

# UPDATES

*Placer-Nevada Rx Drug Safety Coalition*



## AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH

November is American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month. Did you know that California is one of the ten states with the largest American Indian/Alaska Native populations? Unfortunately, this large community faces some impactful health disparities, including:

- The overall death rate from suicide for American Indian/Alaska Native adults is about 20 percent higher as compared to the non-Hispanic white population.
- American Indian/Alaska Natives have almost twice the infant mortality rate as non-Hispanic whites.

This month, get educated about health disparities so we can all learn how to better support our AI/AN neighbors.

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Read on to learn about recent updates and upcoming opportunities in community health and safety!

- [Get vaccinated against COVID-19 and the flu this season.](#)
- The National Overdose Prevention Leadership Summit is November 9th-10th, 2021. Click here to learn more and get signed up!
- California CareForce is offering a free clinic in Chico, CA on November 12th-14th. [Learn more here about services offered, or sign up to volunteer!](#)
- The next ACEs Coalition Meeting will be held over a Zoom platform on **November 16th, 2021.**
- The next Rx Drug Safety Coalition Meeting will be held over a Zoom platform on **December 16th, 2021.**

## COVID-19 VACCINES

Recently, the CDC started recommending COVID-19 vaccines for children 5-11 years old. This is a huge step in fully vaccinating our population. The information surrounding COVID-19 vaccines can be confusing to navigate and understand. Check out these links to get the information you need.

- [Information about vaccines for children 5-11 years old.](#)
- [Information about COVID-19 vaccine booster shots.](#)
- [Information about school vaccination mandates in California.](#)
- [This BBC article which provides a historical context of vaccine mandates!](#)

Speak to a healthcare professional about your vaccination needs today. We can all work towards a healthier community!

Be sure to keep an eye out for our future newsletters and to follow us on social media for more information. Reach out to [rxdrugsafety@gmail.com](mailto:rxdrugsafety@gmail.com) with questions, concerns, or more information on getting involved!



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