containing XEC to all sequences collected since the identification of XEC in that location. ** Dates are based on the sample collection date

 [Read about biases](#)

The strain has been detected in at least **28 countries** and **23 U.S. states**.



[view geographic prevalence](#)

Questions & Discussion

Reminder: NPAIHB vaccine-related resource materials are available at:

www.indiancountryecho.org/vaccinative

Vaccinative

Handouts Videos PowerPoints

Social Media Toolkits Educational Flip Chart Are you a health provider?

Protecting One Another

To thrive our communities have worked hard to protect each member, including our most vulnerable. Today, one way we can protect ourselves and others is by getting vaccinated.

This site contains materials by Vaccinative - a national alliance of Elders, clinicians, and public health professionals dedicated to sharing accurate vaccine information for Native people by Native people.

To learn more about the [Vaccinative Alliance](#) or if you have questions, email us at Vaccinative@npaihb.org.

Physical copies of our materials are available to order at [Native Health Resources](#).

VACCINATIVE
Vaccination information for Natives by Natives



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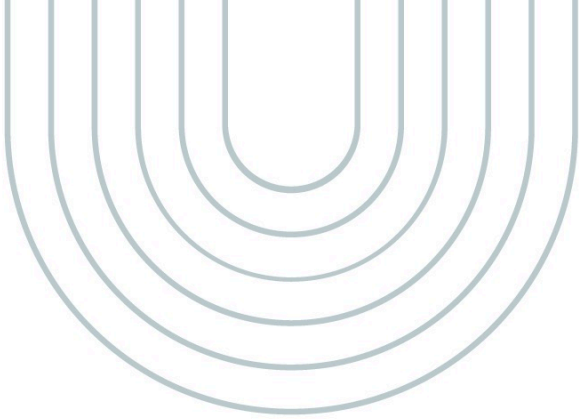


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REGIONAL SPECIALTY REFERRAL CENTER





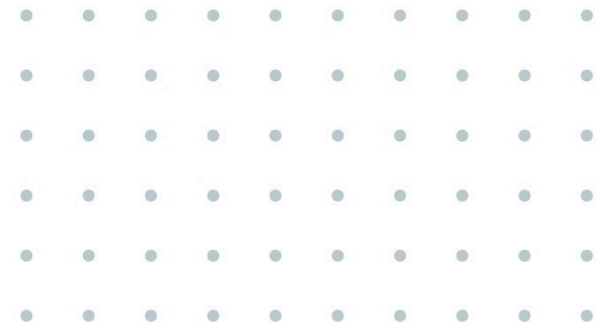
P.L. 93-638 Contract

The project will be designed, constructed, and federally operated in accordance with the Program Justification Document and Program of Requirements approved and signed by IHS Headquarters.

PURPOSE

The project aims to demonstrate the benefits of regionalized specialty care and establish planning criteria for future facilities.

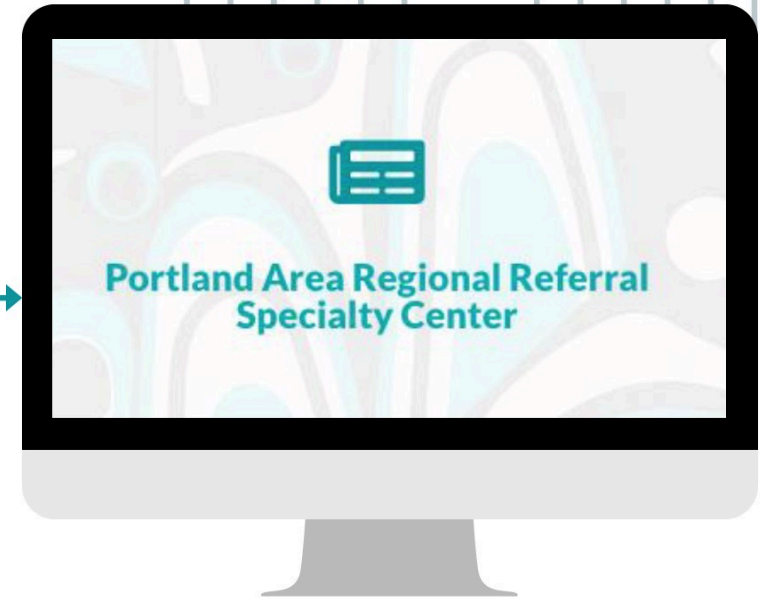
The facility is projected to be the first of three in the region.





