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Re: Informative – Tribal Distribution List for Monthly EMS Opioid Surveillance Reports

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 write to inform you that the Department of Health (DOH) plans to create a Tribal distribution list for monthly Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Opioid Surveillance report emails.

DOH currently sends out two monthly EMS Opioid Surveillance reports via email to Local Health Jurisdictions. These reports, produced by the Washington Emergency Medical Services Information System (WEMSIS), provide information on opioid-related responses by EMS in Washington State. One report provides regional data, and one report provides county-level data. WEMSIS is a data system that collects data from the majority of licensed EMS services in Washington. Approximately 98 percent of all EMS responses in the state are captured in WEMSIS. One of the reports distributed is confidential as it contains small numbers at the county level and therefore is not distributed to the general public. [Here's](#) a link to our publicly available report.

DOH provides this report to support public health authorities responding to the opioid epidemic. We invite you to provide DOH the contact information for relevant staff and/or Tribal Leaders to receive this information. Please send the point-of-contact to Amanda Tjemsland, Senior Tribal Epidemiologist, at amanda.tjemsland@doh.wa.gov.

For information on the EMS Opioid Surveillance report, please contact Terra Wiens, Epidemiologist, at terra.wiens@doh.wa.gov, or for Tribal related matters – Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations (OTPHR), at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360-819-7626.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jessica Marcinkevage".

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