

Indian Health Service All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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Opening Remarks



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IHS Incident Command Structure



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Incident Command Structure

ICS Check-In: Tuesday & Thursday
10:00 AM (:30)

Agenda:

1. Vaccine Administration
2. High Bar/Hot Topics
3. Area Reports

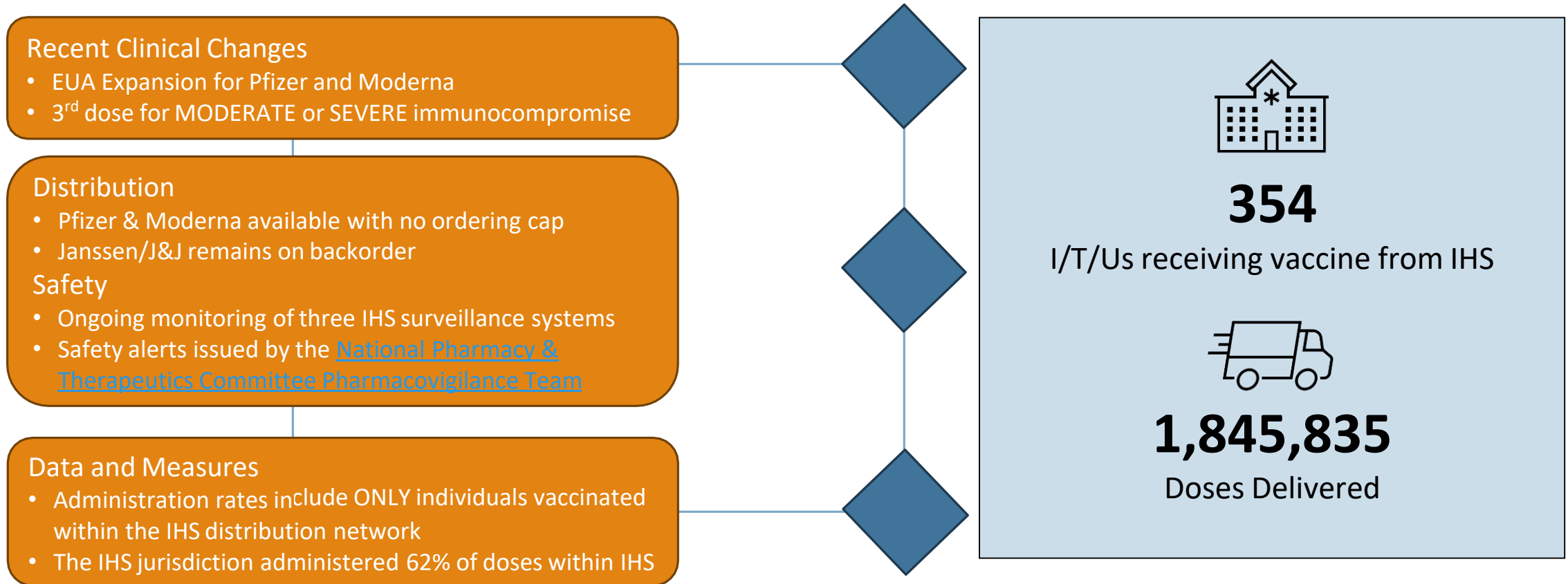


IHS COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force Update

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IHS Vaccine Task Force Activity



