



Unraveling the Immediate Effects of COVID-19

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As the Coronavirus spreads globally with significant impact on medical well-being and financial markets, the Institute has produced a series of conference calls with experts from various industries to speak about COVID-19 health and economic implications.

Moderated by Milken Institute Chairman, **Michael Milken**, and the Milken Institute's Executive Director of Business and Program Development, **Katie O'Reilly**, webinar panelists included:

- **Esther Krofah**, Executive Director, FasterCures, a Center of the Milken Institute
- **Dr. Jeremy Lim**, Public Health Expert and Partner, Oliver Wyman (Singapore)
- **Dr. Mark McClellan**, Director and Robert J. Margolis MD Professor of Business, Medicine, and Policy, Fuqua School of Business at Duke University and former Commissioner of the US FDA
- **Dr. Jonathan Simons**, Chief Executive Officer, Prostate Cancer Foundation

The panelists touched on the following:

- Milken covered the six areas of focus the Milken family is working on in response to COVID-19: education, prevention, testing, care and treatment, control and faster cures, and financial safety nets.
- Krofah spoke about the work of [FasterCures](#), a Center of the Milken Institute. FasterCures is striving to accelerate research and find treatments and cures by working closely with partners; this information can be found by visiting the [Milken Institute COVID-19 Treatment and Vaccine Tracker](#).
- McClellan cited that the US is still in the early stages of addressing the pandemic. McClellan also noted the work he is doing with Scott Gottlieb, and their paper "[Advancing Treatments to Save Lives and Reduce the Risk of COVID-19](#)."
- Lim discussed how COVID-19 is impacting Singapore and the public health response, including the multi-agency task force. Trust in the Singapore government has been integral, with the government being transparent on the number of cases and recommendations.
- Simons talked about how cancer research can teach us much about COVID-19, especially in the area of immunotherapy. Simons spoke to the need for a centralized system for clinical trials.
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