Timeline of COVID-19 for Urban Indian Organizations

• January 17th - First CDC briefing on 2019 Novel Coronavirus
• January 21st - First US Case confirmed in Washington State
• January 29th - White House announces White House Coronavirus Task Force
• January 30th - WHO Declares global health emergency
• January 31st - HHS Secretary Azar declares Public Health Emergency
• February 24th - White House sends letter to congress requesting $2.5 billion in supplemental appropriations for coronavirus response
• February 26th - CDC announces first case of community spread in California
Timeline of COVID-19 for Urban Indian Organizations Cont’d

• February 28th - NCUIH sends letter to Appropriations Chairwoman McCollum calling for UIO emergency funding

• March 4th - Congress announces $8.3 billion coronavirus emergency funding legislation with a minimum of $40 million for tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations

• March 6th - Trump signs Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act

• March 10th - NCUIH sends letter to Secretary Azar asking for $120 million of the CDC’s $2.2 billion to be provided to Indian Health Care Providers including support for clinical care, supplies, and PPE

• March 13th - Trump declares national emergency

• March 14th - NCUIH sends joint letter with National Native Organizations to Appropriations Committees outlining the needs of Indian Country during this crisis
• March 17th - Senators Warren and Udall introduce Indian Country access to National Stockpile legislation

• March 17th - NCUIH sends joint letter with National Native Organizations to Representatives Pelosi and McCarthy re: Indian Country priorities

• March 17th - NCUIH sends letter to Native American Caucus asking for emergency funding for UIOs; Parity in FMAP and Medical Malpractice liability coverage

• March 18th - 2nd Coronavirus package passes through Congress; includes $64 million for IHS

• March 18th - Trump signs Families First Coronavirus Response Act

• March 20th - NCUIH sends joint letter with National Native Organizations to Senate and House Leadership on COVID-19 Stimulus Package

• March 20th - CDC announces decision to disburse $80 million in 1st round coronavirus funding to Indian Country
- March 25th - IHS holds Urban Confer on 2nd round coronavirus funding
- March 26th - Congress passes $2 trillion stimulus package including $1.032 billion for IHS
- March 27th - Trump signs CARES Act
- March 27th - NCUIH sends letter to IHS regarding disseminating emergency funds to UIOs
- April 1st - IHS holds Urban Confer on 3rd round coronavirus funding
- April 3rd - IHS announces decision to disseminate funds
• $1.2 billion for IHS Services account
  • Including $94 million for UIOs in emergency funds from the services account
• 100% FMAP Parity
  • Included in initial drafts for phase 3 of coronavirus legislation, and in a House bill, but did not make it to the final CARES Act; will push for it to be included in phase 4
  • In addition to other Medicaid priorities, like four walls fix
• National Stockpile access
• FTCA Parity
Phase 1 – H.R. 6074
Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act

• Appropriated funds to CDC, with a minimum of $40 million to IHCPs
  • Disseminated in two parts (announced March 20, 2020)
    • Part 1:
      • $30 million to Tribes and Tribal Organizations
        • $28 million to Regionally Tribal Designated Organizations
        • $2 million to Tribes with existing emergency preparedness cooperative agreements and populations over 40,000
      • $10 million to Tribal Public Health Capacity Building Cooperative Agreements with NIHB and NCUIH
        • $2 million to NIHB
        • $8 million to NCUIH to disseminate to UIOs
    • Part 2:
      • $40 million in non-competitive grants, for which all 574 tribes are eligible

• HHS Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund
  • HHS directed $70 million in funds to IHS
  • Disseminated as follows (announced March 27, 2020)
    • $30 million to IHS federal health programs
    • $40 million to purchase PPE and medical supplies through the National Supply Service Center
Phase 2 – H.R. 6201
Families First Coronavirus Response Act

• Appropriated $64 million to IHS
  • IHS decision (announced March 27, 2020)
    • $3 million to UIOs
    • $61 million to IHS federal health programs and Tribal health programs through ISDEAA agreements
Phase 3 – H.R. 748
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

• Appropriated funds to CDC, with a minimum of $125 million for tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations.

• Appropriated $1.032 billion in funds to IHS
  • Minimum of $450 million for:
    • IHS directly operated programs, tribal health, and UIOs
  • $65 million for:
    • Electronic health records stabilization
  • All remaining funds allocated at the discretion of the Director:
    • Used for IHS services line items and up to $125 million can be transferred to IHS facilities fund

• Appropriated funds to SAMHSA, with a minimum of $15 million for tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations.
Phase 3 – H.R. 748
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Cont’d)

• Appropriated funds to HRSA rural health, with a minimum of $15 million for tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations
  • For rural health and telehealth network programs, as outlined in statute

• Reauthorizes SDPI at current funding levels through November 30, 2020

• IHS dissemination of funds
  • Just announced
  • Includes $30 million for UIOs
NCUIH in the News

- National Journal: COVID-19 strains urban Indian health resources (March 30, 2020)
- The Guardian: Timing is Critical: Native Americans Warn Virus May Overwhelm Underfunded Health Services (March 20, 2020)
- Politico: Exclusive: Emergency coronavirus funds for American Indian health stalled (March 20, 2020)
- The Hill: How the Coronavirus Threatens Native American Communities (March 19, 2020)
- NPR: Coronavirus Exposes Public Health Inequities in Indigenous Communities (April 2, 2020)

IHS resources: https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/
NCUIH Updates

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