## THROUGH THE EYES OF THE FRONTLINE

## Through the Eyes of the Frontline: COVID 19 Massachusetts Nurses Association & Health Watch USA<sup>sm</sup> Webinar July 15th, 2020



**COVID-19 - The Perfect Storm, The History of the Ineffective Disease Policy:** Dr. Kevin Kavanagh from Health Watch USA<sup>sm</sup> traces the history of the ineffective infectious disease policy regarding the USA's attempt to stop the Sars-CoV-2 pandemic. A historical perspective is given, covering President George Bush's 2005 proposal of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act to the disastrous second peak of the first wave which was associated with continued supply disruptions, lack of testing and an uncoordinated Federal Response.

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**COVID-19 - Netherlands from the Front Lines:** Dr. Christina Vondenbrouke-Grauls from the Netherlands' describes Netherlands response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A description is given of how public health guidance changed as more knowledge regarding the lethality and infectivity of the virus was obtained. Along with the successful strategies the Netherlands employed and the phased reopenings which allowed the country to return to a more normal life while still maintaining low levels of viral cases.

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## **COVID-19 - Singapore From the Front Lines:**

Dr. Matthias Maiwald tells the story of COVID-19 and Singapore. In this presentation he stresses the importance of preparation with both planning and stockpiling of protective gear. Almost three N-95 masks were stockpiled for each Citizen of Singapore. Advanced case tracking using cell phones is described along with the importance of paying attention to all segments of society as the virus does not discriminate and can easily spread from one public sector to another. Finally, the importance of maintaining the skills and staffing for Laboratory Developed Tests which can be rapidly brought on line for a fast

response. View Presentation Video: <u>https://youtu.be/EEWis0cOLLA</u>



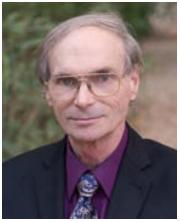
**COVID-19 - Spain From the Front Lines:** Dr. Jesus Rodrigues-Bano, the immediate Past President of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases and Associate-Editor of Clinical Microbiology and Infection. discusses the history of the COVID-19 response in Spain and what was found to work and what did not.

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**COVID-19 - United States From the Front Lines:** Dr. Elaine Bernard discusses how the lack of social infrastructure for workers and the population at large set the state for racial and social disparities in both the impact and our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**COVID-19 2020 Closing Comments - Not Following Public Health Advice:** Dr. Kevin Kavanagh from Health Watch USA(sm) summarizes the 2020 COVID-19 Conference. The United States has fallen behind other nations of the world in controlling COVID-19. Almost all nations underestimated the infectivity and lethality of the virus and had to change public health recommendations to achieve control. But unlike other nations, many in the United States used these changes to discredit public health officials and then advocate to not follow public health strategies. Leaders in the United States have also mitigated the

dangers of the virus and the usefulness of widespread community testing. View Presentation Video: <u>https://youtu.be/UwBNeyZUT20</u>

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