Indian Health Service
All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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Welcome

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2019 Novel Coronavirus Update

- On January 31, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to 2019 novel coronavirus.

- While this situation poses a very serious public health threat, the CDC believes the immediate risk to the U.S. public continues to be low at this time.

- The IHS will continue to follow our normal policies and procedures for evaluation and treatment of respiratory illnesses.
IHS Update

• 105(l) Lease Payments
  • Dear Tribal Leader Letter, January 22
  • Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader Letter, January 22

• Notice of Purchased/Referred Care Delivery Area Designations for Six Virginia Tribes
  • Federal Register Notice

Goal 3: Management and Operations, Obj. 3.1: Improve communication within the organization with Tribes, UIOs, and other stakeholders, and with the general public
Student Opportunities – Deadline Reminders

• IHS Externship Program – February 26
• IHS Scholarship Program – February 28
• IHS Dental Externship Program – February 29

The IHS Scholarship Program is Now Accepting Applications
Apply by February 28, 2020 www.ihs.gov/scholarship

Goal 1: Access to Care, Obj. 1.3: Increase access to quality health care services
Substance Use Warmline

• The warmline is a free, confidential tele-consultation service that delivers expert recommendations regarding substance use disorder treatment and provides on-demand, tailored clinical guidance to health care providers of all experience levels

• It is available to all providers practicing in IHS, tribal, and urban facilities

**CLINICIAN-TO-CLINICIAN**

**Substance Use Warmline**
(855) 300-3595

9 am - 8 pm Eastern (Mon-Fri)
Submit cases online: nccc.ucsf.edu

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Job Vacancies

• **Director, Office of Urban Indian Health Programs**
  
  • The deadline to apply is March 4.

• **Chief Executive Officer, White Earth Service Unit in Minnesota**
  
  • The deadline to apply is February 17.

Goal 1: Access to Care; Obj. 1.1: Recruit, develop, and retain a dedicated, competent, and caring workforce
Recent Events

• January 29: First IHS meeting with the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana

• January 29: Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

Meeting with the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Recent Events

• January 23-24: Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. Video

• January 14: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board’s quarterly board meeting

U.S. Surgeon General, Vice Adm. Jerome Adams, MD meets with IHS leaders and TSGAC members

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board quarterly board meeting

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Many of you may have seen the December 31, 2019, Wall Street Journal article titled “Rx for Ailing Indian Health Service: Changes in Spending, Recruitment.”

- Budget Increase
- Allocation of Funding
- Repurpose Facilities
- Modernizing Credentialing System
- Reform HR
**Upcoming Events**

**February 6-7:** [HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting](#) - Washington, DC  
**February 11:** [National Congress of American Indians, Executive Council Winter Session](#) - Washington, DC  
**February 11-12:** [Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting](#) - Arlington, VA  
**February 12:** Administration for Children & Families, Native American Grantee Meeting - Arlington, VA  
**February 13-14:** [FY 2022 National Tribal Budget Formulation Work Session](#) - Arlington, VA  
**February 25-27:** [National Indian Health Board Annual Board Meeting and 1st Quarter Board Meeting](#) - Washington, DC
Upcoming Events

March All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

Thursday, March 5, 2020
3:30-4:30 p.m. EST

Conference Call #: 800-857-5577
Participant Passcode: 6703929
Webinar Adobe Connect: https://ihs.cosocloud.com/r4k6jib09mj
Participant Password: ihs123

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