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Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis Hearing Notice

September 22, 2021

TO: Members, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis

FROM: James E. Clyburn, Chairman

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

DATE: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

TIME: 2:00 p.m. ET

PLACE: 2154 RHOB and Zoom

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

Members should RSVP for the hearing by Monday, September 27, 2021, to [SSCC Clerks@housemail.house.gov](mailto:SSCC_Clerks@housemail.house.gov) or by responding to the email that circulated this Notice. Please do not reply to all. Please include in the RSVP whether you will be attending the hearing in-person or via Zoom.

This hearing will convene in person in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building and remotely using Zoom, which has been approved by the House. 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 joining the hearing remotely are asked to connect by 1:30 p.m. to ensure their participation and troubleshoot any connectivity issues. Only Members, witnesses, counsel for witnesses, and approved Committee staff are allowed into the Zoom platform. All other staff may watch via livestream on the Select Subcommittee [website](#). Members who have difficulty connecting may contact Yusra Abdelmeguid with the Majority staff at (202) 748-0978

or Ashlee Vineyard with the Minority staff at (202) 680-3089. Members connecting through Zoom will be sent the meeting invitation link via Outlook once RSVP'd.

Attached are Zoom user guides that demonstrate how to: (1) manage various user features; and (2) ensure the best user experience by employing general best practices (e.g., optimal lighting and sound conditions). Members interested in testing Zoom before the briefing should contact [SSCC Clerks@housemail.house.gov](mailto:SSCC_Clerks@housemail.house.gov) to arrange a test.

If any Members would like to submit documents, exhibits, or other materials into the hearing record, they may submit them through the Committee's electronic repository at [SSCC Clerks@housemail.house.gov](mailto:SSCC_Clerks@housemail.house.gov). Members are encouraged to submit such materials at least 24 hours prior to the hearing so they may be circulated to all Members prior to the hearing. Submitting such materials after this period, or during the hearing, may delay both their distribution to other Members and their approval for entering into the record.

Per the Office of the Attending Physician's guidelines, and in consultation with the Architect of the Capitol, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Sergeant at Arms, and the Committee on House Administration, the hearing room has been reconfigured to provide for social distancing. As a result, seating in the hearing room is extremely limited and may not be able to accommodate all Members at one time. In light of current guidance from CDC and OAP, all Members and staff must continue to wear masks at all times, regardless of vaccination status. Members may remove their masks only when recognized by the Chair to speak.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting Chioma Chukwu at OversightAccommodations@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-5051 at least three business days in advance of the scheduled hearing.