

**COVID-19 and Vaccines, Therapeutics, and Treatments
COVID-19 and the Return to Sports**

**A Two-Part Symposium of the
Roundtable on Black Men and Black Women in Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine**

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

AGENDA

<https://return-to-sports.eventbrite.com/>

Symposium Objectives: Resuming more normal activities in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic poses significant challenges to American society, and particular challenges to Black Americans, who are disproportionately harmed by the virus as well as by the suspension of educational and economic activities caused by COVID-19. This symposium aims to serve as a fact-finding and information-sharing exercise covering two critical topics. In the first part of the program, speakers and other participants will explore the anticipated trajectory of vaccine and treatment development- the science behind these technologies, how they will be delivered equitably to Black communities, and how trust will be built in these communities to insure distribution. The second part of the symposium will explore issues related to the resumption of organized athletic activities, where much discussion has focused on intercollegiate and professional athletics. Blacks constitute a significant percentage of elite athletes in a number of sports and speakers will address particular issues facing those returning to sports participation.

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9:30 AM

Opening Remarks and Perspectives

Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D., University of Connecticut, Chair of the Roundtable
MaCalus V. Hogan, M.D., M.B.A., University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., Sullivan Alliance to Transform the Health Professions
Hannah Valantine, M.D., M.R.C.P., National Institutes of Health

10:00 AM

Developing and Deploying COVID-19 Vaccines, Therapeutics, and Treatments: Science, Equity, and Trust

Key Questions:

- How are the science and logistics of vaccine development and deployment evolving? What are current expectations about efficacy, safety, manufacturing, and distribution?
- What are the equity issues involved and how are they being addressed?
- To what extent might lack of trust in government and the healthcare system affect the willingness of Black Americans to be vaccinated? What can and should be done to address this?

Moderator: Barney Graham, M.D., Ph.D., Deputy Director of NIAID's Vaccine Research Center, National Institutes of Health

Speakers (20-25 minutes each):

Stephen Hoge, M.D., President, Moderna

Karen Smith, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Officer, Emergent BioSolutions

Seema Kumar, Vice President of Innovation, Global Health and Policy Communication
Johnson & Johnson

Kizzmekia Corbitt, Ph.D., Scientific Lead-Coronavirus Team, Vaccine Research Center,
National Institutes of Health

11:30 AM **Discussion**

Noon **Break**

12:30 PM **COVID-19 and the Return to Sports**

Key Questions:

- What are the key requirements that need to be met in order to protect student-athletes, staff, and fans in a return to intercollegiate athletics?
- What are the issues and challenges facing different sports and institutions of different size-type?
- What are the next-steps for various stakeholders?

NCAA Panel

Moderator: Brian Hainline, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, NCAA

Speakers (15 minutes each):

M. Roy Wilson, M.D., President Wayne State University

Thomas Katsouleas, Ph.D., President of University of Connecticut

Leon McDougle, M.D., President of National Medical Association

1:15 PM **Discussion**

1:30 PM **A View from Coaches, Team Physicians, and Directors**

Moderator: Hannah Valantine, M.D., M.R.C.P., National Institutes of Health

Speakers (15 minutes each):

Deena Casiero, M.D., Head Team Physician, University of Connecticut

Ingrid Wicker-McCree, Ed.D., Athletic Director, NCCU

Dermot M. Phelan, M.D., Cardiologist - Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute - Charlotte

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2:30 PM **Discussion**

3:00 PM **Professional Panel**

Moderator: MaCalus V. Hogan, M.D., M.B.A., University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Speakers (15 minutes each):

Doug Glanville, Adjunct Faculty, School of Education, University of Connecticut and
former Major League Centerfielder

Kristofer Jones, M.D., Team Physician Los Angeles Lakers and Head Team Physician UCLA

Jeanne Doperak, D.O., Primary Care Medicine Specialist and Team Physician for
University of Pittsburgh Athletics and Pittsburgh Steelers

4:00 PM **Discussion**

4:30 PM **Key Questions and Next Steps**

5:00 PM **Adjourn**