



Resources For K-12 School Initiatives during COVID-19

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Natives and Schools General Information

Reopening America's Schools

On July 24, the CDC released [new science-based resources and tools](#) for school administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and caregivers when schools open this fall. The guidance is written to reflect the latest scientific evidence regarding COVID-19 in children and the harms from school closures. Further description of the scientific evidence used by the CDC, including an extensive series of references, can be found in this CDC article: [The Importance of Reopening America's Schools this Fall](#)

You can find further detailed materials from the CDC here:

[Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020](#)

[Screening K-12 Students for Symptoms of COVID-19: Limitations and Considerations School Decision-Making Tool for Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians](#)

[Back to School Planning: Checklists to Guide Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers](#)

[Guidance for K-12 School Administrators on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings in Schools](#)

School Choice Takes on New Meaning as HHS's Dr. McCance-Katz says "Reopen & Let Parents Decide How to Educate Their Kids":

Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use (SAMHSA) Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz wrote an op-ed that appeared in USA Today titled, "[Reopen Schools and Let Parents Decide How to Educate Their Children in the COVID Pandemic.](#)" Her article focuses on how children can be harmed by the lack of the education, nutrition, and mental health care services that are offered in-person in schools.

COVID-19 Response & Best Practices

The White House released a readout from the [Vice President's Governors Briefing on COVID-19 Response & Best Practices](#) yesterday. Vice President Pence provided an update on COVID-19 response and discussed best practices with our Nation's governors on limiting Coronavirus spread, including encouraging Americans to adhere to state and local guidelines and to wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Employee Health and Food Safety Checklist for Human and Animal Food Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic

FDA and OSHA are providing this [checklist for FDA-regulated human and animal food operations to use when assessing operations during the COVID-19 pandemic](#), especially when re-starting operations after a shut down or when reassessing

operations because of changes due to the COVID-19 public health emergency caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2.

[Michigan Reopening Plan](#)

This link leads to an example of reopening plan including phases of severity for COVID-19 in schools.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/whitmer/MI_SAFE_START_PLAN_689875_7.pdf

[M.L.S. in Indigenous Peoples Law](#)

The M.L.S. in Indigenous Peoples Law is an online, 33-credit hour graduate degree that can be completed in 15 months. This program offers a strong foundation in Native American Law for non-lawyers who deal with contracts, negotiations or any other issues that demand knowledge of Native American policy, regulation or business practice.

https://www.oulawonline.com/programs/mls-in-indigenous-peoples/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Display&utm_campaign=Interests&fbclid=IwAR3w44d69mHUnaqk05dOtVZxTmLLz3bftwgojZvqb9uoPHzy_3RY49-rU8A

[SUNY Empire State College Launches First-in-the-Nation Program to Recognize Indigenous Knowledge as Pathway to College Credit, Certificate Will Address Indigenous Issues and Perspectives in Modern Social Justice Movements, Enhance Cross-Cultural Communication Skills. Program is Available 100% Online and Enrollment is Open for Fall 2020.](#)

<https://www.esc.edu/news/releases/2020/college-credit-for-indigenous-knowledge.php?fbclid=IwAR081iZ7HwCXLy5EnQgvaniTyFfitlnhzhqFQle4zbxAaw4z8oa8fbtkz9Y>

[\\$1.4 Million Grant to Improve Youth Literacy](#)

A team of UNC Greensboro researchers, tribal nation leaders, and national community organizations have been awarded a \$1.4 million Institute of Museum and Library Services grant to increase access to literacy resources and libraries for Native American children and families.

<https://news.uncg.edu/1-4-million-grant-youth-literacy/?fbclid=IwAR3PzFR-iMBbhYLmXtsYlt7DRvTLU-1ncUri2W-tSFtINUbcAl7ypXx3fXM>

[Native Americans in Philanthropy is thrilled to launch our 2020 Youth Art Contest, centered on the theme 'Be A Good Relative'](#)

We're inviting Indigenous youth from around the country to submit a piece of artwork that speaks to this theme, illustrating what being a good relative means to them on any scale: as a family member, friend, community member, or citizen of the world. The 2020 Youth Art Contest is open to young Indigenous artists ages 5-24 years old and gives them the opportunity to win the following prizes.

<https://nativephilanthropy.org/youth-art-contest/>

Telehealth

Supporting Telehealth Innovation

Last week, the White House hosted a virtual “[Roundtable Discussion on Embracing Technology and Telehealth](#)” with CMS Administrator Seema Verma, Director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and Deputy Assistant to the President Brad Smith, and healthcare leaders from across the country. At the event, the White House launched the Pledge to Embrace Technology to Advance America’s Health in order to reassure patients, providers, and payers that telehealth is here to stay and will be covered over the long term. The response has been incredible, and already more than 50 of America’s leading healthcare stakeholders have enthusiastically committed to continue the expansion of telehealth coverage and adoption.

