



# CRIHB COVID-19 Updates

*Please sign-in in the Group Chat with your name and Tribe or Tribal Health Program name*





# Background: Stats

- As of 3/9/20 at 7 am PST
  - 133 – positive cases (not including passengers from Grand Princess cruise ship)
  - 1 – death in Placer County, (male and elderly) **2<sup>nd</sup> one reported last night in Santa Clara County via possible community transmission (woman and elderly)**
  - 24 – cases of positive tests related to federal repatriation flights
  - **109 – cases not related to repatriation flights**
    - 44 – travel-related
    - 28 – person to person
    - 19 – community transmission
    - 18 – under investigation/unknown sources
  - 10,300+ – number of people self-monitoring who returned to the US via SFO or LAX
  - 49 – number of local health jurisdictions involved in self-monitoring
  - 19 – labs with test kits, 17 of which are already testing (county public health depts.)



# State Response

- CDPH Medical and Health Coordination Center has been activated and is coordinating public health response efforts across the state
- Gov. Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make resources available; requested \$20 million from Legislature for statewide response efforts
  - CRIHB sent communication to CDPH Director and Governor's office to ensure the State partners with Tribes and Tribal Health Programs
- Activated State Operations Center to coordinate response efforts
- Working on bringing on commercial testing centers (ex: LabCorp)



# Federal Response

- White House 3/5/20 Call
  - IHS shared limited surveillance capacity, will partner with TECs, and there are emergency Directors funds. Contact Area Director who will submit to IHS HQ for review and approval. The Federally recognized Tribe will have to issue an Emergency Declaration.
- H.R. 6074, Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act
  - \$40 million directed to Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations
  - Authorizes reimbursements to federal agencies like the IHS and to Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations that have expended funds since January 20, 2020 on COVID-19 preparedness and response activities.
- Indian Health Service Response
  - Released beyond shelf life N95 respirators and PPE to IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian health care facilities. There is a form to complete.
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/release-stockpiled-N95.html>



# Federal Response

- NIHB 3/5/20 Call
  - Held a National All-Tribes call to seek guidance on how funding will be disseminated. CRIHB was in attendance.
  - Sent letter to HHS Secretary with the following recommendations:
    - Authorize an interagency transfer of the \$40 million in set-aside funds for Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations from the CDC to IHS for dissemination
    - Triple the set-aside funds for Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations to \$120 million
    - Provide additional funds to cover related Tribal and urban Indian expenses for COVID-19 outside of strictly clinical care
    - Minimize deployments of Commission Corps officers stationed at IHS, Tribal and urban Indian sites and deem all IHS Commission Corps officers as mission critical
    - Clarify the process by which Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations can receive reimbursements
- [https://www.nihb.org/docs/03092020/FINAL\\_NIHB%20Letter\\_Secretary%20Azar\\_COVID-19.pdf](https://www.nihb.org/docs/03092020/FINAL_NIHB%20Letter_Secretary%20Azar_COVID-19.pdf)



# CRIHB Response

- Created an internal task force and meeting weekly
  - Clinical education
  - Tribal community education
  - Resources
  - Contingency planning
- Participating in federal, state, and TEC calls: NIHB call, White House call, TEC Directors call, advocacy communication to State
- Created educational materials that can be found on a new CRIHB webpage: <https://crihb.org/prevention-and-education/public-health/>
- Starting outreach to Tribal Health Programs to assess needs



# Testing Processes

- Availability of testing: it will go beyond public health labs
- Priority of testing
- Messaging to community about testing expectations
- Criteria to Guide Evaluation and Laboratory Testing for COVID-19:  
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00429.asp>



## Tribes

- Any Tribes declared an emergency?
- Do you have an Incident Command Center? Has it been activated?
- Mass gatherings guidance?
- What type of community education materials are you sharing?
- Guidance on disinfectants?
- Need for HR policies?
- Guidance for school closure?
- Guidance on closing Tribal offices?
- Best way to communicate with Tribal community members?
- Tribal enterprises guidance such as casinos and senior centers?

## Tribal Health Programs

- Do you have an Incident Command Center? Has it been activated?
- Do you need isolation and quarantine guidance?
- Need with reviewing or creating emergency response plans/COOP plans?
- Guidelines for homes of people that are isolated?
- Mass gatherings guidance?
- Guidance on disinfectants?
- Need for HR policies?
- Do you have any skilled nursing facilities?