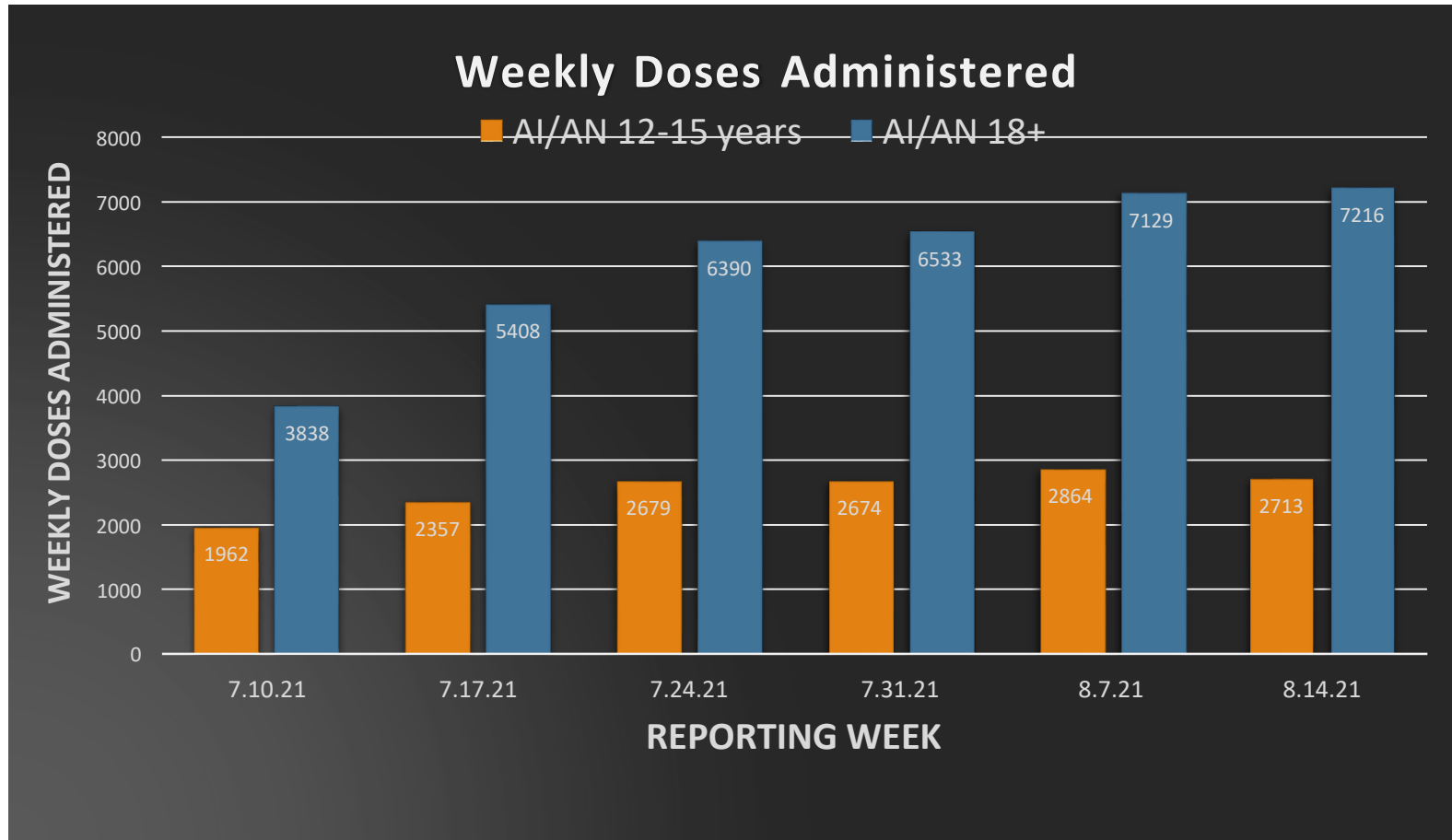
 **Over 1.53 Million Doses Administered!** 

American Indian/Alaska Native Vaccination Rates

- For I/T/Us that selected the IHS jurisdiction for vaccine distribution (Data Reflective of 8/15/21)
- AI/AN Adults
 - **At least 1 dose = 58.5%**
 - An increase of 3.4% since July 4, 2021
 - **Fully vaccinated 48.9%**
 - An increase of 2.3% since July 4, 2021
- AI/AN Adolescents 12-15 years old
 - **At least 1 dose = 33.6%**
 - An increase of 12.5% since July 4, 2021
 - **Fully vaccinated 22.7%**
 - An increase of 8.3% since July 4, 2021



Significant Trends – Increased Uptake



AI/AN Adults (18 years+)

- Weekly vaccinations are trending up in the past 6 weeks
 - 88% increase

AI/AN Adolescents (12-15 years)

- Increased uptake in adolescents, but lower rate of increase than adults
 - 38% increase



Anticipated Changes

Emergency Use Authorization Possible Expansions

- Booster doses
 - FDA and CDC are monitoring the need and incoming information weekly
- Adolescents
 - Moderna application for adolescents 12-17 years submitted, awaiting review
- Pediatrics
 - Pfizer and Moderna seeking approval as early as September/October
- Full Licensure of Vaccine
 - Pfizer seeking approval, licensure possible as early as September



