

COUNCIL *on* FOREIGN RELATIONS

Virtual Symposium

Strengthening Public Health Systems—From Global to Local

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

10:00 a.m. (EDT)

Welcoming remarks from [Thomas Bollyky](#), Senior Fellow for Global Health, Economics, and Development, and Director of the Global Health Program, Council on Foreign Relations

10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (EDT)

Session One: Health System Strengthening and U.S. Pandemic Preparedness

Panelists will discuss the state of the U.S. public health system, challenges that it faces, and what needs to be done to strengthen its institutions in the COVID-19 era and beyond.

- [Sara Cody](#), Health Officer and Director, Public Health Department, County of Santa Clara, California
- [Jeffrey Levi](#), Professor of Health Policy and Management, Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University
- [Donna Levin](#), National Director, Network for Public Health Law
- [Anne Schuchat](#), Former Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2015–2021); Rear Admiral (Retired), U.S. Public Health Service
- *Presider:* [John Monahan](#), Interim Dean, School of Nursing and Health Studies, and Professor, Georgetown University; CFR Member

11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EDT)

Break

11:30 to 12:45 p.m. (EDT)

Session Two: Strengthening Health Systems on a Global Scale

Panelists will discuss ways to strengthen global health systems, including lessons from national health agencies abroad and international multilateral organizations that are working to alleviate health disparities and global health challenges.

- [Natasha Bilimoria](#), Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development
- [Chikwe Ihekweazu](#), Assistant Director General, Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence, World Health Organization
- [Vernon Lee](#), Adjunct Professor, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore; Senior Director, Communicable Diseases, Singapore Ministry of Health
- [Agnes Soucat](#), Director, Health and Social Protection, Agence Française de Développement
- *Presider:* [Susan Dentzer](#), President and Chief Executive Officer, America's Physician Groups; CFR Member

This symposium is on the record.

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