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A NOTE ON THE TEXT

This volume presents the diary of Anthony S. Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Chief Medical Advisor to the President, from January 2021 through December 17, 2022, shortly before his retirement. It is the third of three volumes that together carry the diary from its opening entry in 2001 to his retirement.

The text is drawn from the diary documents released by Senator Rand Paul in four installments during 2026. This volume draws on the main release, "Tony's Diary," and on the later release of missing pages, which covers December 31, 2021 through early May 2022 and is placed here at its point in the chronology. The released documents contain no entries for most of December 2021 or for most of May 2022. Entries appear in the order in which they appear in the released documents. Where Fauci misdated an entry, or recorded an entry out of sequence, it has been left where and as he placed it.

This edition has been newly typeset. Its layout, typography, and pagination differ from the released documents, and some formatting in the originals, such as fonts, highlighting, and line breaks, has not been reproduced. A small amount of content has also been removed, as described below; nothing has been added to Fauci's text.

Fauci frequently pasted into his diary material written by others: newspaper and magazine articles, profiles of himself, press releases, speeches, letters, and emails sent to him. Those items have been omitted, so that what remains is Fauci's own writing. His brief notes introducing such items ("See below," "Article in the Washington Post today") have been retained, as have emails, letters, memoranda, and other documents that he wrote himself. The signature blocks and confidentiality notices at the foot of his emails have also been omitted.

The text has not been corrected. Spelling errors, misspelled names, dictation errors, inconsistent punctuation, and shorthand are reproduced as

they appear in the source. The exceptions are obvious errors introduced when scanned pages were transcribed, such as “4″” for “4th” or “|” for “I”, which have been put right. Routine notations such as lists of press appearances have been kept.

In 2020 through 2022, Fauci opened most entries with the day’s global and U.S. case and death counts and closed many with lists of his press appearances; these have been kept as he wrote them.

Redactions made in the released documents are shown as black bars ([redacted]), sized roughly to the length of the passage withheld. Photographs and other images, and text transcribed from them, have been omitted. Some diary pages were released only as scanned images; their text has been transcribed from those images. Paragraphs broken across page boundaries in the source have been rejoined. Headings marking each year have been added by the editor.

2021

January 1, 2021 – Global – 81,900,000/1,800,000; USA – 20,000,000/345,000

Records continue to be broken with 125,000 hospitalizations and >3000 deaths. GOP and Trump planning to challenge the January congressional certification of the electoral votes. Disgraceful assault on democracy.

•**Spoke with Mitt Romney this AM** who ran by me an OpEd he wants to submit pointing out the lack of success and weaknesses of the vaccine rollout plan and suggestions of how to improve it. Clearly there is a problem (see below)

Problem with vaccine rollout. Plan was to have 40 million doses delivered by December 31 with 20 million in the arms and 20 million in reserve. This far 14 million delivered and 2.7 million in the arms. Clearly, they need to catch up. There is no central "plan" similar to no plan for testing and no plan for PPE.

January 2, 2021 – Global – 82,400,000/1,800,000; USA – 20,100,000/347,000

Deaths now averaging around 3000 per day. Hospitalizations continue to break records.

Trump totally focused on disrupting the transfer of power and declaring the election invalid. Big day coming up on January 5 when the Congress certifies the Electoral Votes.

January 3, 2021 – Global – 82,600,000/1,800,000; USA – 20,300,000/350,000

Total deaths have not reached 350,000!!

Tweet from Trump:

Got a call from Jeff Zients wanting to confirm the I still am in favor of Janet Woodcock for FDA Commissioner. He was getting some negative signals from some people that she was involved in the EUA for hydroxychloroquine. I explained to Jeff that this was really Mark Meadows pressuring Steve Hahn who caved in.

