Lessons and Thoughts from my Second Pandemic.
NORTHWESTERN SITS ON THE ORIGINAL HOMELANDS OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE THREE FIRES
(OJIBWE • POTAWATOMI • ODAWA)

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Native American & Indigenous Initiatives
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Greetings from APHA

• Dr. Georges Benjamin, Executive Director

• Dr. Deanna Watherington, Chair of the Executive Board

• Dr. Aaron Guest, Speaker of the Governing Council
Some Highlights

COVIDguidance.org

COVIDGuia.org

Covid-19 Conversations

Advancing Racial Equity Webinar Series
Member Unit Effectiveness and Engagement Project (MUEEP)

• Goal: increase effectiveness and efficiency, enabling APHA to better meet member need, maximize engagement and be responsive to the public health needs of the future.

https://www.apha.org/about-apha/governance/mueep
Then and Now
Flashback to 1985
Back to the Present

**Enter Covid-19**

- Medicalization of a public health emergency
- No talk about a national prevention strategy
- Lack of cultural and linguistic parity between the health workforce and the populations at higher risk
  - Mental Health Coverage
- Employment-based insurance
- Racist practices and structures
Looking forward

A new administration with a different set of priorities.
Taking a closer look at our health and public health workforce.
Stronger advocacy efforts for expanding mental health services.
Looking at the efficacy at telemedicine and its implications vis a vis licensure and reimbursement.
Renewing our effort to acknowledge and redress the impact of racism and colonization.
Mahalo nui loa

- Gerald Ohta
- Hali Robinett
- Tenaya Jackman
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