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SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

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MEMORANDUM

November 5, 2021

To: Members of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Field Hearing on “Building Vaccine Confidence: Our Shot at Curbing the Pandemic in Chicago and Beyond”

On **November 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. C.T./2:00 p.m. E.T.**, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis will hold an in-person field hearing on “Building Vaccine Confidence: Our Shot at Curbing the Pandemic in Chicago and Beyond.”

This hearing will convene in person at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago.

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.” Malcolm X College [requires](#) that all individuals wear a face mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status, when entering and exiting, in all public common areas, such as elevators, restrooms, and classrooms, as well as any time where six feet social distancing is not maintained. The hearing will be recorded and livestreamed for the public.

I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF HEARING

The hearing will examine the challenges impacting the vaccination of all Americans, including in Chicago and throughout Illinois. It will also highlight ways to overcome vaccine hesitancy, ensure equitable access to coronavirus vaccinations, and increase vaccine uptake, particularly in underrepresented communities.

II. WITNESSES

Panel 1:

Lori Lightfoot
Mayor
City of Chicago

Ngozi Ezike, M.D.
Director
Illinois Department of Public Health

Panel 2:

Helene D. Gayle, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
The Chicago Community Trust

Omar Khan, M.D.
Co-Chair
Muslim Community Center's Health & Awareness Committee

Martha Martinez
Manager
Pandemic Health Navigator Program (Gail Borden Public Library District)

Don Abram
Program Manager
Interfaith Youth Core

Ben O'Donnell
Coronavirus Survivor