

## Global Health Lecture Series

# Emergency Response to Covid19 in the US: Experiences from the Field

## Panelists

### John Davies-Cole, PhD, MPH



Dr. Davies-Cole is the Chief Epidemiologist for District of Columbia Department of Health, Washington, DC. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Global Health at the George Washington University School of Public Health in Washington, DC. He was also a World Health Organization (WHO) Fellow with extensive experience in epidemiology and disease control. He has extensive experience in global disease control and was involved in control of sleeping sickness at the International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) in Nairobi, Kenya. In his capacity as chief epidemiologist, he supervises a team of epidemiologists, data analysts and disease investigators who conduct disease surveillance activities and respond to infectious disease occurrences and outbreaks. He currently leads the Health Surveillance Branch for the District of Columbia COVID-19 emergency response.

### Victor Popoola MD MPH MS CPH PhD(c)



A Physician-Epidemiologist with about 15 years' experience in clinical medicine, design and implementation of epidemiological studies, outbreak response, and analytics. Dr. Popoola's work applies evidence on the transmission dynamics of emerging infectious diseases to design efficient surveillance systems and improved prevention and control strategies. He is working on his dissertation for a doctoral program in Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and has published over 20 peer-reviewed articles.

### Mesfin Fransua, M.D.



Dr. Mesfin Fransua is an infectious disease specialist in Atlanta, Georgia and a Professor at Morehouse School of Medicine. He is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the Atlanta area. He has been in practice for more than 20 years and currently practices at GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM and is affiliated with Grady Memorial Hospital

## Patrick O'Carroll, MD, MPH, FACPM, FACMI - Moderator



Dr. Patrick O'Carroll is a member of the Executive Team at The Task Force for Global Health. Dr. O'Carroll provides strategic and operational direction to The Task Force's health systems strengthening suite of programs, including the Public Health Informatics Institute, TEPHINET, MedSurplus Alliance, and the Health Campaign Effectiveness program. He joined The Task Force in 2016.

Dr. O'Carroll began his public health career in 1985 as a CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, spending the next eighteen years with CDC as an epidemiologist, informatician, and program director. For the next thirteen years he worked for with the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, first as Regional Health Administrator for HHS Region X (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) and later as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health for Science and Medicine at HHS.

Dr. O'Carroll received his medical doctorate and Master of Public Health degrees from Johns Hopkins University, and holds affiliate professor appointments in the schools of public health and medicine at the University of Washington, and at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health.