



December 15, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announce an upcoming consultation that will convene leaders from tribal nations, CDC, and ATSDR:

CDC/ATSDR Tribal Consultation
February 9, 2023, 4:00–5:00 pm (EST)

The consultation will occur virtually via Zoom after the commencement of the 25th Biannual CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting. To register, please use the registration [form](#) to generate a unique personalized ID needed to access the meeting. The agenda will be available on the CDC Tribal Health website in early January 2023 at www.cdc.gov/tribal.

This tribal consultation will provide opportunities for leaders from tribal nations, CDC, and ATSDR to have a government-to-government discussion to advance CDC/ATSDR support for and collaboration with AI/AN tribal nations and to improve the health of AI/AN communities. Tribal nations, CDC, and ATSDR share many goals for AI/AN health, including assisting in eliminating the health disparities faced by AI/AN tribal nations; ensuring that access to critical health and human services and public health services is maximized to advance or enhance the social, physical, and economic status of AI/AN people; and promoting health equity for all Indian people and communities. To further advance these goals, CDC/ATSDR is conducting tribal consultation to receive input and guidance on strengthening relationships during the implementation of the [CDC Moving Forward Initiative](#).

Your input is very important to us as we work to improve CDC and ATSDR public health capacity, programs, and services and to strengthen partnerships with tribes and AI/AN community organizations. CDC and ATSDR remain committed to respecting tribal sovereignty while working together to leverage capacity, expertise, and resources to achieve the greatest impact on the health issues affecting AI/AN communities.

Elected tribal officials are encouraged to submit written tribal testimony by **5:00 pm (EST) on February 24, 2023**, by email to CDC's Tribal Support mailbox, tribalsupport@cdc.gov, or by mail at the following address:



Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances
Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support
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We look forward to the consultation and hope you will be able to participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Philip", is located below the word "Sincerely,".

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