# Next steps

- Continue meeting? Frequency?
- Advocacy efforts: Form to collect supplies/resources needs
- Next week: THP clinician-specific conference call
  - Health care worker risk assessment, infection control practices and drill, and phone triage scripts



Resource Request: Medical and Public Health

<b>Requestor to Complete</b>	1. Name of Tribe or Tribal Organization:		2. Date:
	3. Requestor Name and Position:		
	3a. Requestor Phone:		
	3b. Requestor Email address:		
	4. Provide address for where supplies will be delivered:		
<b>5. SUPPLY/EQUIPMENT/PERSONNEL REQUEST DETAILS</b>			
<b>Priority</b> (low, medium, or high)	<b>DETAILED SPECIFIC ITEM DESCRIPTION:</b>		<b>Quantity Requested</b>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Supplies/Equipment (Be Specific)</b>          (Drug Name, Dosage Form, Unit of Use Pack or Quantity, Prod info Sheet, In-House PO, etc., Medical Supplies – Item Name, Size, Brand, etc., General – Item Name, Size)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Personnel (Be Specific)</b>          (List Probable Duties, Required License, Specific Experience e.g. BH Counseling/Health &amp; Safety Coordinator/Clinical, etc.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other (Be Specific)</b>          (Alternate Care Supply Areas (outdoors); Facility – Tent, Trailer, Size, etc.)</p>		
<b>Review</b>	<b>8. MANAGEMENT REVIEW AND VERIFICATION</b> (Signature Indicates Verification of Need and Internal Approval)		
	NAME:	POSITION:	SIGNATURE
Complete this form and submit to: Email: Vanessa Cresci, <a href="mailto:vcresci@crihb.org">vcresci@crihb.org</a> or Aurimar Ayala, <a href="mailto:aayala@crihb.org">aayala@crihb.org</a> Fax: (916) 771-9470			



# How to reach us for questions:

## Clinical-related assistance:

Thomas Kim, MD, MPH  
Medical Epidemiologist

[tkim@crihb.org](mailto:tkim@crihb.org)

## Community or data-related assistance:

Vanesscia Cresci  
Director, Research and Public Health

[vcresci@crihb.org](mailto:vcresci@crihb.org)

*Submit CTECTA online request:*

<https://crihb.org/technical-assistance-request-form/>

# CRIHB COVID-19 Meeting Notes

TRIBE AND THP  
ATTENDEES: (50  
attendees)

1. Pit River Health Service
2. Toiyabe Indian Health Project
3. Quartz Valley/Anav Tribal Health Clinic
4. Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
5. Mathiesen Memorial Clinic
6. Sonoma County Indian Health Project
7. United Indian Health Service
8. Southern Indian Health Council
8. California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.
9. Tule River Indian Health Clinic
10. Feather River Tribal Health
11. Graton Rancheria
12. K'ima'w Medical Center
13. Lake County Tribal Health Clinic
14. Hoopa Valley Tribe
15. Yurok Tribe
16. Warner Mountain

CRIHB STAFF ATTENDEES:

Vanesscia Cresci  
Rosario Arreola Pro  
Dr. Thomas Kim  
Diana Zamora  
Aurimar Ayala  
Alnino Guarino  
Kelley Milligan

**DATE: Tuesday March 11, 2020 (3:30PM-4:30PM, PST)**  
**HOST: CRIHB**  
**CRIHB staff:**

Meeting Recording:

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/79MqHZLT2I9OSJXhyFrTXbd9Aie9eaa8hCcb8qcKyByWBPVSlE5kjQ9z5Z\\_QYDbz](https://zoom.us/rec/share/79MqHZLT2I9OSJXhyFrTXbd9Aie9eaa8hCcb8qcKyByWBPVSlE5kjQ9z5Z_QYDbz)

**Topics discussed**

- Current rates of COVID-19 from CDPH
- Emergency declarations, reimbursements, and available resources
- Current resources, resource needs, and clinic and community needs

