EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Public health, cancer and health security

Online EU-US Conference on Long COVID

Tuesday 13 December 2022, 14.00 – 18.00 CET, Brussels time
(or 08.00 – 12.00 Eastern Standard Time)

Preliminary agenda:

14:00 – 14:30 **Opening**

- Welcome by DG Health and Food Safety, European Commission
- Keynote address by Peter Piot, special advisor to the President of the European Commission

14:30 – 14:45 **Patient perspective on Long COVID**

- Representative of Long COVID Europe
- Representative of Patient-Led Research Collaborative (USA)

14:45 – 15:15 **Research evidence on epidemiology, symptoms, treatment**

- Prof Evelina Tacconelli, University of Verona, on behalf of the ORCHESTRA project
- Dr. Monica Verduzco-Gutierrez, COVID Recovery Clinic at University Health, University of Texas Health San Antonio

15:15 – 15:45 **Research agenda**

- Prof. Theo Vos, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington
- Dr. Joseph Breen, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAIDS, US), on behalf of the NIH RECOVER Initiative

15:45 – 16:00 **Break**

16:00 – 16:30 **Economic impact of Long COVID**

- Francesca Colombo, Head of the Health Division, OECD
- Speaker on the impact of long COVID on labour participation (tbc)

16:30 – 17:30 **How should health systems respond to Long COVID?**

- Petronille Bogaert, Sciensano on behalf of the PHIRI project

Expert panel

- Dr. Tomas Zapata, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Dr. Jelka Zaletel, NIJZ Slovenia, on behalf of the European Commission Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health

- Dr. Arlene Bierman, US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

17:30 – 17:45 **Q&A**

17:45 – 18:00 **Closing**