



Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC)  
Atlanta GA 30333

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Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), I invite you to join and submit testimony to this upcoming meeting that will convene leaders from tribal nations, CDC, and ATSDR:

**CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting**

**August 4, 2021, 12:00–6:00 pm (EDT)**

**August 5, 2021, 12:00–3:00 pm (EDT)**

The meeting will be held virtually through Zoom. **To register for the CDC/ATSDR TAC Meeting, please use our [registration form](#).** The agenda will be available on the CDC Tribal Health website in early summer at [www.cdc.gov/tribal](http://www.cdc.gov/tribal). (Please note: CDC will also be holding Tribal Consultation after the conclusion of the CDC/ATSDR TAC Meeting; The Tribal Consultation is tentatively scheduled for August 5 at 3:00-7:00 pm (EDT); more information will be sent soon.)

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Biannual TAC Meeting will provide opportunities for tribal leaders to hear about the public health issues affecting their tribal nation. These topics will include, but are not limited to, discussions on tribal priorities for CDC and ATSDR, the COVID-19 pandemic response, and CIO programmatic highlights. We look forward to productive discussions about these critical topics.

Tribes also will have an opportunity to present formal testimony about tribal health issues. Enclosed, you will find guidance to assist you in developing your testimony for submission. This guidance is also located on the CDC Tribal website. Your testimony is highly valued and assists in strengthening our work together. **All tribal leaders are encouraged to submit written testimony by 5:00 pm (EDT), Tuesday, August 3, 2021,** to Captain Karen Hearod, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances, Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, via mail to 4770 Buford Highway, Mailstop E-70, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717, or by email at [TribalSupport@cdc.gov](mailto:TribalSupport@cdc.gov). Based on the number of tribal leaders giving verbal testimony and the time available, it may be necessary to limit the time for each presenter.

For more information about the upcoming CDC/ATSDR TAC Meeting, please contact Commander Jenna Meyer at [kuy2@cdc.gov](mailto:kuy2@cdc.gov) or 404-394-5870.

Your input is very important to us as we work to improve tribal access to CDC and ATSDR programs and services and to strengthen partnerships with tribes and American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) community organizations. CDC and ATSDR remain committed to respecting tribal sovereignty, while working together to leverage capacity, expertise, and resources to achieve the greatest impact on the health issues affecting AI/AN communities.

Sincerely,

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