**Tribe Identified Needs**

- **Tribes pending receipt of COVID-19 test kits from LabCorp or Quest or Local County Public Health Department**
- Anav Tribal Health (Julie) – pending receipt of test kits from Quest. Advised by local health department that they could not use until approved by health department. (Dr. Kim follow-up)
  - Request for Masks (including basic dental masks)
- Greenville Rancheria – pending receipt of test kits and given confirmation to use from local public health department
- Feather River Tribal Health – declaration of public health emergency requested information on how to access resources as a result of declaration.
  - Provided information to contact CA area office
- Serene Hayden requested assistance with COOP, PPE, test supply kits
  - Follow up by CTEC team for further advisement on COOP (community/clinic)
- K'ima'w Medical Center (Steven Stake) requested further guidance on self-isolation, quarantine in an area where multi-generational homes are common. Details about vulnerable populations coming in for care and triage units. Alternative check in sites to ensure symptomatic patients do not come through.
  - Guidance on alternative testing sites
  - Guidance on self-isolation
    - Will be advised in CRIHB Member THP Clinical Call next week with Dr. Thomas Kim and Diana Zamora
- Tribes requested guidance on Sweat practices
  - Guidance created by CTEC team – in internal review
- Toiyabe Indian Health Project requested additional guidance on isolation and quarantine
  - Will be advised in CRIHB Member THP Clinical Call next week with Dr. Thomas Kim and Diana Zamora
- Pit River requested best practices with current triage system in place.
  - Will be advised in CRIHB Member THP Clinical Call next week with Dr. Thomas Kim and Diana Zamora
- Request for guidance regarding home visitation and Community Health Representatives (CHRs)
  - Will be advised in CRIHB Member THP Clinical Call next week with Dr. Thomas Kim and Diana Zamora

**Issues addressed:**

- N95 masks
- Ability to order normal masks for dental clinic
- Gowns
- PPE
- Guidance on multigenerational housing
- Guidance on self-isolation
- Guidance on Sweats
- Community education to address current state

**Follow up:**

- **Request for weekly calls to update current status**

# CRIHB COVID-19 Meeting Notes

- CRIHB will schedule weekly calls with member Tribes and THPs.

1. CRIHB COVID-19 TA Log to be created – *CTEC will complete to track incoming TA requests*
2. Warner Mountain TA Request – COOP/EOP and Community Education – *CTEC will do initial follow up regarding community education. Dr. Kim and Diana will follow-up regarding infection control.*
3. Serene Hayden – COOP TA Request – *CTEC will do initial follow up*
4. Development of Sweat Guidance per Tribe TA Request– *CTEC will create and disseminate*
5. Advisement to Anav Tribal Health Clinic on use of swab testing kits – *Dr. Kim will follow-up*
6. Disseminate fillable Resource list to all sites – *Vanesscia Cresci will disseminate*
7. Request for follow-up from CRIHB on federal/state funding and how to apply as it becomes available – *CRIHB leadership*
8. Quartz Valley/Anav Tribal Health Clinic TA Request - Need masks and education for our clinic, as well as community. Our dental program is having difficulty purchasing everyday masks. Disinfectant to hand out to patients and community – *Dr. Kim and Diana will follow-up*
9. Toiyabe Indian Health Project TA Request - Isolation/quarantine guidance, guidelines for our CHRs and nurses who are checking on community members in their homes and are concerned about symptoms – *Dr. Kim and Diana will follow-up*

## COMPLETE LIST OF ATTENDEES

From jacquelyn.miller to Everyone: 03:28 PM  
Toiyabe Indian Health Project Bishop, Ca

From Julie Eaker, Anav Tribal Health Clinic to Everyone: 03:28 PM  
Julie Eaker, PA-C, Anav Tribal Health Clinic, Fort Jones California

From Pit River Health Service to Everyone: 03:28 PM  
PRHS Mike Rogers, Krizol Rubio, Karen Toney

From Clara Stairs to Everyone: 03:29 PM  
Clara Stairs, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

From Kristin MMHC to Everyone: 03:29 PM  
Kristin- Mathiesen Memorial Clinic

From Jennifer Durst to Everyone: 03:29 PM  
Jennifer Durst - Sonoma County Indian Health Project

From Michelle Lewis-Lusso to Everyone: 03:29 PM  
Michelle Lewis-Lusso United Indian Health Services

From mjohnson to Everyone: 03:29 PM  
Mary Johnson - Southern Indian Health Council

From Jennifer Burnett to Everyone: 03:30 PM  
Jennifer Burnett - Sonoma County Indian Health Project

From Rosario Arreola Pro to Everyone: 03:30 PM  
Rosario Arreola Pro, CRIHB

From Adam Christman to Everyone: 03:30 PM  
Adam Christman - Tule River Indian Health Center