PRESS: ABC "This Week" with Martha Raddatz; NBC "Meet the Press" with Chuck Todd;

January 4, 2021 – Global – 83,700,000/1,800,000; USA – 20,600,000/350,700

Expecting the post-holiday surge **Things starting to move with my involvement with the Biden team.** Biden is concerned about making sure that he reaches 100 million doses of vaccine in the 1st 100 days. We are meeting by zoom with him tomorrow and today and tomorrow we had/will have pre-brief meetings to discuss our plan – led by Jeff Zients. Present were Natalie Quillian, Vivek Murthy, Marcella Nunez-Smith, Rochelle Walensky, David Kessler, Asma Mirza, and Sonya Bernstein. Plan is to develop community vaccination centers, use mobile units to get to rural areas, etc.

Nursing staff in the OR at the Brigham and Women's Hospital all wearing Fauci caps. Email sent to me by Atul Gawande.

PRESS: Did zoom interview with the Newsday Editorial Board; MSNBC "All In" with Chris Hayes

January 5, 2021 – Global – 84,200,000/1,800,000 USA – 20,700,000/352,000

Trump going completely crazy. Was recorded on an hour-long telephone call with Secretary of State of Georgia Brad Raffensperger to change the votes and asked for 11, 780 votes to be changed (he lost Georgia by 11,779). Clearly a criminal act of trying to influence an election. More cowardly GOPs are backing Trump in the House Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Senate (Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Josh Hawley (R-MO)

•Big discussion and debate in the press about whether to give more single doses of vaccine and wait few months before the second dose. The UK is doing this with the AZ vaccine. There is no scientific data to justify this. They are doing it because they want to give more people first doses. Our problem is not more people than doses, it is that we are not injecting as

many people (4 million) with the doses that we have (14 million). Much discussion in the press about this.

•**Had Zoom meeting with Biden and Harris**. Meeting led by Jeff Zients. Present was Ron Klain, Natalie Quillian, Marcella Nunez-Smith, David Kessler, Vivek Murthy, Rochelle Walensky, Bechara Choucair. Topic was that Biden wants to announce in a speech 3 transforming steps that he will initiate regarding vaccines. Natalie presented our plan and there was discussions about using pharmacies first and then as we get more doses, opening up "Community Vaccine Centers". I described status of the outbreak. Biden is much more in favor of federal presence than is the Trump administration. Slide deck is below:

PRESS: Interview with Newsweek UK; AP Online interview with Lauren Neergaard;

January 6, 2021 - Global – 84,800,000/1,900,000; USA – 21,000,000/356,000

Spoke on chat with Chiefs of Police and with Presidents of Jesuit Schools (led by Fr. Dan Lahart of Regis)

Made rounds on COVID-19 patient at Clinical Center. I have been doing this about 1X per week. Saw patient today with COVID disease - 73 y.o. AA male, ex-marine, ex-State Trooper. Says this is worse he has ever felt.

•My group (Mascola, Graham, Lane, Marston **briefed the ART team** led by Lu Borio and Marcella Nunez-Smith and David Kessler. We spoke about the mutant viruses in UK and RSA and their impact on mAbs and vaccines.

Trump incites riot as protestors storm the Capitol, break windows and occupy Pelosi's office. Capitol Police utter failure to control them. Democrats take both Senate seats in Georgia Election - Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock. Biden electoral votes certified by Joint Session of Congress. Sens. Hawley and Cruz fight to the bitter end to their shame. Several senators who originally had supported the attempt to overthrow the election have changed their mind because of the shock of the storming of the Capitol

PRESS: Podcast Fireside Chat with David Rubenstein for the Economic Club of Washington, DC; BNN Bloomberg Canadian TV;

January 7, 2021 – Global – 85,500,000/1,900,000; USA – 21,300,000/360,000

Record number of deaths yesterday - >3963. Today another record at 4000. Surging continues. Slow start in the implementation of administration of vaccines. Was supposed to have 20 million doses distributed and administered by December 31. Today there have been 15 million distributed and 5 million administered.

PRESS: NPR – "Morning Edition", Noel King; France24 TV (Arabic language); WJLA TV; New York Times: NYT: Fauci says he thinks that January will get worse, and that the vaccination effort needs more time.

