

On Thursday, September 24, US Department of Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary Hargan sent a [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#) (DTLL) announcing the initiation of Tribal Consultation to seek input from Tribal Leaders on COVID-19 vaccination planning for Indian Country. This Tribal Consultation complements the state planning process that began last week with the publication of the CDC's [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations](#). This playbook guides Immunization Program Awardees (e.g., state and local jurisdictions with routine immunization programs) in planning and operationalizing their COVID-19 vaccination response.

Tribal Leaders will have several forums to discuss vaccination planning for distribution and allocation, including the following national and [regional](#) conference calls:

- September 28, 2020; 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET: HHS Regions 1, 2, 3, 4
  - Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 433 5800
- September 28, 2020; 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM ET: HHS Region 5
  - Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 237 2009
- September 29, 2020; 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET: HHS Regions 6
  - Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 978 7009
- September 29, 2020; 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM ET: HHS Regions 7, 8
  - Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 692 6624
- October 1, 2020; 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET: HHS Region 9
  - Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 650 2728
- October 1, 2020; 4:00 – 5:00 PM ET, HHS Region 10
  - Dial-In: (415) 527-5035; Passcode: 199 442 6687

In addition to feedback during conference calls, Tribal leaders can provide input and recommendations in writing by submitting comments to [consultation@hhs.gov](mailto:consultation@hhs.gov). **The deadline for written comments on this Tribal Consultation is Friday, October 9, 2020**