



Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC)  
Atlanta GA 30329-4027

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and federally recognized American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) tribes share the goal of establishing clear policies to further the government-to-government relationship between the United States government and federally recognized AI/AN tribes. Effective consultation results in information exchange, mutual understanding, and informed decision-making.

CDC/ATSDR would like to thank all the tribal leaders and tribal partners who provided recommendations to improve the [CDC/ATSDR Tribal Consultation Policy](#) to better engage with AI/AN Federally Recognized Tribes. CDC/ATSDR recognizes our unique relationship with AI/AN federally recognized tribes and are committed to fulfilling our critical role in promoting the health and safety of AI/AN people.

CDC/ATSDR hosted an in-person and virtual government-to-government consultation with tribal leaders to receive input and guidance on how to strengthen relationships during the implementation of the CDC Moving Forward initiative, how the agency could better engage with Indian Country through meaningful consultation, tribes' priorities as we transitioned out of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, and how CDC/ATSDR could better support tribes and tribal communities in the future. CDC/ATSDR has reviewed all testimonies received during the consultation period, December 13, 2022, to February 24, 2023, 5:00 pm (EDT). CDC/ATSDR received input from seven tribal nations and one tribal partner. The agency summarized tribal leaders' responses to the consultation's guiding questions and provided initial responses to the most frequent recommendations in a summary report titled, "Tribal Consultation on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry's (CDC/ATSDR) [CDC Moving Forward Initiative](#)." In this report, CDC/ATSDR categorized recommendations into recurring themes: 1) CDC Moving Forward; 2) Accountability; 3) Health Equity; 4) Data; and 5) Funding.

As CDC Moving Forward continues, CDC/ASTDR will use these recommendations as a resource to ensure that tribal nations are part of the effort. CDC/ATSDR will provide updates on the initiative to the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee at future TAC engagements.

If you have questions about the "Tribal Consultation on CDC/ATSDR's Tribal Consultation Policy Report", please email us at [tribalsupport@cdc.gov](mailto:tribalsupport@cdc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie Ann Dauphin".

**Leslie Ann Dauphin, PhD**

Director

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