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What Happens After The Pandemic?

What have we learned from COVID-19? What did the pandemic expose, and teach us, here and around the globe?

- Is the US, the world, better prepared for future health crises?
- Can we, will we, ensure that when future outbreaks happen, it doesn't lead to loss of lives and livelihoods? If yes, how?
- What is the responsibility of the private sector? The role of government? Our international obligations?
- What does history tell us about post-pandemic changes that shape societies?

The Iceberg of Rising Health Care Costs: How We Stop It From Sinking Our Economy (Because it will)

- Runaway health care spending now threatens to sink our economy:
 - Eating into wage growth while ballooning the costs of overall worker compensation; bad for workers and businesses
 - Swallowing state budgets, forcing deep cuts in other essential services and priorities
 - Straining federal budget
- What's driving these rising costs?
- Why do policymakers keep getting the solutions wrong?
- And what is the agenda for action?
- What can policymakers do? What about businesses? Individuals?

Climate Change and Health: A Noxious Connection

Climate change – is often seen as an environmental problem, which of course it is. But, It is also the most urgent, overlooked threat to health.

- The connection is real, immediate, and deadly.

How climate change impacts health:

- Drought => Famine => Migration => Disease spread
- More respiratory illness
- Heat-related illness

Solutions demand new connections between scientists and policy makers

- Beyond reducing carbon pollution, what should healthcare systems be doing?
- Mitigation by healthcare systems – reducing their own footprint

- Understanding how climate change is going to drive big impacts on population health
- Building climate resilient healthcare systems
- Building climate sensitive population health strategies.

The role of governments, businesses and non-profit organizations in solutions

Can Artificial Intelligence Make Us Healthier?

Artificial Intelligence and its Application to Medicine and Public Health:

- What are the major tools of AI that might actually be useful? How? When? Where?
- What are the challenges of AI – to providers, patients, health care systems?
- What are the risks that are not being adequately understood or captured?
- The role of AI in transforming health and healthcare not just in the US but around the globe

Keeping Employees Healthy at Work

- COVID has taught us a lot about how we can keep people healthy at work:
 - Respiratory infections – COVID, flu, RSV, and others have a large impact on worker health, missed days of work, etc.
 - When employees' kids get sick at school, that can impact their work
 - We now have tools to effectively manage respiratory infections – during typical respiratory infection seasons as well during crisis times
 - The role of Indoor Air Quality in keeping people healthy
 - Other strategies such as testing and treatments that can make a big difference
 - Ultimately, this talk is focused on employers who understand typical respiratory seasons are disruptive and a bad season can be even more so – but we now have the tools to manage it far more effectively