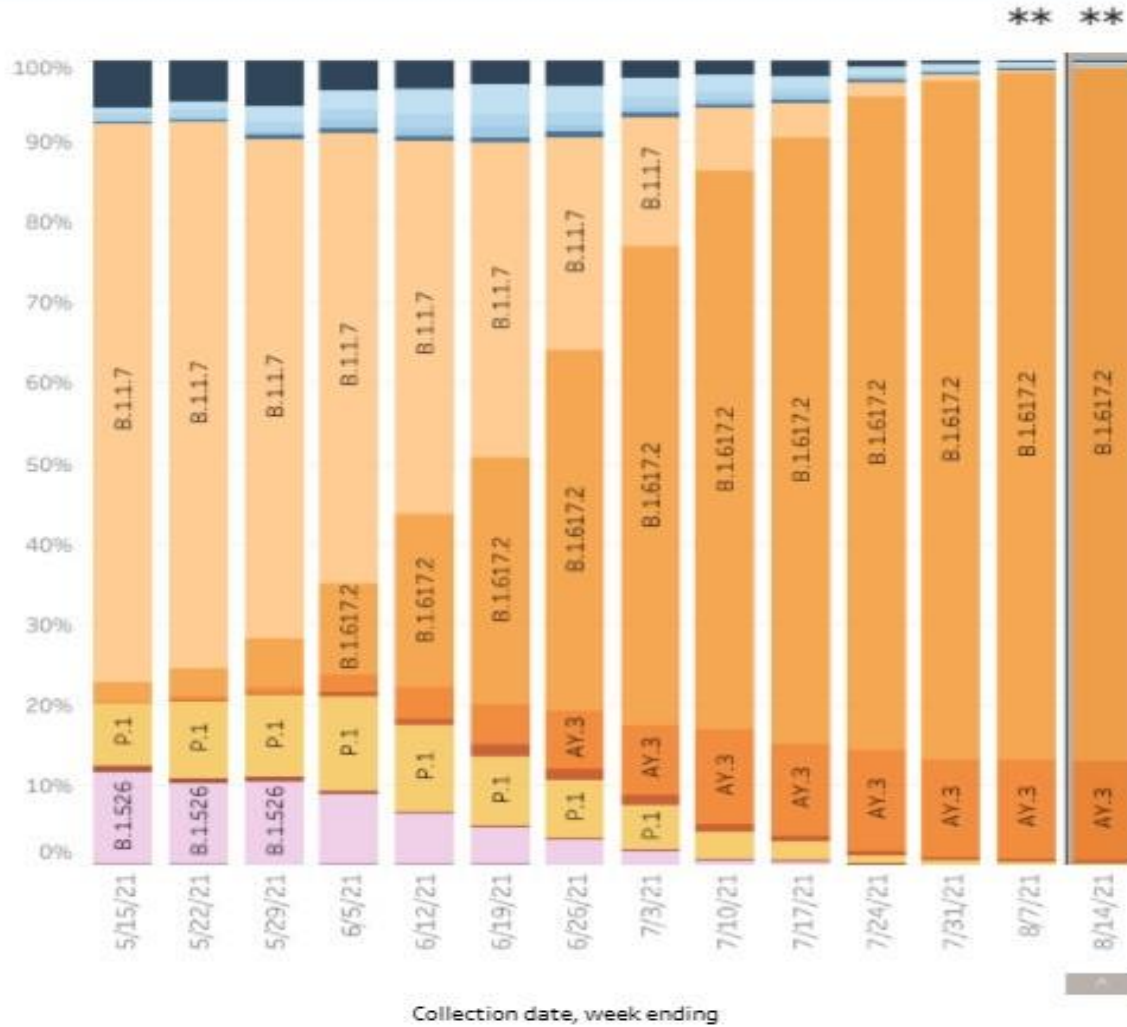
Variants

Delta-B.1.617.2

- Spreads much faster
 - As much as 2 times more contagious
- Unvaccinated people remain the greatest concern
 - Severe illness, hospitalization and death
- Treatments
 - Certain monoclonal antibody treatments are less effective
- Fully vaccinated individuals can still get COVID, but less often (<10% of cases)
 - If vaccinated individuals do get COVID, it is less severe
- Vaccines
 - Vaccines are highly effective against Delta, especially severe outcomes



United States: 5/9/2021 – 8/14/2021



Variants

Delta Variant

- Increased from less than 3% to over 80% of cases in approximately 2 months

Layered prevention strategies are needed

- Vaccination – highly effective
- Mask wearing indoors
- Hand washing
- Social distancing



Thank You!



ICS System Support



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Public Information & Resources

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COVID-19 Public Engagement Tools

□ www.ihs.gov/vaccines

Let's Reach Community Immunity!

□ wecandothis.hhs.gov

We Can Do This!

