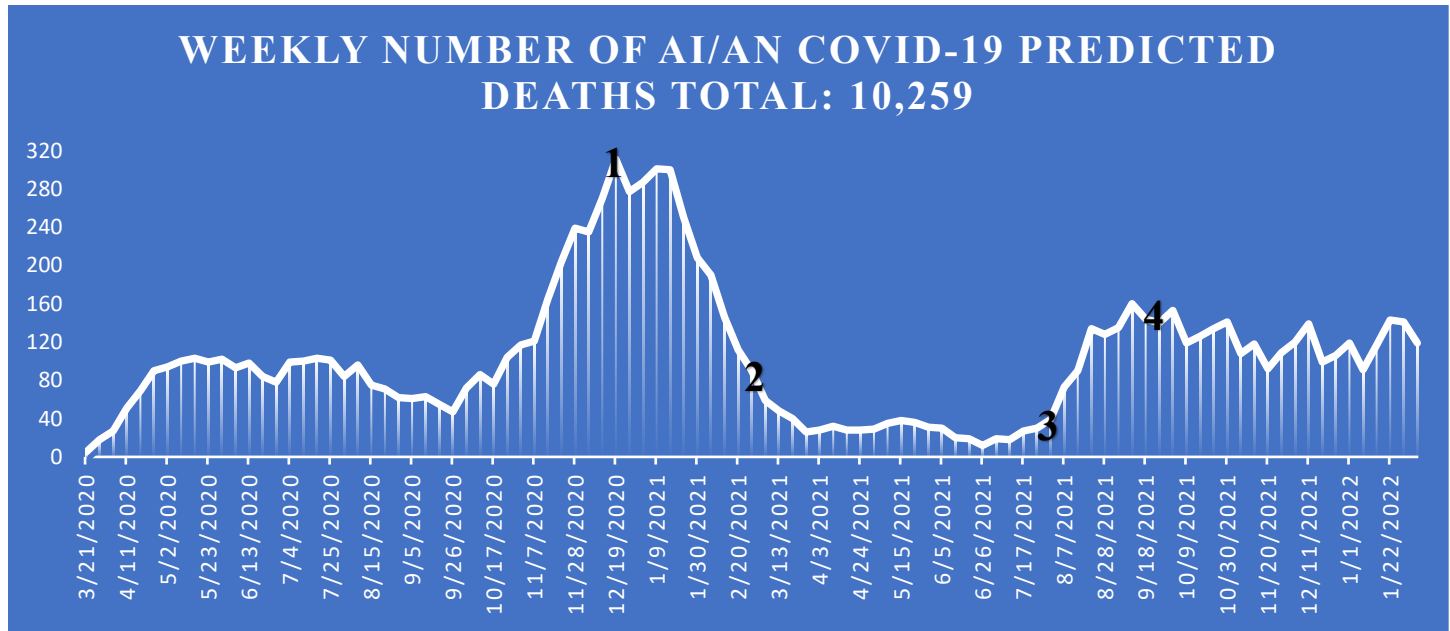


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This graph is in association with the Constant Contact message that was distributed on Feb. 18, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. EST titled “Solemn Milestone for Indian Country: More than 10,000 Covid-19 Deaths”.



The chart above shows the weekly number of deaths of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) from 3/21/2020 to 2/5/2022*. The total deaths of AI/AN attributed to COVID-19 is 10,259. The chart highlights some important points in time in terms of vaccine approval/rollout and Covid-19 variants.

Point on Graph: Date	Authorization or Announcement	Trends
1: Dec. 18, 2020	Pfizer and Moderna are now both authorized for emergency use	As vaccinations were administered, the weekly AI/AN death toll began to fall from a peak of 311 on December 19, 2020 to a low of 12 on June 26, 2021.
2: Feb. 27, 2021	Johnson & Johnson/Janssen emergency use authorization for adults	Vaccinations were already underway, but the death toll continued to fall for 4 months after the EUA of J&J.
3. July 27, 2021	CDC updates guidance on vaccine and masks given Delta variant	Note that deaths begin to slowly increase after June 26, 2021 but never get to the high level of pre-vaccinated times.
4. Sept. 22, 2021	Pfizer boosters approved for ages 65 and up, 18-64 with risk for Covid or employment risk	The upward trend in deaths since July 27, 2021 peaked on September 11, 2021 at 160 but continues to fluctuate. In the last 5 weeks, weekly deaths were at a low of 91 on January 8, 2022 to 143 on January 22, 2022 .

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Data Source: Centers for Disease Control: Excess Deaths Associated with COVID-19; accessed February 17, 2022. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/excess_deaths.htm

CDC Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>

*The CDC provides data on deaths related to COVID-19 weekly. The deaths reported are estimated numbers. The estimated numbers consider that only 60% of deaths are reported within 10 days of death and there is a much bigger lag for some areas of the country.