

COVID-19 Pandemic Public Health Emergency Response

NPAIHB Incident Command System Report
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ICS RESPONSE TEAM

ICS ROLE	NPAIHB ICS TITLE	NPAIHB STAFF
Incident Commander	Incident Commander	Celeste
Assistant to IC	IC Coordinator	Holly
Liaison Officers	Oregon Liaison Officer	Candice
	Washington/AIHC Liaison Officer	Tam
	Idaho Liaison Officer	Jessica
	Policy Liaison Officer (ID, OR, & WA)	Veronica, Liz
Planning Section Chief	Planning & Information Coordinator	Victoria
Data Analysis	Data Specialist	Sujata
Data Collection/Entry	Data Assistant	Bridget
Community Planning	Food Security Specialist	Nora
MCM Planning	MCM Planner	Katie
Operations Section Chief	Public Health Officer	Tom W.
Clinical Education & Support Unit Lead	COVID-19 ECHO Manager	David
Environmental Public Health/Occupational Safety & Health Unit Lead	EH Specialist/Occupational Safety & Health Specialist	Shawn
Communicable Disease Unit Lead	CD Control/PHN	Dawn
Communications & Health Promotion Unit Lead	Communications Specialist	Stephanie - Sheila
Logistics Section Chief	Medical & PPE Supplies Coordinator	Holly
Finance/Administration Section Chief	IC Administrative Assistant	Lisa



GOALS OF THE ICS RESPONSE TEAM

- Proactively manage the incident response
- Increased information sharing within NPAIHB and across jurisdictions
- Enhanced decision-making
- Accountability

Work with tribes in culturally respectful way to control the spread of COVID-19 and prevent cases and deaths from COVID-19



RESPONSE ROLES & ACTIVITIES TO DATE

- Public Health Operations
 - Clinical Education and Support: COVID-19 ECHOs
 - 69 COVID-19 Clinics since 3/18/20
 - 8647 Participants!!!
 - Responded to over 1000 Clinical Questions
 - Communicable Disease Prevention: Case Investigation & Contact Tracing
 - Approximately 100 Participants for Case Investigation & Contact Tracing Training
 - 4 Deployments with two Tribes to provide onsite assistance; Remote assistance for one Tribe
 - Developed a Tribal Resource Guide for Case Investigation & Contact Tracing



RESPONSE ROLES & ACTIVITIES TO DATE

- Public Health Operations
 - Environmental/Occupation Health & Safety:
 - Over 50 Facility Reviews/Inspections, Risk Assessments
 - Dozens of consults and professional advice/technical guidance
 - Reopening safely, Infection Prevention & Control, Occupational Health, Indoor Air Quality
 - Communications: Health Promotion & Prevention Messaging & Materials
 - Website, Social Media, PSAs, Print
 - Big Foot Cut Outs; "Safe Sweats" and "Brothers" PSAs
 - Total Engagement and Reach ---- 200,000!!!



RESPONSE ROLES & ACTIVITIES TO DATE

- Planning & Information
 - Surge Staffing & Resources
 - Management of Emergency CDC Funds Distribution to Tribes
 - CDC Foundation Staffing: 3 at NPAIHB, 4 at 2 Tribes
 - Resources to Tribes
 - Respiratory Fit Test Kits for Clinics
 - Diabetes Patients' Health Promotion Kits
 - PPE & Medical Supplies: 5800 nitrile gloves, 102 containers of hospital-grade disinfecting wipes, 378 containers of disinfecting wipes, 3550 disposable surgical masks, 1780 N95 respirators, and more

