



NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Virtual Industry Innovation Seminar- Pandemic Response

April 27, 2021 0900-1230

FACT SHEET

Background

NDUF is a non-partisan, non-profit foundation supporting NDU's mission of joint strategic education and leadership development. NDUF contributes to excellence and innovation in the faculty and student body through external partnerships, financial support and original initiatives, that facilitate collaboration and bring best-in-class industry organizations, leading experts & other decision makers together with NDU faculty and students to ensure our collective national security and international peace. We use the agility of an independent nonprofit to enhance the power of government to ensure NDU faculty and students have the resources needed to prepare emerging leaders for national security challenges.

NDUF Industry Innovation Seminar Series

NDUF Industry Innovation Seminars introduce NDU faculty and students to government and private sector leaders who are tackling leading edge topics with the goal of exploring the realm of "what is possible," driving solution-oriented thinking and critical decision-making skills that enhance the NDU student experience and the faculty body of knowledge.

NDUF Industry Innovation Seminar – Pandemic Response, April 27, 2021

The Industry Innovation Seminar on April 27, 2021 will explore Pandemic Response as a small group seminar for a select group of NDU students and faculty. The interactive discussion will provide insight into behind-the-scenes requirements and activities necessary to support the whole-of-government and whole-of-nation response to stand up and to execute the US response to COVID-19 while also laying the foundation for students to respond to future potential pandemics or bio-weapons in a global environment. The seminar is unclassified.

Logistics & Format: Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 Time: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Format: Brief opening remarks with three 50-minute moderated segments and 10-minute breaks between each session, brief closing remarks; Discussion is considered "off the record" in terms of attribution, but a white paper summary will be prepared and socialized for sharing afterwards.

09:00 to 0910 **Opening Remarks:**

[Lt. Gen. Michael T. Plehn, USAF, President, National Defense University](#)
[Dr. Gerald Epstein, NDU Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction](#)
[Ella Studer, Senior Vice President, KBR](#)

0910 to 0950 **Infrastructure:**

[Michael Flanagan, Vice President Operations LOGCAP, KBR,](#)
[Dr. Diane DiEuliis, Senior Research Fellow, WMD Center, NDU](#)
[Bradley Martin, Senior Policy Researcher, RAND](#)
[Dr. Laura K. Wolf, Director, Critical Infrastructure Protection Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the US Department HHS](#)

1000 to 1050 **Pandemic Response:**

[Dr. Gerald Epstein, NDU Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction](#)
[COL Matthew Hepburn, MD, USA, Operation Warp Speed](#)
[Dr. Jeffrey Gold, Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center](#)

1100 to 1150 **Pharmaceutical Response and Supply Chain:**

[Paul DeLuca, Director Navy and Marine Forces Center, RAND](#)
[Kyra Rosow Faircloth, US COVID 19 - Commercial Team Lead, Pfizer](#)
[Dr. Seth Lederman, Co-Founder, CEO & Chairman Tonix Pharmaceuticals](#)

1150 to 1200 Closing Remarks and Wrap Up Session