

GUIDANCE TO ACCELERATE TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH DATA ACCESS AND USE PROJECT



Data sharing agreements are key tools for federally recognized Tribes to safeguard sovereignty and improve community health. These agreements define which health data will be shared between Tribes and state or local public health jurisdictions, and how that information is collected, used, and protected. When grounded in Tribal sovereignty, data sharing agreements align with Tribal governance structures, cultural values, and public health priorities. Such agreements can help build respectful partnerships, enhance Tribal disease surveillance, guide a Tribe's emergency responses, and support culturally relevant interventions. Without formal data sharing agreements, Tribes risk misuse of their data and diminished control.

In 2024, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded funding to the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) Center for Public Health Workforce Development to accelerate the exchange of public health data from states to federally recognized Tribes. ASPPH has engaged an Advisory Collaborative of Tribal public health and Tribal data governance experts to ensure all project efforts center Tribal sovereignty and maximally benefit Tribal Nations.

Through this project, Tribal Legal Experts are providing technical assistance free of charge to Tribes interested in entering into a data sharing agreement with a U.S. state.

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