

## HHS NOTIFICATION TO TRIBAL LEADERS ABOUT THE MAY 25 AND 26<sup>TH</sup> TRIBAL CONSULTATION SESSIONS

**Subject:** HHS Regional Tribal Consultation May 25 & 26 -- What topics would you like to discuss?

Good afternoon Tribal Leaders and Tribal Health Staff,

The HHS Region 8 Staff has received updated information about this year's Regional Tribal Consultation from the Tribal Affairs staff in DC. Several federal agencies that have not participated in the past have requested time to make presentations, which will require changes and an expansion of this year's consultation to nearly two full afternoons. While the expanded consultation will be closer to the traditional two-day, in-person meeting, this year's consultation will still be a virtual meeting conducted by video conference. As previously announced, this year's Region 8 consultation will be done in conjunction with tribes from Region 7, based in Kansas City.

The expanded consultation also provides additional time for regional presentations and discussions. My big request today is for your suggestions on topics of particular interest to individual tribes. What updates and programs would you like to hear about?

Topics I've heard about include:

- Infrastructure improvement and funding
- Substance use disorders and treatment
- Behavioral health, specifically amongst youth
- Infant and early childhood care and health disparities
- Education and school based services
- COVID-19 Vaccines

These are simply suggestions building on needs cited from previous conversations with Region 8 Tribes. Whatever topic you are interested in, we'll try to line up staff to have a discussion.

To suggest a topic, you can send me an email at [HHSRegion8ORD@hhs.gov](mailto:HHSRegion8ORD@hhs.gov) or call me at 303-844-7821 by Friday, May 7. Region 7 Tribes are also making suggestions and I want to be sure that the ideas from Region 8 Tribes are included before a final consultation agenda is drawn up.

I will also be sending out the Save the Date once more on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for your participation. I'm looking forward to hearing your suggestions.

Best,  
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