

[Hearing: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States - Emerging Coronavirus Impacts in Indian Country](#) [Hearing](#)

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At the end of 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that among 14 states participating in its analysis, the overall coronavirus mortality rate among American Indian and Alaska Native persons was [3.5 times higher](#) than that of White populations. By the end of 2020, the mortality rate for American Indian and Alaska Native individuals was 3.5 times higher than that of White populations. In Hawaii, Pacific Islanders account for nearly 30 percent of cases even though they make up only 4 percent of the population.

Witnesses include:

Francys Crevier

Chief Executive Officer
National Council of Urban Indian Health

Larry Curley

Executive Director
National Indian Council on Aging

Carmen “Hulu” Lindsey

Chair
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Rodney Cawston (*minority witness*)

Chairman, Colville Business Council
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

William Smith

Chairperson and Alaska Area Representative
National Indian Health Board

Adrian Stevens

Acting Chairman, Board of Directors
National American Indian Housing Council

Dr. Charles Grim (*minority witness*)

Secretary, Department of Health
Chickasaw Nation

Who should attend? UIO ED/CEOs, UIO Staff, Stakeholders, Tribal Partners and Tribes, Feds, IPC Champions, IPC Fellows

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