NPAIHB Website

The NPAIHB Policy website has up to date RSRC resources and documents



RESOURCES



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House *Defeats* Continuing Appropriations Resolution

- H.R. 9494, the "Continuing Appropriations and Others Matters Act, 2025"
- Defeated in a 202 to 220 full House of Representatives vote
- Division A – Stopgap spending provisions
- Division B - "Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act"



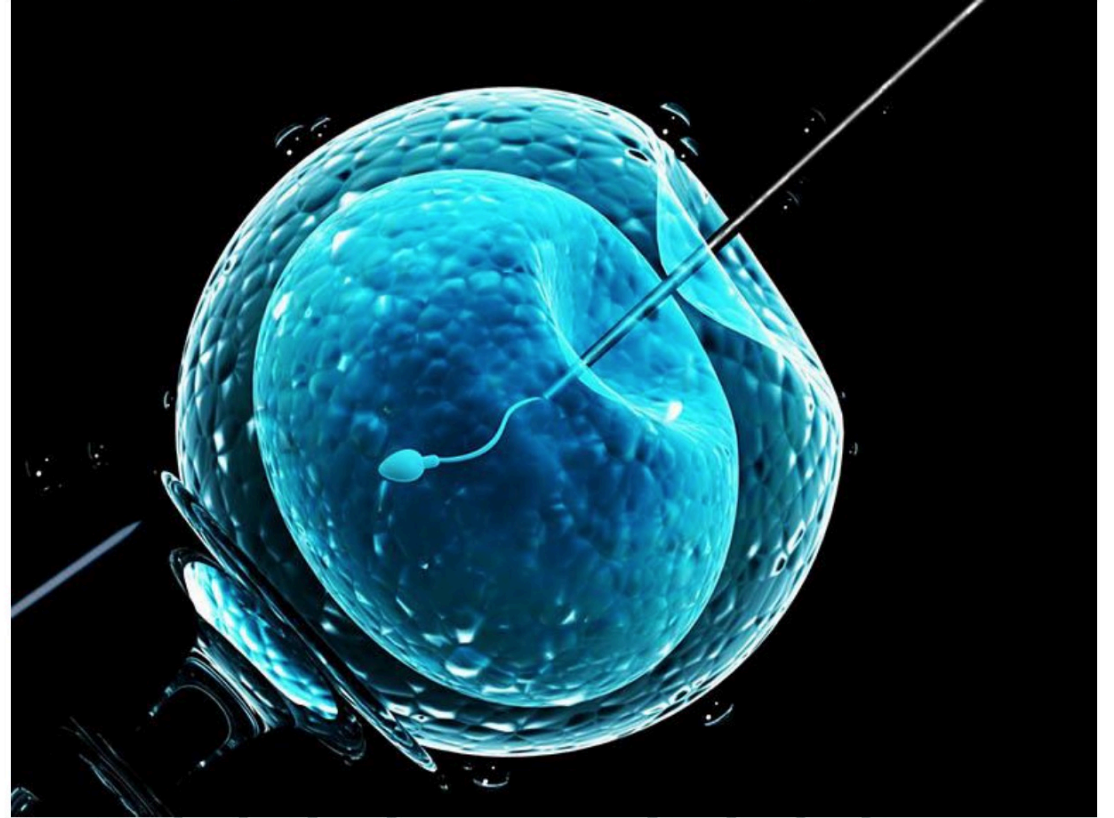
Veterans' Benefits Bill (H.R. 9468)

The House and Senate passed the supplemental appropriations bill that would fill a ~\$3 billion gap in veterans' benefits funding.



