

January 8, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) invites federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes to participate in an all tribes call with FDA to learn about FDA's work related to front-of-package (FOP) nutrition labeling (FOP labels).

FOP labels appear on the front of food packages to help people understand a food's nutrition content. Government-backed FOP labels are widely used around the world (see: Global Research Food Program, UNC-Chapel Hill's [map of front-of-package labels](#)). There are also some FOP labels in the United States that the food industry developed and uses voluntarily. As part of the [White House National Strategy on Hunger Nutrition and Health](#), FDA is developing a proposed [standardized FOP label](#). FDA will host the all tribes call to share an overview of its FOP label work and receive tribal feedback. The call will be held on **February 9, 2024, 1:00-2:00pm ET**.

A standardized FOP label would complement the Nutrition Facts label, which is the nutrition information typically found on the back or side of food packages. It would show certain nutrition information and give people additional context to help them quickly identify healthier foods. FOP labels can be particularly helpful for busy shoppers and people with lower nutrition knowledge. FDA plans to issue a proposed rule this year that would require the use of FOP labels that display such nutrition information.

FDA is learning about individuals' and groups' experiences with and perspectives on standardized FOP labels. This will help FDA better understand a variety of views and inform its proposed rule. During the call, FDA would like to hear tribes' feedback on the following topics:

- Tribal members' experiences with nutrition information on food labels;
- What nutrition information is most important to tribal members to highlight; and
- Tribal members' experiences with FOP labels.

Upon completion, a transcript of the recorded call will be available on the FDA Tribal Affairs page.

**All-Tribes Call Information:**

**Tuesday, February 9, 1:00-2:00pm ET**

To participate in the call, you must register via the link [here](#).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://fda.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcu6rrT4iHQrV7xVvnZAK0D66lwFVRBw>

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For Tribes in need of assistance with any FDA-related issue, please contact the FDA Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) team at [IGA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:IGA@fda.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald A. Prater". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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