

## **Mission & Vision**

Serving immediate needs, supporting long-term solutions for strong, self-sufficient Native American communities

# **Understanding COVID-19 Vaccines**

## How do we stop COVID-19?

We need to use all available tools, including vaccination, to stop the spread of COVID-19. Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus. Safe and effective vaccines are critical to protecting families.

The 3W protective steps we have been taking – wear a mask, watch your distance, wash your hands frequently – help reduce the chance of getting and spreading COVID.

## Vaccines prevent severe illness due to COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in the U.S. have been shown in large trials to be safe and effective, including trials with Native participants. During the trials, people who got the COVID-19 vaccine were not protected from catching COVID-19 but were protected from getting very sick from the virus.

## Safe and effective vaccines can help end the crisis.

COVID-19 vaccines are being produced quickly, but all safety guidelines required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), have been followed. Vaccines are approved for use only after all standard measures have been followed. Look to Tribal leadership, your CHR or I.H.S. for advice on which vaccine to get.

 To learn more about COVID-19 vaccine development, visit: <u>www.CDC.gov/coronavirus</u>

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# **Program Partner Honor Roll**

Nation	Program	Contact	<b>PWNA Service</b>	Partner Since
Crow Creek	Family Enrichment Program	Lynn Harrison	Healthy Living	10/16/2007
Cheyenne River	Dept. of Social Services	lyonne Jewett	Healthy Living	04/06/2005
Cheyenne River	Emergency Youth Shelter	Willie Ducheneaux	Residential	03/26/2008
Omaha Nation	Walthill Senior Center	Chris Morgan	Standard Food	05/24/2017
Pine Ridge	Corrections Long Term	Ronda Talbott	Residential	03/03/2006
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# From our VP of Programs

Esteemed Program Partners,

In February this year, our Plains office conducted the annual program partner survey to hear from you. Your feedback is important, and we make every effort to use your input to improve the way we work and support your efforts. Among all the partners who responded, you let us know:

- 85% are more than satisfied with the overall quality of products received from PWNA.
- 90% are more than satisfied with the support received from PWNA to ensure a positive working relationship.
- 87% report PWNA helped you to a great extent be more effective with your program goals.
- 93% are more than likely to recommend working with PWNA to a friend or colleague.

Through the survey, you let us know the impact of COVID-19, closures and restrictions that impacted your ability to serve. Most of you modified your approach while some were forced to close temporarily. PWNA made every effort to continue providing you critical resources during the pandemic. We also made programming adjustments that complied with local and state requirements for the safety and well-being of our staff, our partners and your communities. Thank you for your continuing partnership amid the pandemic.

In closing, I would like to bring your attention to the message on page two about **Thinkific** – a new tool we are using to engage, educate, inform and train. This tool provides us with the ability to connect with you virtually in your communities for education and training services. We will be using Thinkific to offer online courses and training for our food sovereignty initiatives and professional development. We see so many new opportunities with this new tool and will be providing you with updates or announcements as online training opportunities become available.



**VP of Programs** Rafael Tapia Jr.

Take care and thank you for all you do!

# Thinkific

COVID-19 has affected everyone in some way. For PWNA, our in-person classes were cancelled, so we developed a new virtual class website. Currently, our classes focus on Food Sovereignty and Cooking training. However, we are hoping to branch out into classes on Emergency Preparedness, Professional Skill Building and general tutorials on how to work with PWNA.

Please check out the Thinkific website: <a href="https://pwnaonline.thinkific.com/">https://pwnaonline.thinkific.com/</a>

It is easy to register and enroll in the courses. If you would like written instructions showing how to register and enroll, please email Denise at <u>dsuchy@nativepartnership.org</u>.

#### Partnership With Native Americans Online Training Website Instructions

Thank you for your interest in attending our online courses! Here are some simple steps to registering and getting enrolled!

Step 1: Register at https://pwnaonline.thinkific.com/courses/course-application

Select "Create a new account" from the bottom of the page. It will ask for your email address, then ask you to create a password.



## Save The Date!!!

## School Supplies Deadline: May 15th

Pre-K to 12 schools and Head Starts are eligible to submit a request for school supplies. PWNA provides a variety of ageappropriate items for every child in the school, such as notebooks, rulers, pencils, glue sticks, crayons and/or other supplies. We ask that Program Partners distribute the supplies during back-to-school events or student registration/orientation.

### Shoe Distribution Deadline: May 15th

Pre-K to 12 schools and Head Starts are eligible to submit a request for TOMS Shoes. In collaboration with TOMS, PWNA provides each child in the school with one pair of shoes for back to school.

- A limited number of shoes remain; there are NO winter boots for 2021.
- Schools must submit a request by the deadline.
- PWNA sends shipment based on enrollment numbers.
- Schools host the event (sort the shoes, recruit staff/volunteers to help distribute and clean up).
- There is no report form for this service; however, we do ask that you provide a list of students who received a pair of shoes.



To request forms, contact our office at (605) 399-9905 or visit our partner website: <u>https://plainsnativepartners.org/</u>.

## PWNA staff is here to help!

### For Requests/Products/Services:

**Delivery Areas 1 and 3:** Jonnie Winters, Partnership Development Coordinator <u>jwinters@nativepartnership.org</u>

Delivery Areas 2 and 4: Leona Means, Partnership Development Coordinator Imeans@nativepartnership.org

## 2021 Spring Edition

Call us: 605-399-9905 or Toll free 1-866-556-2472

Visit us online: www.plainsnativepartners.org



## **Community Event Service**

The purpose of the Community Event service is to support you in the goals and desired results of your program. Any number of community projects can qualify for this service.

PWNA believes strongly in its vision of strong, self-sufficient Native American communities. The types of Community Event activities we support encourage community members to work together for positive changes that enrich their lives and lives of others. This may include events such as:

- Environmental projects (trash pickups, ditch cleaning, etc.)
- Trainings and conferences that enhance the lives of children, adults, and Elders
- Health awareness, screenings or fairs
- Animal spay and neuter clinics

### **Guidelines:**

- Must be part of an established group/organization, and serve a large group (community/client base)
- Requires participants to attend event and sign the distribution log (sign-out sheet) for incentives received
- Must have a defined purpose and/or goal for the event
- Must not share incentives provided for the event with other services/programs or distribute them at any profit-generating event

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### Want to make a request? Here's how:

- 1. Plan your event. It can be quarterly, semiannually or annual.
- 2. Make a flyer and recruit volunteers.
- Submit your request with flyer. *Request must be submitted 2 weeks prior to your scheduled distribution week.* Be sure to check your event date! We cannot support an event that has already passed, but you may receive your shipment a month prior to your event.
- 4. Keep signature sheets and submit them with your 1-page report form.
- 5. Submit your report within 30 days after your event.
- 6. PWNA may ask to attend your event to gather stories, quotes and photos.
- 7. Contact PWNA at (605) 399-9905 for more info!