



Executive Orders Summary

Presidential Executive Orders that apply to Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) or will likely impact UIOs and the populations they serve.

1. [Executive Order 13985 -- Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government \(1/20/21\)](#) The Biden Administration is reviewing and identifying federal government policies that can be reformed to ensure equity for underserved populations. **This executive order presents an opportunity to advocate full funding from IHS and addressing other administrative or legislative decisions that result in better outcomes for AI/AN people.** Equity means the consistently fair, just and impartial treatment of all individuals, including those “who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatments, such as... Indigenous and Native American persons...;” LGBTQ+ persons, persons with disabilities, persons who live in rural areas, and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.
2. [Executive Order 13995 -- Ensuring an Equitable Pandemic Response and Recovery \(1/21/21\)](#) The Biden Administration established the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force within the US Department of Health and Human Services. The Task Force will consist of the HHS Secretary, other federal agency leaders selected by the Secretary, and up to 20 members from sectors outside of the federal government appointed by the President. **The IHS Acting Director is not currently on the task force.**
3. [Executive Order 13996 -- Establishing the COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board and Ensuring a Sustainable Public Health Workforce for COVID-19 and Other Biological Threats \(1/21/21\)](#) The Biden Administration is creating a COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board which will be chaired by the Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response and Counselor to the President (COVID-19 Response Coordinator, above HHS). The Board will consist of executive agency and board representatives who are selected by the President and their work will focus on increasing the testing capacity of health care providers.
4. [Executive Order 13994 -- Ensuring a Data-Driven Response to COVID-19 and Future High-Consequence Public Health Threats \(1/21/21\)](#) President Biden is directing the heads of various agencies to designate an official to work with the COVID-19 Response Coordinator to take steps to improve data collection and analysis in response to public health threats, such as COVID-19. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is also directed to work with the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to review the federal government’s existing approaches to open data and then work to figure out how to de-identify the data and make it available to the public as quickly as possible. **The Secretary of HHS** is also directed to work with the COVID-19 Response Coordinator to review the collection of morbidity and mortality data by state, local, tribal and territorial governments, and the effectiveness of public data systems.
5. [Executive Order 13997 -- Improving and Expanding Access to Care and Treatments for COVID-19 \(1/21/21\)](#) The Biden Administration has committed to promoting the development of COVID-19 treatments and improving access to existing treatments. The President has directed the **Secretary of HHS** and the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop a plan to support a range of studies for the most promising treatments for COVID-19





that can be easily manufactured and distributed. They are also specifically directed to support research in rural hospitals and rural locations and consider steps to include populations that are historically underrepresented in trials, such as AI/AN people. The Secretary is also directed to identify barriers to the equitable use of existing treatments.

6. **Executive Order 14001 -- A Sustainable Public Health Supply Chain (1/21/21)** President Biden directed the Secretaries of Defense, HHS, Homeland Security, and the heads of appropriate executive departments and agencies in coordination with the COVID-19 Response Coordinator to review the availability of critical materials, treatments, and supplies (including PPE) needed to produce and distribute tests and vaccines, determine whether any shortfalls could be filled by the private sector in a timely manner, and take appropriate legal action to fill these shortfalls as soon as possible. Within 180 days (6 months), the strategy must be produced to design, build, and sustain a long-term capacity in the United States to manufacture supplies for future pandemics.
7. **Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships (1/26/21)** The head of each agency shall submit to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), within 90 days a detailed plan of actions the agency will take to implement the policies and directives of Executive Order 13175 (Clinton-era tribal consultation national policy). The plan shall be developed after consultation by the agency with Tribal Nations and tribal officials as defined in Executive Order 13175. Each agency's plan and subsequent reports shall designate an agency official to coordinate implementation of the plan and preparation of progress reports. These officials shall submit reports to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy (APDP) and the Director of OMB, who will review agency plans and subsequent reports for consistency with the policies and directives of Executive Order 13175. HHS is seeking recommendations and feedback on how to improve the Department's policies and practices to better engage with Indian Country through meaningful consultation.
8. **Presidential Memorandum on Maximizing Assistance from FEMA (2/02/21)** President's directive states the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall provide 100% Federal cost share for all work eligible for assistance under Public Assistance Category B (**public assistance to states/tribes**) and extends use of the National Guard during Covid-19 pandemic. To respond to COVID-19 with the full capacity and capability of the Federal Government to protect and support our families, schools, and businesses, and to assist State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments to do the same, including through emergency and disaster assistance available from FEMA.

