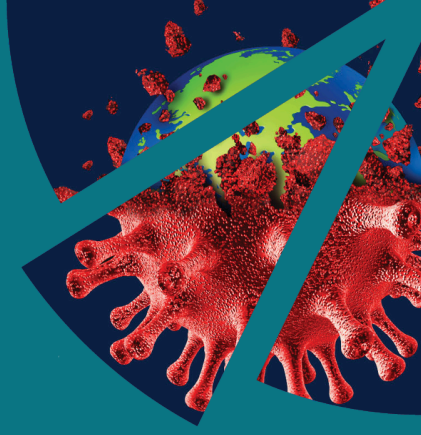
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12:00 PM Registration and lunch

12:30 PM Opening Remarks from Siem Te Ta-in (Coast Salish Knowledge Keeper)

Opening Remarks by UBC CDC and BCCDC

1:00 PM Keynote Presentation

Rethinking Global Health Security in the Post-COVID Era - Are we better prepared?

Maria D. Van Kerkhove
Director a.i., Epidemic and Pandemic Management, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Programme, World Health Organization

1:45 PM Presentations (20 minutes each)

Indigenous health and rights at the forefront of health security
Shannon Waters, Deputy Provincial Health Officer, British Columbia, Canada

Public trust and health security
Heidi J Larson, Professor of Anthropology, Risk and Decision Science, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK

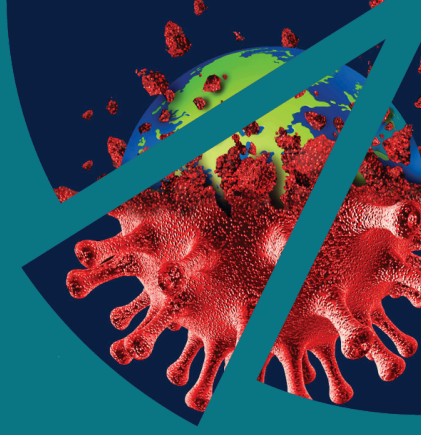
Misinformation and tackling misinformation - what is needed at the global scale
Tara Kirk Sell, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, Johns Hopkins University, USA

Data, equity and intelligence: Building inclusive surveillance systems
Naveed Janjua, Director, UBC Centre for Disease Control, University of British Columbia, Canada

Are we ready to tackle another pandemic: vaccine from development and to uptake?
Natasha Crowcroft, Vice President, Infectious Diseases and Vaccination Programs, Public Health Agency of Canada, Canada

One Health approach to tackle emerging threats
Hung Nguyen-Viet, Regional Director Asia, International Livestock Research Institute, Kenya

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4:00 PM Break and networking

4:30 PM Panel Discussion

Where do we go from here? Building a resilient global health future

Maria D. Van Kerkhove	Director a.i., Epidemic and Pandemic Management, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Programme, World Health Organization
Natasha Crowcroft	Vice President, Infectious Diseases and Vaccination Programs, Public Health Agency of Canada, Canada
Bonnie Henry	Provincial Health Officer, British Columbia, Canada
Shannon Waters	Deputy Provincial Health Officer, British Columbia, Canada
Réka Gustafson	Vice President, Population & Public Health and Chief Medical Health Officer, Island Health, British Columbia, Canada
Erica Pan	Director and State Public Health Officer, California Department of Public Health, USA
Tara Kirk Sell	Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, Johns Hopkins University, USA
Stefan Raos	General Manager, Moderna Canada

Moderator
Jat Sandhu
Chief Strategy Officer, BC Centre for Disease Control, British Columbia, Canada

5:50 PM Closing remarks

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