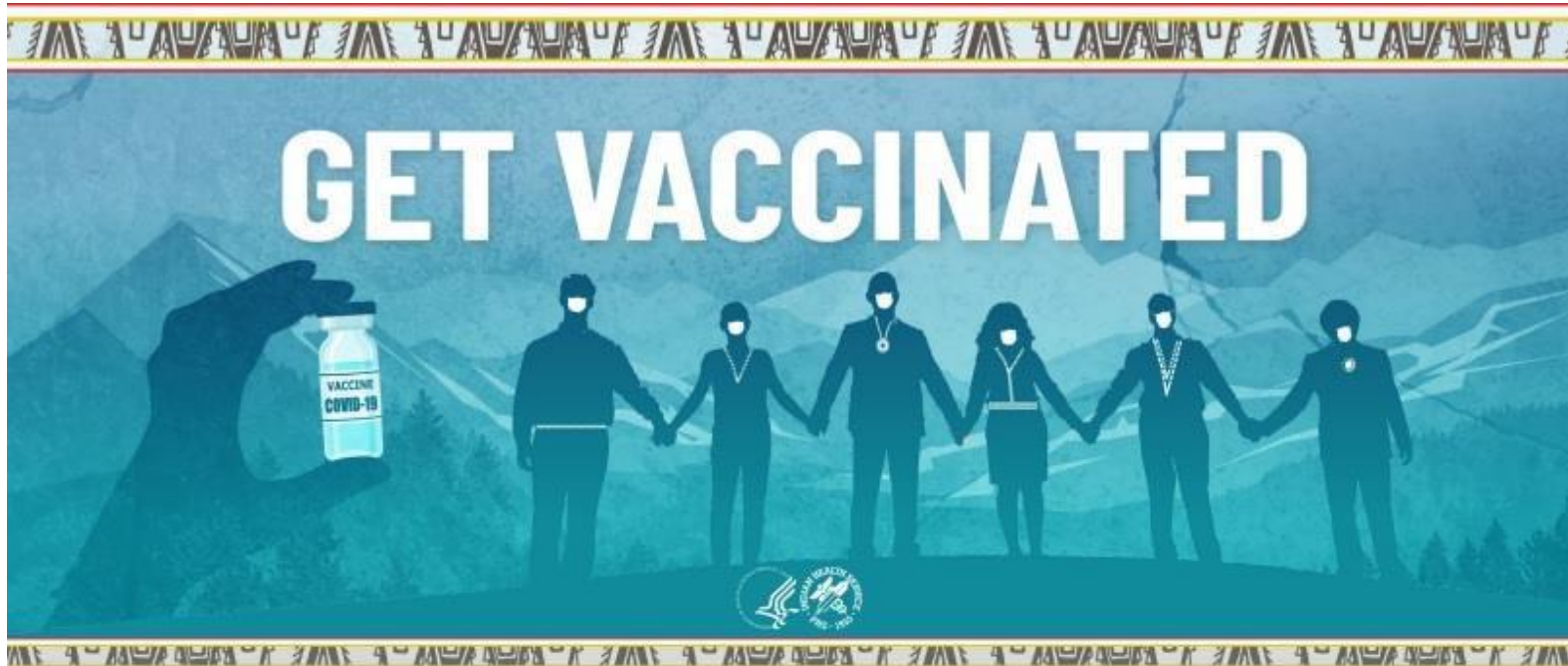
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COVID Community Corps

□ www.cdc.gov



Let's Reach Community Immunity!



The COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and it may not be over for a while. There are three easy ways to help your community reach immunity.

1. Get vaccinated.

- No matter which vaccine you get, all available COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing serious and potentially deadly effects from COVID-19 while also lowering your chances of infection with the virus.
- Most clinics are now able to provide vaccines for everyone 12 years of age and older.

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PROTECT
YOURSELF. YOUR FAMILY. YOUR ELDERERS.

