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Re: Informative – Release of 2023 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Survey Data

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals,

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we are providing information about newly released data from Washington's 2023 [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System](#) (BRFSS) survey.

The BRFSS is the world's largest and longest-running health survey and collects data on topics including chronic diseases, injury, and social determinants of health. The BRFSS is coordinated by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), and the Washington State Department of Health administers the survey to residents of the state. Of the 26,442 Washington BRFSS survey respondents in 2023, 790 (3.0%) identified as American Indian or Alaska Native, alone or in combination with another race or ethnicity.

Data for the 2023 survey in Washington State are now available for partners to download and use through the CHS Data Files tool (available through [Secure Access Washington](#)), by submitting a [BRFSS Data Order Form](#) online, or by emailing the BRFSS program directly at BRFSS@doh.wa.gov. You can read more about the survey's content and access copies of each year's questionnaire on the [CDC's website](#).

We welcome any questions or concerns you may have about the BRFSS and will reach out again in the coming months to learn more about how this survey can better support Tribal health priorities. For additional information, please contact the BRFSS program at BRFSS@doh.wa.gov, or 564-669-3826, or contact Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR), at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov, or 360-819-7626.

Sincerely,

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