

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

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MEMORANDUM

April 26, 2022

To: Members of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hybrid Hearing on “Ensuring Scientific Integrity at Our Nation's Public Health Agencies”

On **April 29, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. E.T.**, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis will hold a hybrid in-person/remote hearing on “Ensuring Scientific Integrity at Our Nation's Public Health Agencies.”

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.

In light of current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Office of Attending Physician, use of masks by Members and staff in the hearing room is optional. Members and staff with coronavirus symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with the coronavirus should participate in the hearing remotely.

Members attending remotely are asked to connect by 8:30 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 a new report by the Government Accountability Office finding that career government scientists observed incidents of political interference that resulted in the alteration or suppression of scientific findings related to the coronavirus. It will also explore recommendations to prevent recurrence of these incidents, ensuring that policies implemented in response to the coronavirus pandemic and future health threats are based on sound science.

II. WITNESSES

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