Defeated IVF Protections Measure (S. 4445)

On September 17, senators failed to achieve the required 60 affirmative votes, on the motion to proceed to consideration of legislation that would expand access to and coverage of in vitro fertilization (IVF) protections.



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Health Bills Passed

- Passed 14 bills from the House Energy and Commerce Committee
 - H.R. 6033
 - H.R. 6160
 - H.R. 7208
 - H.R. 7213
 - H.R. 7218
 - H.R. 7858



Washington Tribal Leaders

STAC Update



CHEF: Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund



Section 202(d), of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)

The final rule will be effective October 29, 2024. The final rule is available on the *Federal Registrar's* website at: <https://federalregister.gov/d/2024-19421>.

The purpose of CHEF is to meet the extraordinary medical costs associated with the treatment of victims of disasters or catastrophic illnesses who are within the responsibility of the Service.

Establishing an initial cost threshold to access CHEF reimbursement at \$19,000 means more cases will now be eligible for reimbursement, which will expand access to health care in Indian Country.

Section 202(d), of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)

IHS will hold virtual training sessions to notify Federal and Tribal PRC program staff of the new requirements. The virtual CHEF training sessions will be on October 10 and October 22. Registration is required.

October 10, 2024
11:00AM PST

October 22, 2024
11:00AM PST

North Star System



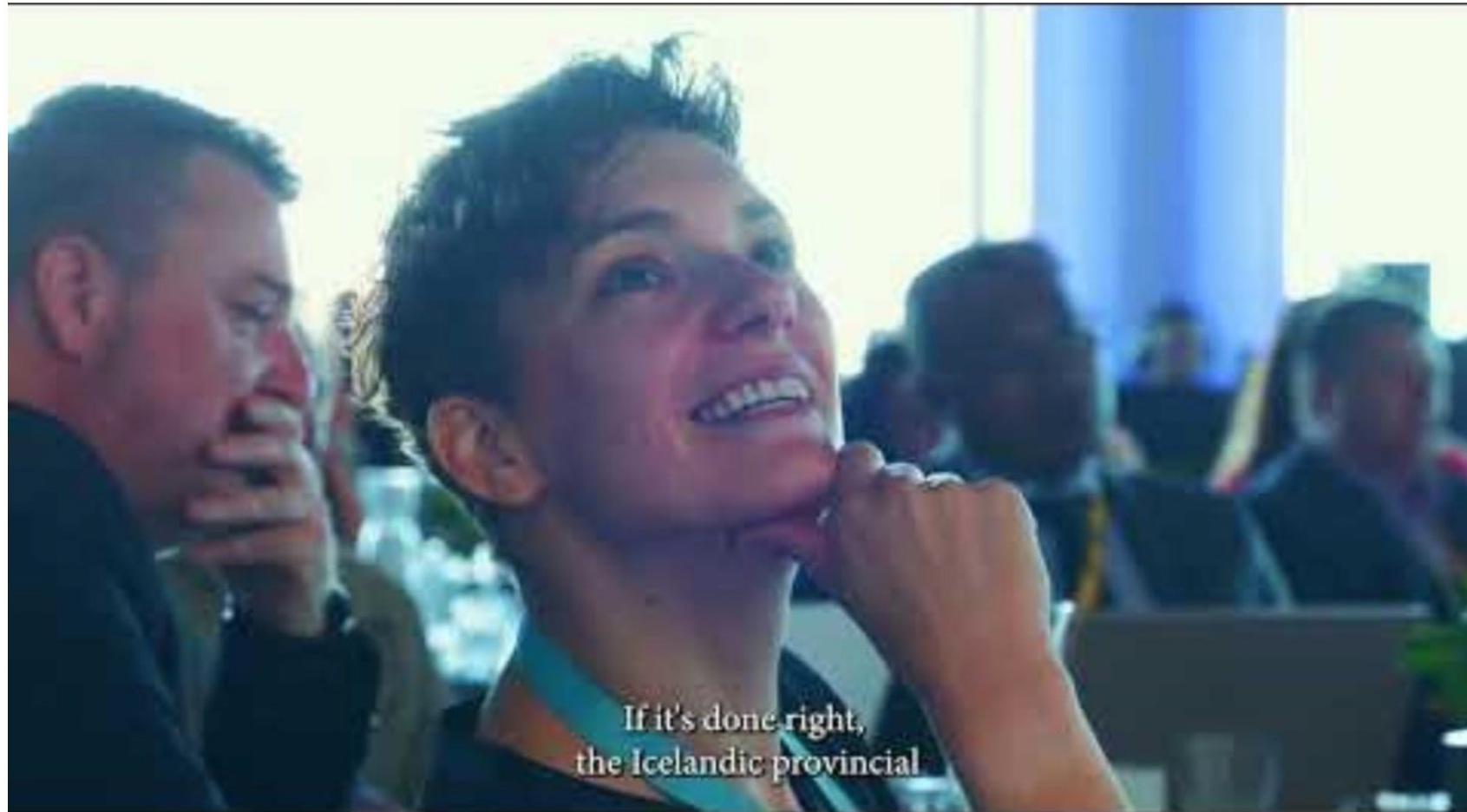
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Washington State Tribal Prevention System: North Star Systems

