



All of Us Research Program
NIH DPCPSI, Office of the Director (OD)
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) wishes to initiate Tribal consultation on two new [All of Us Research Program](#) initiatives: 1) inclusion of self-identified American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) participants in the Partnered Research Studies; and 2) expansion of the existing data access model. The in-person Tribal consultation will be held Monday, October 19th at the National Congress of American Indians' 83rd Annual Convention & Marketplace in Palm Springs, CA. *All of Us* collaborated with the NIH Tribal Health Research Office to release a [joint Federal Register Notice](#). Your participation and feedback are essential to shaping program processes.

The *All of Us* Research Program was established to accelerate health research and medical breakthroughs to enable precision medicine for all. Precision medicine is an approach to treating and preventing disease that aims to be more effective by considering each person's unique environment, lifestyle, and genetics.

The *All of Us* Research Program understands that the two new initiatives may have implications for American Indians and Alaska Natives and seeks your input on how to (1) responsibly manage self-identified AI/AN participant biospecimens in partnered research studies and ensure the research yields meaningful community benefits and (2) manage sensitive data access that honors both an individual's and Tribes' rights. Consultation feedback will guide future inclusion and responsible use of donated biospecimens and data from self-identified AI/AN participants. More details about the *All of Us* Research Program's two new initiatives and questions to consider can be found in the accompanying "Framing Letter". We also invite you to explore the *All of Us* Research Program's active and public research underway at the [Research Project Directory](#).

Participant information:

What: NIH Tribal consultation on two new *All of Us* Research Program initiatives: Partnered Research Studies and Controlled Tier Plus (CT+)

Date: Monday, October 19th, 2026

Time: 12:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. PST

Location: In-person at the Palm Springs Convention Center, 277 N Avenida Caballeros, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

Registration link: Please visit

https://rtiorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5xnSi6mhTAeOS3ial_GORw#/registration to register for virtual participation and the THRO website <https://dpcpsi.nih.gov/thro/tribal-consultations> for more information.

If you are unable to attend, you are encouraged to send written testimony, comments, or questions to NIHTribalConsultation@nih.gov with a courtesy copy to AOUTribal@nih.gov by November 20, 2026. For programmatic questions specific to the *All of Us* Research Program, please send to AOUTribal@nih.gov.

We hope that you will join us at the [NCAI 83rd Annual Convention & Marketplace in October](#). The *All of Us* Research Program will continue engagement efforts with Tribal communities to advance health for American Indian and Alaska Native peoples through research, now and in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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