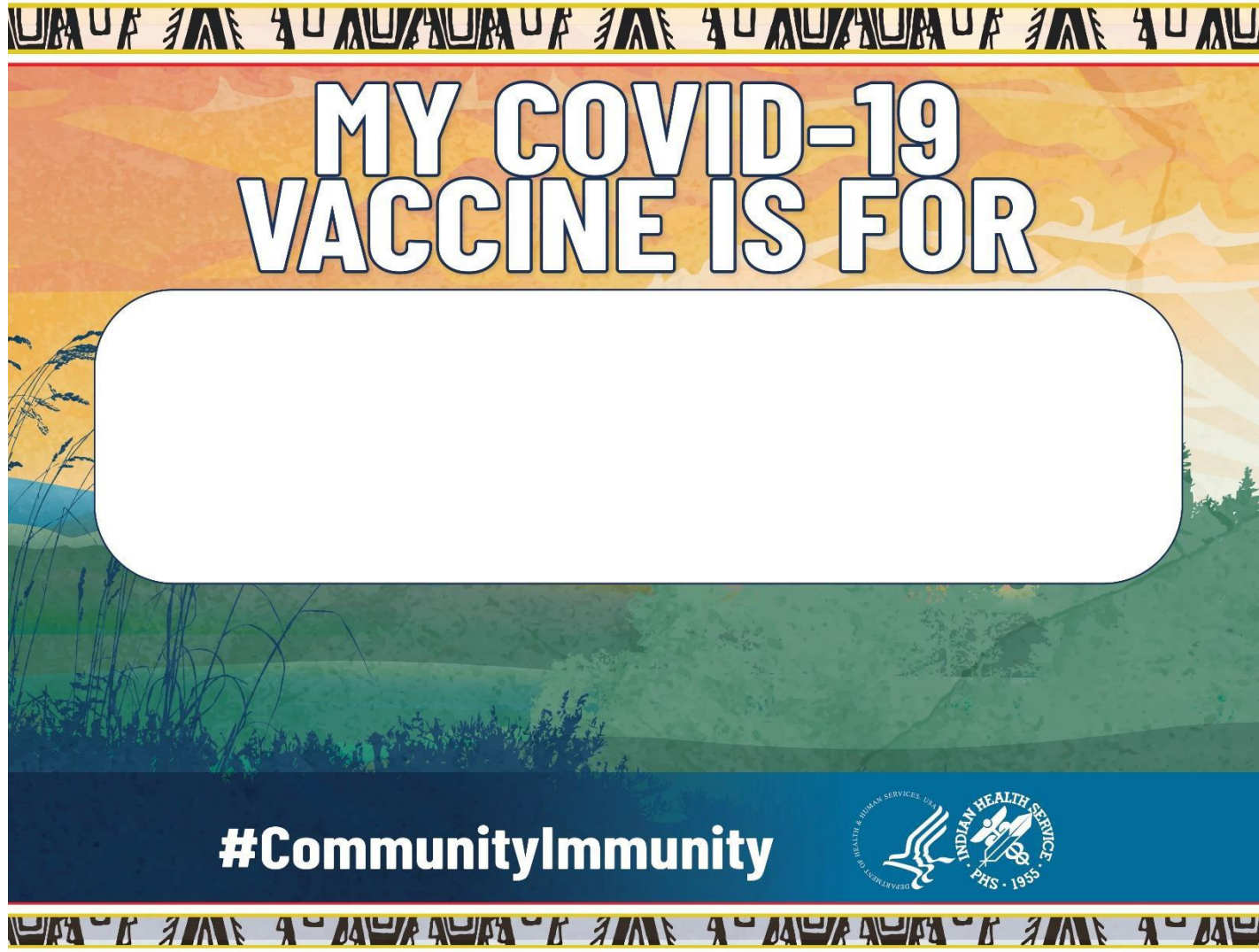
GET VACCINATED

Myths about the COVID Vaccine

MYTH: *Getting the vaccine will give you COVID.*

FACT: This is absolutely false. To become ill with COVID, there must be contact with the coronavirus. None of the vaccines available contain coronaviruses so they don't have what is needed to cause infection. Building up immunity takes

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We Can Do This!



We Have To Protect Our People



Toolkit has resources for American Indian and Alaska Native tribal and urban leaders who want to help increase confidence

COVID-19 Community Corps

As a Corps member, you'll get resources to help you build vaccine confidence in your community, including:

- ❑ Fact sheets on vaccine safety, tips on how to talk with friends and family about the importance of vaccination, and hints for planning and attending community events
- ❑ Social media content to share with your followers
- ❑ Regular email updates with the latest vaccine news and resources to share

CDC Resources

Tribal Communities: Plan, Prepare, and Respond

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/tribal/



For Tribal Community
Members and Leaders

What Tribal Communities Need to Know
About COVID-19 Vaccines

Multi-generational and Shared Housing

Social Distancing and Coping for Tribal
Communities



For Tribal Partners (Federal
Agencies, Health Departments,
and States)

CDC COVID-19 STLT Funding Update 
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State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Health
Department Resources Search

Considerations, Recommendations, and
Guidance Documents During COVID-19

Resources

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Questions & Answers

