

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

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**MEMORANDUM**

**April 9, 2021**

**To: Members of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis**

**Fr: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hybrid Hearing on “Reaching the Light at the End of the Tunnel:  
A Science-Driven Approach to Swiftly and Safely Ending the Pandemic”**

On **Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. ET**, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis will host a hybrid in-person/remote hearing on “Reaching the Light at the End of the Tunnel: A Science-Driven Approach to Swiftly and Safely Ending the Pandemic.”

This hearing will convene in person in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building and remotely using WebEx, which has been approved by the House, at the discretion of the Chairman, the witness, and other Members.

**Strict adherence to the [Attending Physician’s Guidelines](#) is required for all participants attending in person.** Pursuant to these guidelines, “face coverings are REQUIRED” in the hearing room, and entry will not be permitted without a face covering. In addition, seating arrangements will be “in accordance with social distancing guidelines” and “every effort should be made [to] adhere to six-foot social distancing guidelines.”

Members attending remotely are asked to connect by 10:00 a.m. to ensure their participation and troubleshoot any connectivity issues. The hearing will be recorded and livestreamed for the public.

**I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF HEARING**

The hearing will examine the federal government’s response to the coronavirus pandemic, including the Biden Administration’s progress in accelerating vaccine distribution, enhancing equal access to vaccines, and combating vaccine hesitancy. It will also explore the continuing importance of adhering to public health measures like masks and distancing to save lives and slow the spread of dangerous virus variants in the weeks and months before all can be fully vaccinated.

**II. WITNESSES**

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