



October 7, 2019

Dear Tribal Leader,

On behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, I am pleased to announce the opening of the David J. Sencer CDC Museum exhibit, *Changing Winds: Public Health and Indian Country*. This exhibit celebrates the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives to public health by featuring success stories from tribal nations that developed innovative solutions to address public health concerns.

Tribal nations are active and important contributors to public health. Aligning good health and wellness with traditional activities is at the forefront of culture, language, and practices across American Indian and Alaska Native communities—both rural and urban. *Changing Winds* highlights how tribal nations are addressing modern day challenges to good health and wellness while using traditional tribal knowledge and practices. The stories collected for *Changing Winds* provide a glimpse into the diverse cultures and continuing challenges affecting tribal communities across the United States and demonstrate how tribal nations are solving the complex problems they face. The stories chosen for *Changing Winds* were selected from the submissions provided to the CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support's Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances and the CDC Museum.

Opening along with *Changing Winds* is an accompanying exhibit, *Roots of Wisdom: Native Knowledge. Shared Science*. This exhibit, organized by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, invites guests to understand the important issues that indigenous cultures face. It further helps guests discover innovative ways Native peoples are problem-solving and contributing to the ongoing sustainability of their tribal communities.

These special exhibits will be featured by the CDC Museum from September 21, 2019, through May 1, 2020. We invite you to visit the museum to experience all the exhibits have to offer. You can learn more about the exhibits and find information for planning your visit at www.cdc.gov/museum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "José T. Montero", with a horizontal line underneath.

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