



Outbreak: Epidemics in a Connected World

Monday, July 13 at 11am (60 minutes)

Open Session

How has our approach to surveillance, containment, and treatment of pandemics changed over time? What have we learned from past outbreaks that can help us understand COVID-19 and future outbreaks? In this session we'll have a conversation with the curator of the Smithsonian's timely Outbreak exhibition about her experience with the project.

Speakers:

- Dr. Umair Shah, MD, MPH, Executive Director, Harris County Public Health
- Dr. Sabrina Sholts, PhD, Curator of Biological Anthropology, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

Ethics in an Outbreak

Tuesday, July 14 at 11am (60 minutes)

Open Session

Who should have access to lifesaving technology when demand is higher than supply? Should people be required to wear face masks? Is it acceptable to fast-track human trials for new vaccines? Join bioethics scholars from UTMB in a discussion about how to approach decision-making during a pandemic using an ethical framework.

Speakers:

- Dr. Elise Smith, PhD, Assistant Professor, Preventative Medicine and Community Health, UTMB
- Dr. Jeff Farroni, PhD, JD, Assistant Professor, Preventative Medicine & Community Health, Institute for Translational Research, UTMB
- Dr. Cara Pennel, DrPH, MPH

To Vaccinate or Not to Vaccinate: Why Is This Still a Question?

Thursday, July 16 at 11am CST (30 minutes)

Open Session

It's widely accepted that an effective vaccination will be the key to long-term success against COVID-19. Despite the role that vaccinations have played in limiting the spread of many debilitating and lethal diseases, some people have begun to question whether vaccinations are necessary. Join Dr. Peter Hotez in a conversation about the science of vaccines and their critical importance for public health, their successes and limitations, and the current efforts to develop an effective vaccine against COVID-19.

Speaker:

- Dr. Peter Hotez, MD, PhD, Dean for the National School of Tropical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine School of Tropical Medicine

COVID-19 Q&A

Friday, July 17 at 11am EST (60 minutes)

Open Session

COVID-19 is a new virus in the human population. Our understanding of the virus and how to combat it is evolving in real time, resulting in lots of new information, updated recommendations - and potential misinformation. Join Dr. Scott Weaver as he answers your questions about COVID-19.

Speaker:

-Dr. Scott Weaver, PHD, Director of the Institute for Human Infection & Immunity, Scientific Director of the Galveston National Lab, UTMB

