OBJECTIVES
Provide the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense with a better understanding of: (1) national preparedness needs and efforts; (2) biosurveillance solutions; and (3) real-time data capture and analysis improvements. This is the third Commission meeting to inform our refresh of the National Blueprint for Biodefense.

AGENDA

10:45 - 11:00 am Opening Remarks

11:00 am - 12:15 pm Panel One: Investing in State and Local Preparedness
Representatives will discuss lessons learned and policy changes needed to strengthen state and local preparedness for future biological events.

Umair A. Shah, MD PhD
Secretary of Health, Washington State Department of Health

J. Nadine Gracia, MD MSCE
President and CEO, Trust for America’s Health

12:15 - 1:00 pm Lunch Break with video presentation titled The Commission in 2022 to play at 12:40pm

1:00 - 2:00 pm Panel Two: Solving Surveillance Problems and Modernizing Data
Representatives from government, industry, and academia will discuss technology-oriented biosurveillance solutions; how to implement those solutions through monitoring wastewater, clinical samples, and novel online data sources; and challenges and solutions for data modernization and informing policy with constantly evolving data.

Thierry Bernard, MS
Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, QIAGEN

Mauricio Santillana, PhD
Professor of Physics, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Northeastern University; Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology, Affiliate Faculty at the Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Associate at Institute for Applied Computational Sciences, Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Jennifer Layden, MD PhD
Acting Director, Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

2:00 - 2:30 pm Panel Three: Federal Preparedness
A federal government official will discuss lessons learned, current federal capabilities, and needs for strengthening national preparedness for biological events.

The Honorable Dawn O’Connell
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services

2:30 pm Adjourn Public Meeting