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Living in a Covidian world: The McGill response

Friday, March 19, 2021

8h30-12h30 EST

8h30-8h45 WELCOME

Dr. Chen Liang, Interim Director, McGill AIDS Centre/McGill Centre for Viral Diseases
Dr. Marcel Behr, Co-Director (Infection), McGill Interdisciplinary Initiative in Infection and Immunity

David H. Eidelman, Vice-Principal (Health Affairs), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, McGill University

Martha Crago, Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), McGill University

8h45-9h15 Keynote Presentation

Dr. Don Sheppard, Director, McGill Interdisciplinary Initiative in Infection and Immunity (MI4)

“McGill Mobilizes! Tackling the COVID-19 Pandemic”

9h05-9h15 (10 min for Q&A)

9h15-10h00 Biomedical Research (Chair: Dr. Silvia Vidal)

9h15-9h30 Dr. Jerry Pelletier, Professor, Department of Biochemistry
“Defective Viral Genomes of SARS CoV-2”

9h30-9h45 Dr. Don Vinh, Associate Professor, Department of Medical Microbiology
“Human Inborn Errors of Immunity and Severe COVID-19”

9h45-10h00 (15 min for Q&A)

10h00-10h45 Epidemiology and Public Health (Chair: Dr. Catherine Hankins)

10h00-10h15 Dr. Nadine Kronfli, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
“COVID-19 behind Canadian prison walls”

10h15-10h30 Dr. Christina Wolfson, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and Occupational Health



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“COVID-19 Research within the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging”

10h30-10h45 (15 min for Q&A)

10h45-11h00 BREAK

11h00-11h45 Clinical Research (Chair: Dr. Karl Weiss)

11h00-11h15 Dr. Jerry Zaharatos, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology
“SARS-CoV-2 Wars: Vaccines Versus The Variant Menace”

11h15-11h30 Dr. Emily McDonald, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
“Controversies in COVID-19 Outpatient Treatment Studies: Bringing Hope to the Planet?”

11h30-11h45 (15 min for Q&A)

11h45-12h30 Psychosocial and Economical impact of COVID (Chair: Dr. Marina Klein)

11h45-12h00 Dr. Brett Thombs, Professor, Department of Psychiatry
“Mental health in COVID-19: a living systematic review”

12h00-12h15 Dr. Fabian Lange, Professor, Department of Economics
“Job Search and Hiring During the COVID pandemic”

12h15-12h30 (15 min for Q&A)

12h30 CLOSING REMARKS

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