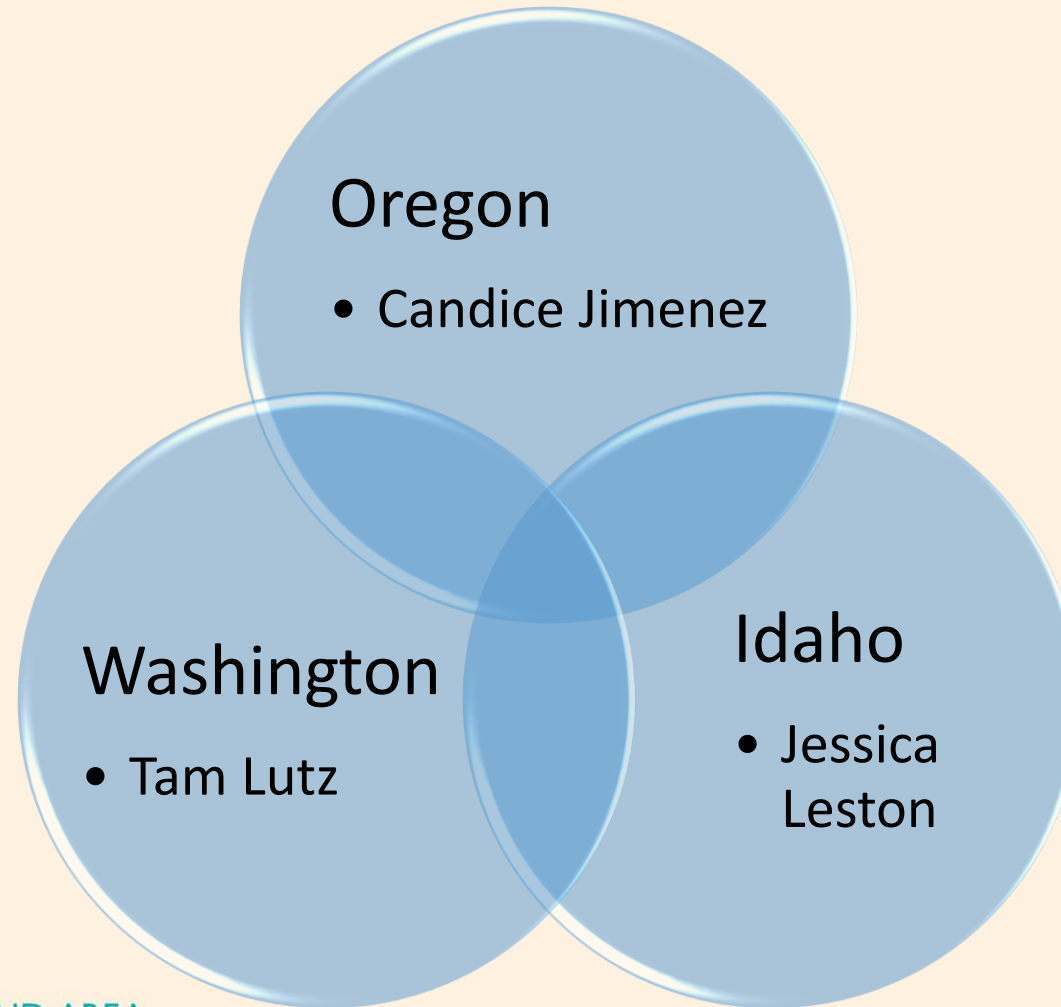


RESPONSE ROLES & ACTIVITIES TO DATE

- Planning & Information
 - Data
 - Bi-weekly regional data reports
 - Technical Assistance in Data Analysis for Tribes
 - Medical Counter Measure Planning – VACCINES!
 - Guidance & Assistance on Pre-Planning
 - Coordinating with IHS and States
 - Technical Assistance with Data Management & Reporting



SITUATIONAL AWARENESS & LIAISONS



LEADERSHIP & GUIDANCE

- Engaging with Tribal Health Leadership
 - Zoom Meeting Every Tuesday at 10, Forum for Information Exchange & Sharing
 - Individual Meetings with American Indian Health Commission, Oregon Health Authority, and Idaho Health & Wellness
 - Policy Advocacy
 - Technical Guidance & Support for Tribal Leader's Decision-Making



THE ROAD AHEAD

- Vaccine Rollout....SNAFU, Charlie Foxtrot, messy & uncoordinated
- Implementing the Vaccination Program
 - Be as transparent as possible – keep the community informed
 - Consider expanding vaccine availability to the next group when....
 - Demand in the current phase appears to have been met (e.g., appointments for vaccination are < 80% filled for several days)
 - Supply of vaccine increases substantially (e.g., more vaccine doses are available than are necessary to complete vaccination of persons in the current phase)
 - Most people in the current phase are vaccinated (e.g., when approximately 60-70% of the target population in a phase has been vaccinated)



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• <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/phased-implementation.html>

THE ROAD AHEAD

- Anticipated Advancements & The New Federal Administration
 - Next COVID-19 Vaccine: Johnson & Johnson, expected to request FDA review soon – EUA Approval
 - More Contagious Virus Variant May Fuel a Spike in Cases & Deaths
 - https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7003e2.htm?s_cid=mm7003e2_w
 - Imperative to Continue Promoting & Enforcing Practices & Policies That Prevent & Control COVID-19 Infections
 - Biden Administration Plans, <https://joebiden.com/covid-plan/>
 - ***A decisive public health response that ensures the wide availability of free testing; the elimination of all cost barriers to preventive care and treatment for COVID-19; the development of a vaccine; and the full deployment and operation of necessary supplies, personnel, and facilities.***



THE ROAD AHEAD

- Anticipate ICS and Emergency Operations to Continue
 - Dependent on situation and Federal, State, and Tribal States of Emergency and status of declarations
 - Hopeful goal of standing down by April 2021
- Integrating Efforts into new COVID-19 Plans
 - Hope to hire an Emergency Coordinator
 - After-Action Reviews
 - Update and Develop Emergency Response Plans
- Focus on Improving Health Disparities
 - Policy Advocacy
 - Research on COVID-19, Health Services & Policy Research



END

- THANK YOU!

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