

# 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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