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Native News Online to Host a 'Covid-19 Vaccines in Indian Country' Facebook Livestream

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — ***Native News Online***, one of Indian Country's most trusted and read daily American Indian news sources, announced Tuesday it will host an hour-long live stream via [Facebook Live](#) on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. - Eastern Time. The program is designed to create vaccination awareness and to explore vaccine hesitancy in Indian Country.

The one-hour forum, ***Covid-19 Vaccinations in Indian Country***, will feature a wide range of health experts. Along with the news event, Native News Online is also conducting a survey regarding the vaccine in Indian Country.

As with the rest of the United States, relief is needed in Indian Country, which has been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 deadly disease. Among Native Americans, the death rate is double and hospitalization rates almost four times higher that of their non-Native White counterparts.

Much hope for relief exists because of vaccines that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). However, there is a question of how hesitant American Indians will be to take the vaccine. Join us for this informative and timely one-hour conversation that discusses this vital issue.

"Native News Online is excited about hosting this informative livestream," Levi Rickert, publisher and editor of Native News Online said. "Covid-19 has had a devastating impact on Indian Country. Because of loss of lives, loss of revenue when Indian gaming casinos closed last year, and loss of some fluent language speakers, the Covid-19 vaccines provide hope to stop more devastation to our tribal communities. We feel it is necessary for Native News Online to take a leadership role in spreading accurate information on the vaccine."

Covid-19 Vaccinations in Indian Country will be co-hosted by Native News Online Publisher Levi Rickert (Potawatomi) and Managing Editor Kyle Edwards (Anishinaabe).

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