



October 8, 2024

---

**FLUency:  
True Expertise and Effectiveness in the Battle Against Influenza**

**OBJECTIVE**

Provide the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense with a better understanding of: (1) national leadership to defend food and agriculture against influenza; (2) federal operational requirements for preparedness, coordination, and response; (3) biosurveillance, forecasting, and diagnostic tests; and (4) front-line needs and partnerships in the fight against influenza.

**SCHEDULE**

**9:30 – 9:45 am                      Networking**

**9:45 – 10:00 am                    Opening Remarks**

**10:00 – 10:40 am                  Panel One: Coordinating Interagency Action Against Influenza**

*A White House official will address federal interagency coordination and strategies to address pandemic influenza and strengthen national biodefense.*

**Paul Friedrichs, MD (Major General, U.S. Air Force – Retired)**

Deputy Assistant to the President and Director, White House Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy, The White House

**10:40 – 11:35 am                  Panel Two: Operational Requirements to Implement Federal Influenza Strategy**

*Federal officials will address influenza preparedness plans and strategies; biological response coordination between federal departments and agencies responsible for protecting human; animal and plant health; influenza medical countermeasure research and development; and federal response to highly pathogenic avian influenza.*

**Eric Deeble, DVM**

Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture

**Robert A. Johnson, PhD**

Director, Medical Countermeasures Programs, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services

**Vivien Dugan, PhD**

Director, Influenza Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services

**11:35 am – 12:30 pm      Panel Three: Tactical Requirements in the Fight  
Against Influenza**

*State, academic, and industry representatives will discuss the response to the ongoing highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak, the needs of non-federal governments and external partners in addressing pandemic influenza and other biological threats to human and animal health, and opportunities for enhancing public-private partnerships to defend food and agriculture.*

**Nora Wineland, DVM, MS, DACVPM**

State Veterinarian, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

**Mike McCloskey, DVM**

Founder and Chairman, Fair Oaks Farms

**Gerald W. Parker, Jr., DVM, PhD**

Associate Dean, Global One Health, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, and Director, Pandemic and Biosecurity Policy Program, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

**12:30 – 1:00 pm      Lunch**

**1:00 – 1:55 pm      Panel Four: Where Influenza Is and Where it is Going**

*Association, and industry, and academic officials will discuss efforts to detect highly pathogenic avian influenza; the ability of the federal government, non-federal governments, and private-sector partners to track the spread of influenza and other biological threats; and national capability to develop and rapidly scale diagnostic testing for outbreaks of influenza and other diseases.*

**Janet Hamilton, MPH**

Executive Director, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

**Yuri Fesko, MD**

Senior Vice President & Chief Medical Officer, Quest Diagnostics

**Kristy Pabilonia, DVM, PhD**

Executive Director, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories, Colorado State University

**1:55 – 2:00 pm      Closing Remarks and Adjourn Public Meeting**