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Re: Collaborative – Listening Session – Revising the 2026 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

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 invite you to collaborate on the revision of the 2026 [Washington State Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System \(BRFSS\)](#).

Your input ensures that Tribal priorities, needs, and voices help shape the future of the survey. The [BRFSS](#) is an annual nationwide phone survey that collects information on the health and well-being of adults. It is revised each year based on input from partners and communities. We welcome your feedback on current survey questions and your recommendations for the 2026 survey to address emerging concerns and increase inclusivity.

We will host a virtual Listening Session as part of the June meeting of the Governor's Indian Health Advisory Council Data (GIHAC) Sovereignty Committee. During the session, you'll have the opportunity to share questions or proposals. If you are unable to attend or prefer to submit your input in writing, you may do so via the [State Added Question Application link](#) or by emailing BRFSS@doh.wa.gov.

Meeting Type	Date and Time	Zoom Information
Listening Session at GIHAC Tribal Data Sovereignty Committee	Friday, June 6 at 10:00am	838 8743 4993 Passcode: 774890

For additional information, please contact Rachelle Martin, BRFSS Coordinator, at BRFSS@doh.wa.gov or 564-669-3826. For general questions, please contact Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR), at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360-819-7626.

Respectfully,

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