WinterPromise Publishing

Get ready for an adventure as you learn about life in America from its Native American culture, to its discovery by Europeans and exciting growth as a nation. You’ll love our full color reading text that tells the stories of colonists and their work, the events that brought about the Revolutionary War, and how this young nation became a unified country. You’ll travel with pioneers and the Lewis and Clark Expedition as they travel west meeting Native Americans and the land that soon would become their home.

https://winterpromise.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SAMPLE_The_American_Story_Guide_2019_EBOOK.pdf

COVID-19

Resource Guide for Mental Health Providers During COVID-19:

<https://mhctcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-mhctc/product/resource-guide-mental-health>

National Council of Urban Indian Health: Has a COVID 19 resource center with the latest press releases and policy updates specifically for NA/IA:

<https://www.ncuih.org/index>

How to prevent the spread of COVID 19 in the home:

https://caih.jhu.edu/assets/documents/How_to_Prevent_the_Spread_of_Coronavirus_in_the_Home.pdf

Center for Disease Control: CDC data show disproportionate COVID-19 impact in American Indian/Alaska Native populations article and funding opportunities:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0819-covid-19-impact-american-indian-alaska-native.html>

Contact Tracing

[Federal Resources for COVID-19 Contact Tracing Staffing](#)

This fact sheet describes several ways health departments can access additional staffing for COVID-19 contact tracing, including through State Service Commissions and AmeriCorps Programs, CDC, and FEMA.

TRAIN Opportunities for Public Health

[COVID-19 Training Resources](#)external icon

CDC's COVID-19 trainings are available on TRAIN, a national learning network that provides training opportunities to professionals who protect and improve the public's health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: School and Childcare Programs:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

CDC Considerations for K-12 Schools: Readiness and planning tool:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/School-Admin-K12-readiness-and-planning-tool.pdf>

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network: The Impact of Development Trauma in Communities of Color During the Pandemic

<https://www.nctsn.org/resources/the-impact-of-developmental-trauma-in-communities-of-color-during-the-pandemic>

COVID Funding Opportunities and grants:

National Indian Health Board: <https://www.nihb.org/covid-19/funding-opportunities>

ANA Administration for Native Americans: Grants and resources available for schools and community amidst COVID 19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/School-Admin-K12-readiness-and-planning-tool.pdf>

Rural Health Information Hub: Rural Tribal Health:

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/rural-tribal-health/funding>

Helping Pharmacists Help our Kids

We have talked before about how COVID-19 has kept parents from their pediatricians' offices with the resulting scary decrease in kids getting their childhood vaccines. Well, today HHS used an emergency authority to help address this by [issuing a third amendment](#) to the [Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act \(PREP Act\) to increase access to lifesaving childhood vaccines](#) and decrease the risk of vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks as children across the United States return to daycare, preschool and school. The amendment authorizes State-licensed pharmacists (and pharmacy interns acting under their supervision to administer vaccines, if the pharmacy intern is licensed or registered by his or her State board of pharmacy) to order and administer vaccines to individuals ages three through 18 years.

National Center Offering a Free Webinar on USDA Capital Loan Guarantee Program

Webinar to help tribes, tribal businesses, and small and native-owned businesses navigate the program to help meet capital needs during the pandemic

<https://mailchi.mp/ncaied/the-national-center-announces-business-and-industry-cares-act-webinar-1034328?fbclid=IwAR081iZ7HwCXLy5EnQgvanjTyFfitInhzhqFQIe4zbxAaw4z8oa8fbtkz9Y>

Mask Up Graphic

[This graphic](#) can be used on social media to promote mask-wearing.

The White House Prepared for a Pandemic

Dr. Zinberg and Mr. Philipson, who served in the White House's CEA, released an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal titled, ["The White House Prepared for a Pandemic."](#) discussing how a September 2019 report laid the groundwork for Operation Warp Speed.

FDA EUA for LumiraDx UK Ltd.'s SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test

This week the FDA granted an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for LumiraDx UK Ltd.'s LumiraDx SARS-CoV-2 Ag Test and [Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Brett P. Giroir, M.D., released a statement on the test](#). LumiraDx is a rapid point-of-care antigen test at is used with the LumiraDx Platform for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 directly from nasal swab specimens.

Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers

CDC updated information on managing [pediatric patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19](#).

COVID-19 in Newly Resettled Refugee Populations

CDC updated information for [refugees to the United States](#), especially those who are recently resettled, may be in living or working conditions that put them at risk of getting COVID-19.

Toolkit for General Public

CDC updated [guidance and tools anyone can use to protect themselves](#), their family and friends, and their community.

COVID-19 Contact Tracing Communications Graphics

CDC updated [COVID-19 contact tracing communications graphics](#) for health departments.

