COVID-19 and Vaccine Access: Guidance and Tips during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Guest Speakers:

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Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021
1:00PM – 3:00PM
Join us at: https://arizona.zoom.us/j/82308627019

Virtual Event Details
1:00 – 1:45PM   Welcome/Topic Introduction
1:45 – 2:30PM   Panel Discussion
2:30 – 2:50PM   Q&A
2:50 – 3:00PM   Post Forum Survey

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More about our Guest Speakers:

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Theresa Cullen, MD, MS received her medical degree at the University of Arizona COM in 1983 and has served in several influential roles in her family medicine career over the years. She is currently serving as Pima County’s Health Director since May 2020 and has worked directly with leading the response of COVID-19 in the County. She has previous experience working during the 2014/2015 Ebola crisis as a volunteer physician with Partners in Health in Sierra Leone as well. Prior accomplishments include working as a former Assistant US Surgeon General as well as working as the Deputy Director of the Department of Defense (DoD)/Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Interagency Program Office (IPO). In her role with the IPO, she led the DoD and VA in the development and implementation of the integrated Electronic Health Record and the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record Health systems, capabilities and initiatives that allow for full information interoperability between the Departments to better serve Service members, Veterans and other eligible beneficiaries. Previously, Dr Cullen has served as the Director of Health and Human Services Domain Information Technology Program Management Office (PMO) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In this position, she helped coordinate the health information technology investments through HHS. Dr. Cullen started her career with Indian Health Service (IHS) in 1984 as a family practice physician and was a clinical director on the Tohono O’odham reservation from 1994-1999. She was the senior medical informatics consultant for IHS from 1999-2006. Starting in 2006 until June 2011, she was the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Director of the Office of Information Technology for IHS. She has received numerous awards for her achievements working for the IHS and service in the US Public Health Service.

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Michael D. L. Johnson, PhD received his bachelors from Duke University. He obtained a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Biophysics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he studied the effects of calcium on bacterial motility and attachment under the mentorship of Matthew Redinbo. For his postdoctoral training, Michael Johnson went to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in order to work with Jason Rosch on metal homeostasis of Streptococcus pneumoniae and subsequently with Douglas Green on the mechanisms of LC3-associated phagocytosis. Michael Johnson joined the faculty of the University of Arizona in 2016 and has since continued his studies on the role of metals in bacterial homeostasis with goal of developing novel therapies against bacterial infections. During COVID-19, Dr. Johnson has been dedicated to educating community members about the pandemic and vaccinations, with specific outreach to African American places of worship.