

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

SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

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**MEMORANDUM**

**September 24, 2021**

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

**Fr: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hybrid Hearing on “Upgrading Public Health Infrastructure: The Need to Protect, Rebuild, and Strengthen State and Local Public Health Departments”**

On **September 29, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. E.T.**, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis will hold a hybrid in-person/remote hearing on “Upgrading Public Health Infrastructure: The Need to Protect, Rebuild, and Strengthen State and Local Public Health Departments.”

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

Participants appearing in person will be required to adhere to the current [Attending Physician’s Guidelines](#), which provide for “all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated alike, to wear a mask in indoor spaces to further reduce spread of Delta agent coronavirus.”

Members attending remotely are asked to connect by 1:30 p.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 challenges state and local public health departments have faced during the coronavirus pandemic. This hearing will also explore what actions can be taken to ensure state and local public health departments have the resources they need to improve the health of our communities and respond effectively to public health crises over the long term.

**II. WITNESSES**

**Dr. Jennifer Bacani McKenney**  
Health Officer  
Wilson County Health Department (Kansas)

**Dr. Beth Resnick**

Assistant Dean for Practice and Training  
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Columbus Public Health (Ohio)

**Dr. Joseph Kanter**

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