COVID-19 Among American Indian and Alaska Native Persons

CDC released an MMWR on [COVID-19 Among American Indian and Alaska Native Persons](#) from January 31 to July 3, 2020. American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) persons appear to be disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; however, limited data are available to quantify the disparity in COVID-19 incidence, severity, and outcomes among AI/AN persons compared with those among other racial/ethnic groups. In 23 states with adequate race/ethnicity data, the cumulative incidence of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 among AI/AN persons was 3.5 times that among non-Hispanic white persons. A large percentage of missing data precluded analysis of some characteristics and outcomes. CDC also released a press release in response to this MMWR on the [more than \\$200 million provided to address COVID-19 health disparities in Indian Country](#).

Health

[Considerations for Selecting Respirators for Your Health Care Facility](#)

In accordance with CDC [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators](#), this flowchart and the information below illustrates which Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) applies to specific respirator types and provides links to information on performance factors for each type to [consider when selecting respirators for use in health care facilities in the United States](#).

[Manufacturing and Distributing Respirators for Health Care Use in the United States Under an Existing EUA During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

FDA updated a [flowchart that provides information on manufacturing and distributing respirators](#) for health care use in the United States under an existing emergency use authorization (EUA) during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

[The NBCC Minority Fellowship Program Is Now Accepting Applications for the 2021 Academic Year!](#)

Are you or someone you know working towards a Master's degree in the addiction field & committed to working with underserved populations?

The [National Board of Certified Counselors \(NBCC\) Foundation](#) and [NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals](#), are pleased to announce the 2021 application period for the [National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors \(NBCC MFP-AC\)](#) is now open!

This program is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation in collaboration with NAADAC by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#). The program will administer up to 40 Master's degree-level counseling fellowships of \$15,000 for addictions counseling students, plus the travel expenses to participate in other program-related trainings.

Other

GRID Alternatives Tribal Solar Training Interest Form

GRID Alternatives' Tribal Program is offering paid solar training for two weeks for members of Tribal Nations. These training events will include paid lodging/transportation. If you would like to be considered for an upcoming training event, please respond to this questionnaire. Positions are limited, but applicant information will be saved for future training opportunities.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpEZEwxF6u91a5jK2POYsENmjOyCT4eY9TErikhVJj3mFUQ/viewform>

@catalina.leilani Tik Tok "Natives stand with BLM"

Short video via Tik Tok promoting the connection between Native people and the Black Lives Matter movement.

<https://www.facebook.com/1398240197/videos/10218217710699716/?extid=ASu7jiSe7hIU5DWm>

The National Center Announces 'Economic Resilience in the Face of COVID-19' Native Edge Institute

NEIs are signature National Center events that provide both established and aspiring business owners critical business training. While they typically take place in person, the National Center is committed to ensuring that attendees of this virtual NEI receive the same level of quality information they would in person. In Spokane, the National Center will bring together a small group to share their expertise, but their presentations will be webcast and free to the public. NEI Spokane is called 'Economic Resilience in the Face of COVID-19: How to Maneuver and Build Your Business During an Economic Downturn.'

<https://www.ncaied.org/post/the-national-center-announces-economic-resilience-in-the-face-of-covid-10-native-edge-institute?fbclid=IwAR0NjNLeYowpRcOtJVHCNffAdFX5QemUgP71jzV0wgjsaKPj5PvFm2IKmJc>

Miles for Hope: September 1-30

This year, instead of hosting five individual rides throughout New York and one in Texas, we will host a single event spanning the month of September and participation will be open across the United States. The slogan "Miles for Hope" represents the fact that there are multiple ways to participate, and that opens the door to a whole new audience! This September we will harness our collective energy and join together as ONE Team with ONE Mission - to make children safer.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/964281290680155/>

NativeLens.org

Rocky Mountain PBS & KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM are inviting Native and Indigenous storytellers of any age to share their own mini-documentaries! Submit your story today!

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10105657756986443&set=a.10100363811730173>

Two Navajo Sisters Who Were Inseparable Died of COVID Just Weeks Apart

Cheryl and Corrina Thinn were almost joined at the hip. The sisters, both members of the Navajo Nation, shared an office at Arizona's Tuba City Regional Health Care. Cheryl conducted reviews to make sure patients were receiving adequate care. Corrina was a social worker. Their desks were just inches apart...

<https://khn.org/news/two-navajo-sisters-who-were-inseparable-died-of-covid-just-weeks-apart/?fbclid=IwAR2wwgc4-RWZ1D5AWnqsyIOJ1Ulfh6qpZQQ2zYg8go6wyF8dH4TK62aMUcl>

@imnative_notasian Tik Tok about missing Native women

Short video via Tik Tok about violence against Native women.

<https://www.facebook.com/jaymie.littledog.106/videos/322496985790454>