COVID Complexities: Converging Threats, Fractured Resources

OBJECTIVE
Provide the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense with a better understanding of the potential for COVID-19’s reemergence, the country’s efforts to track the spread of the disease, and national readiness to address future biological threats.

SCHEDULE

Opening Remarks

Panel One: Emergency Management and Hospital Preparedness
State and local representatives will discuss emergency management challenges, hospital preparedness, and emergency medical needs in addressing COVID-19 and future biological threats.

Jared Moskowitz, JD
Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management

Dan Hanfling, MD
Vice President of Technical Staff, In-Q-Tel; Attending Physician, Emergency Care, Inova Fairfax Hospital; and Medical Team Manager, Virginia Task Force 1, Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue

David Mitchell
President, International Association of Emergency Medical Services Chiefs; and EMS Chief, Arvada, Colorado Fire Protection District

Panel Two: COVID-19 Resurgence and Compoundment
Academic representatives will discuss the likelihood of COVID-19’s reemergence, characteristics of pathogens with pandemic potential, and conceivable compoundment of the biological threat.

Marc Lipsitch, PhD
Director, Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics, and Professor of Epidemiology, Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases, School of Public Health, Harvard University
Panel Three: Disease Tracking
*Media, territorial, and tribal epidemiology center representatives will discuss efforts to track the movement of COVID-19 throughout the Nation, resources needed to identify and track reemergence of the disease, and recommendations to strengthen national biosurveillance.*

Alexis Madrigal
Co-Founder, The COVID Tracking Project, and Staff Writer, The Atlantic

Esther Ellis, PhD
Territorial Epidemiologist, U.S. Virgin Islands

Kevin English, PhD
Director, Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center

Panel Four: Congressional Perspective
*Sitting Member of Congress will discuss the role of the Legislative Branch in addressing COVID-19 and future pandemic threats.*

Representative Jason Crow (D-CO)
Member, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, Committee on Armed Services, U.S. House of Representatives

Closing Remarks