



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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Dear Tribal Leader:

As part of our role within the White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other federal departments and agencies of the WHCNA Health Committee including the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Interior, and the Department of Veteran Affairs invite you to participate in a Nation-to-Nation dialogue on the ongoing COVID-19 response.

The dialogue will inform the work of the WHCNA Health Committee to develop expeditiously an interagency plan to improve health systems and infrastructure to better address the ongoing COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and prepare for future Public Health Emergencies in Indian Country.

I invite you to join us for a two-day virtual Nation-to-Nation dialogue to share your input, recommendations, and perspectives on how federal resources and assistance can best support Tribes' response to Public Health Emergencies and improve health systems across Indian Country. The virtual dialogue will also provide a valuable opportunity for federal agencies to share information about existing resources, including those newly created through COVID supplemental funding, and to demonstrate their coordinated inter-agency response.

Nation-to-Nation dialogue dates, times, and virtual platforms are included below.

In addition, if you would like to submit written comments and recommendations on the mandatory funding approaches, please submit comments by **Friday, November 5, 2021**. You can submit written comments via email at consultation@hhs.gov.

NATION-TO-NATION DIALOGUE (VIRTUAL):

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 2:00 – 4:00 PM EST

Zoom Information: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1615053809>

Telephone: 833 568 8864 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 161 505 3809

Thursday, October 28, 2021 @ 2:00 – 4:00 PM EST

Zoom Information: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1604527474>

Telephone: 833 568 8864 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 160 452 7474

Thank you for your support and partnership as we work together to enhance public health emergency response in Indian Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Xavier Becerra", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Xavier Becerra