

CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee Nominations

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) recognize their special commitment to and unique relationship with Indian tribes and are dedicated to fulfilling their critical role in promoting tribal health and safety. Established in 2005, the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) provides input and guidance on policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the health of Indian tribes.

The CDC/ASTDR TAC consists of 17 positions: one delegate (and one alternate) from each of the 12 Indian Health Service areas, and one delegate (and one alternate) for each of the 5 National At-Large Member (NALM) positions.

Vacancies

CDC/ATSDR is currently seeking nominations for **delegates** to represent the following areas:

- **Nashville Area**
- **Portland Area**

Additionally, the CDC/ATSDR TAC is recruiting for 9 vacant **alternate** positions to represent the following areas:

- **Albuquerque Area**
- **California Area**
- **Portland Area**
- **(4) National At-Large Tribal Member**
- **Billings Area**
- **Nashville Area**

Alternates are not required to be affiliated with the same tribe as the delegate. For more details of the alternate role, please see the [TAC Charter](#).

TAC Functions

The term length for each TAC seat is two years. TAC functions are described in the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee Charter at https://www.cdc.gov/tribal/documents/tac/TAC_Charter_Final.pdf. More information about the TAC, including current members and past and upcoming meetings, is available at www.cdc.gov/tribal/consultation-support/tac/index.html.

Eligibility

Delegates must be elected officers of a tribal government or a designated representative acting in their official capacity, with authority to act on behalf of the tribe. TAC delegates must be qualified to represent the views of the Indian tribes in the area from which they are nominated.

Nomination Procedures

Candidates must be nominated by an elected tribal leader via a nomination letter. The nomination letter must be on tribal letterhead and signed by an elected tribal leader. Alternatively, candidates can submit a tribal resolution, signed by the highest-level tribal council member and tribal secretary, clearly identifying the nominee as an elected official. The required information to nominate a delegate is provided in the attached nomination letter template.

Please send an email with the nomination letter attached to tribalsupport@cdc.gov by **Friday, March 15, 2024**.

Selection Process

The TAC's designated federal official and executive secretary (selected by CDC) are responsible for the final selection of TAC delegates. Eligible nominees will be considered in the following priority order:

1. Tribal president/chairperson/governor
2. Tribal vice president/vice chairperson/lieutenant governor
3. Elected or appointed tribal official
4. Designated tribal official

If more than one delegate is nominated at the same priority level, letters of support from regional or national tribal organizations will be taken into consideration.

CDC and ATSDR will support the delegates' travel to attend in-person meetings, typically held twice a year. If a delegate cannot attend, CDC and ATSDR will pay for the authorized representative to attend. The agencies expect to notify nominators and nominees about delegate selections by **Friday, March 15, 2024**.

Please contact the Office for Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances at tribalsupport@cdc.gov with any questions.