Pine Ridge Community Needs Survey

At the start of the pandemic, Thunder Valley CDC in partnership with Indigenous Response Network launched a community needs survey. Because Indigenous Nations across the country have faced disparities in healthcare, transportation, and access to necessities we wanted to make sure our work in response to COVID-19 was guided by our Oyate (people).

Survey Results:

What district do you live in?
272 responses

- Eagle Nest: 14%
- Lacreek: 23.9%
- Medicine Root: 8.5%
- Oglala: 15.1%
- Pass Creek: 8.8%
- Pine Ridge: 19.9%
- Porcupine: 11.8%
- Wakpamni: 26.4%
- Wounded Knee: 21.8%

How many people in your household are Hokšičala/Wakȟáŋyeža (0-12 years old)?
280 responses

- 0: 11.8%
- 1: 19.6%
- 2: 11.8%
- 3: 19.6%
- 4: 8.9%
- 5: 8.9%
- 6: 2.6%
- 7: 11.8%
How many people in your household are Hokšila/Wičhíŋčala (13-21 years old)?
271 responses

How many people in your household are Kñoškálaka/Wikñoškalaka (22-38 years old)?
277 responses

How many people in your household are Wičháša/Wiŋyañ (39-54 years old)?
265 responses
How many people in your household are Wicháñčala/Winúñčala (55+ years old)?
266 responses

- 0: 53.4%
- 1: 30.1%
- 2: 15.4%

What health conditions or lifestyle habits are present in members of your household?
225 responses

- Asthma / Breathing problems: 124 (55.1%)
- Cancer: 14 (6.2%)
- Diabetes: 25 (11.1%)
- Heart disease / Hypertension: 73 (32.4%)
- Immunocompromised: 7 (3.6%)
- Liver Disease: 4 (1.8%)
- Lung disease: 8 (3.6%)
- Obesity: 75 (33.3%)
- Urinary /Kidney Disorder: 15 (6.7%)
- Smoking / Vaping: 86 (38.2%)
- Drug and/or substance abuse: 12 (5.3%)

How much food, on average, do you have in your home?
283 responses

- Enough to last 10+ days: 36.4%
- Enough to last between 5-10 days: 19.8%
- Enough to last between 3-5 days: 38.2%
- Less than 3 days: 7.6%
The results of our survey identified a need of support for our elders and youth and has provided us with a plan of action for the reservation. Thunder Valley and Indigenous Response has provided cleaning supply kits, elder food boxes, and youth kits to each of the districts on the reservation giving access to preventative measures (both cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment) as well as food boxes packed with groceries and traditional foods and medicines without having to leave their homes.

This work is ongoing, if you would like more information or how you can help, please contact our Community Engagement Team at 605-455-2700.