- In 2022 a Youth Delegation from Lummi visited Iceland
- In 2022 Centennial Accord first agreement to partner between the State & the Tribes formalized
- 2022 Governors Office DTLL asking for interested Tribal partners
- NPAIHB collected letters of support
- Tribal Leaders from the 5 Pilot Tribes, WA Governors Office, WA HCA, AIHC and NPAIHB witnessed :
 - youth engaging in healthy activities and resources driven by community
 - Multi-organizational and governmental collaborations
- This was all the result of the implementation of the Icelandic Prevention Model

North Star System



Washington State Tribal Prevention System: North Star Systems Funding

- WA HCA has given \$70k/pilot Tribe for contracting with Planet Youth
- Washington State Governor's Office and State Legislature has given \$1 million to stand up the program for the pilot Tribes and the State Government
- NPAIHB has signed the Strategic Planning and Data Hub contract with Planet Youth
 - o CDC has funded NPAIHB as the planning and data hub for 5 years

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2025 Policy Priorities Survey



ATNI 2024 Annual
Conference: Ridgefield, WA
September 29 – October 3

HHS Region X Tribal
Quarterly Call: Virtual
October 3

**Upcoming
Regional & National
Meetings**

Facilities Appropriation
Advisory Board (FAAB):
Virtual
October 8 - 9

FY 2027 National Tribal
Budget Formulation Process
& Area Instructions: Webinar
October 9

Upcoming Consultation, Listening Sessions, Written Comments

ACL National Plan
on Aging

**Comments Due:
September 15**

CMS Long Term
Supports &
Services Tribal
Listening Session

**September 26,
11:00am**

HHS Tribal Data
Access Policy and
HHS Tribal
Epidemiology
Center
Consultation

**October 1,
12:00PM**

Save-the-Dates

2025 Quarterly Board Meetings

January 13 – 16, 2025; Location: TBD

April 21 – 24, 2025; Location: TBD

July 14 – 17, 2025; Location: TBD

October 13 – 16, 2025; Location: TBD

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Cindy Darcy's D.C.
Legislative Updates

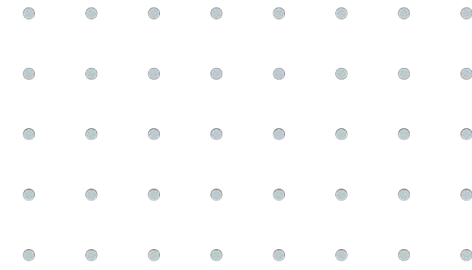
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via Zoom (4th Tuesday)

NPAIHB POLICY RESOURCES

Quarterly Board Meeting
Update

Quarterly



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