From Raafat Hana to Everyone: 03:30 PM  
Raafat Hana , Tule River Indian Health clinic TRIHC

From Diana Zamora RN to Everyone: 03:30 PM  
Diana Zamora CRIHB RN

From adm-emedrano to Everyone: 03:31 PM  
Elizabeth Acevedo-Medrano, TRICHI Executive Secretary

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From Jeremy Wheeler to Everyone: 03:32 PM  
Jeremy Wheeler, Pit River Health Service

From marjoree.neer to Everyone: 03:32 PM  
marjoree.neer@toiyabe.us Toiyabe Indian Health Project

From Mhunzeker to Everyone: 03:32 PM  
Maria Hunzeker, FRTH

From Graton Rancheria to Everyone: 03:32 PM  
T.campbell - Graton Rancheria

From user to Everyone: 03:33 PM  
Stephen Stake, COO K'ima:w Medical Center - Hoopa Valley Tribe

From emmanuel to Everyone: 03:33 PM  
Emmanuel Yennyemb - LCTHC

From Serene Hayden to Everyone: 03:53 PM  
Assistance with COOP, Will this be technical assistance or financial assistance to complete a COOP?

From marjoree.neer to Everyone: 03:54 PM  
Margee - Toiyabe

From user to Everyone: 03:55 PM  
Stephen Stake of KMC, Hoopa Valley Tribe has a question when ready

From Toni to Everyone: 03:56 PM  
Toni Friden - Quartz Valley/Anav Tribal Health Clinic. Definitely need masks and education for our clinic, as well as community. Our dental program is having difficulty purchasing everyday masks. Disinfectant to hand out to patients and community.

From marjoree.neer to Everyone: 03:57 PM  
We in theory have an IOC but have not activated it. we could use some more isolation/quarantine guidance. We are looking at developing guidelines for our CHRs and nurses who are checking on community members in their homes and are concerned about symptoms. We have a community skilled nursing but not a tribal SNF.

From Diana Zamora RN to Everyone: 04:09 PM  
Senior sites?

From Kristofer Moore to Everyone: 04:12 PM  
agreed

From jacquelyn.miller to Everyone: 04:12 PM  
I agree

From liz.lara to Everyone: 04:12 PM  
Will this meeting be available to review later?

From Clara Stairs to Everyone: 04:12 PM  
Every other week

From liz.lara to Everyone: 04:12 PM  
Ongoing meetings would be good.

From barbara.pfeifer to Everyone: 04:13 PM  
Barbara Pfeifer - United Indian Health Services yes, update meetings are good and exchanging ideas with each other.

From John Reeves to Everyone: 04:13 PM

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I will concur

From Michelle Lewis-Lusso to Everyone: 04:13 PM

I would love to have meetings every week at least

From Serene Hayden to Everyone: 04:13 PM

Weekly

From marjoree.neer to Everyone: 04:14 PM

Thank you for putting the meeting together. I think the meetings are helpful. I agree with weekly

From emmanuel to Everyone: 04:14 PM

Every other week with the option of hearing from each tribe

From r.miller to Everyone: 04:15 PM

Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic- Yes weekly

From Rosario Arreola Pro to Everyone: 04:15 PM

- For facilities wishing to receive product from this NSSC N95 cache, please advise them to follow instructions in the N95 memo and work with their designated EPOC (included in the N95 memo).
- For all other PPE requests (excluding the N95 masks), facilities can complete the appropriate COVID 413 form and submit directly to the NSSC Warehouse via fax at 405.951.6057 or via email at cathy.thomas2@ihs.gov

From Serene Hayden to Me: (Privately) 04:16 PM

The Yurok Tribe needs assistance with the COOP, PPE, test kits, supplies, etc. Please continue meetings, Especially for those that require technical assistance, i.e. COOP, available assistance, etc.

From Adam Christman to Everyone: 04:17 PM

I think it would be good to consider contracting using your purchasing power for sanitization efforts in the event of an outbreak through government enterprises and traditional gatherings

From Serene Hayden to Me: (Privately) 04:18 PM

Thank You, POC for the Yurok Tribe.

Serene Hayden, Yurok Tribe OES serene.oes@gmail.com or Dean Baker dbaker@yuroktribe.nsn.us

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