January 8, 2021 – Global USA

4111 Deaths!! Record hospitalizations.

I have been on the phone with Jeff Zients a few times today. I checked the number for projected requirement of vaccines to fulfill the promise of 100 million doses in arms in 1st 100 days of Biden administration. The number in the Biden slides (Kessler derived) was 275 million doses and 135 million people (getting 2 doses) by end of April. I called Moncef Slaoui and got the actual numbers and they totaled 189 million. I called Jeff and let him know. He checked with Kessler who then checked with Moncef and they figures that the doses that had already been allocated prior but not given yet would make up for the difference. I am concerned that we (Biden team) will not meet the promise. Too many vicissitudes in vaccine production. Perhaps Janssen will bale us out with the 25 million doses in March and 40 million in April (single dose required). Then, Biden team announced that they would not hold back any doses to save for 2nd shot, but will immunize everyone then can with doses they have. This places a lot of faith in the precision of the production/delivery of doses. They may have to pause with 1st doses to catch up with 2nd dose requirement.

At 8:00 PM tonight as I was over Rob and Ellen's "open Garage" dining room, **Jeff Zients called** me again asking for a favor. A Politico reporter is already getting ready to write a story spreading rumors that Biden is upset with his COVID team and Jeff is asking a favor for me to go on "background" and tell the reporter that they are doing a very good job. I told Jeff that I would of course be happy to do this.

PRESS: NPR International – "The World"; C-SPAN doing "Facts and Faith" at VCU talk with Virginia Governor Northam. Speaking to Black Faith leaders

January 9, 2021 - Global - 87,600,000/1,900,000; USA – 22,000,000/368,000

The pandemic is getting more scary. Every day more and more cases and deaths. Patients in the hallways in California. Nurses and MDs exhausted. It seems that people are getting infected who are being careful and have no idea why they are getting infected. N501Y mutation is here in the USA, but it is not dominant. We may actually have out own mutant that we have not recognized since the CDC has not really been looking.

Had conversation this AM 12:10 PM to 12:50 PM with 2 reporters from Politico (Adam Cancryn and Tyler Pager). Call set up by T.J. Ducklo (see note about regarding call from Jeff Zients). See above regarding content of call. I convinced them that the Biden team is a good team and that the discontent is typical Washington, DC rumors. Interesting that someone associated with Biden campaign is already spreading damaging rumors about the team. Probably someone who wanted a place in the transition and is not satisfied with what was given to them.

David Ho is doing tests on convalescent sera and sera of people who were vaccinated and is finding disturbing data in both the UK and worse in the RSA mutants. **It looks like the vaccine might be compromised.** We need to prepare to modify the vaccine if this observation holds up.

Also, Peter Staley and James Kellerstein are writing an article for an OpEd to ask for the DPA to build a plant so that we can make unlimited amount of vaccine. Ewe can use this if we need to quickly do a strain change.

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January 10, 2021 – Global – 88,400,000/1,900,000 USA – 22,100,000/371,100

And the surge goes on..... There is a real concern that we have our own mutant that is resulting in an increased surge in cases. People are saying they have no idea how they got infected since they have been observing public health recommendations. See below comments from Birx.

Deb's report:

See graphs on slide set below (frightening):

Major discussion among Congress in invoking the 25th Amendment to remove Trump. Pelosi is going to go ahead with **impeachment proceedings** even though there would be no time to convict, they can impeach. Several people in the White House and Cabinet are resigning – Elaine Chao, Matt Pottinger. POTUS is attacking Pence for not going along with his attempts to overthrow the election. Poor Pence. He had been so loyal, but I am pleased to see that the goodness that I recognized in him is coming out, albeit a bit late in the game. The crazies in the Trump following are calling for the execution of Pence, similar to Crazy Steve Bannon calling for my beheading.

PRESS: WGN Radio (Steve Dale) – Chicago; Satire from The Borowitz Report

January 11, 2021 – Global – 88,800,000/1,900,000; USA – 22,300,000/373,200

Surge continues unabated. Deb's notes:

Continued discussion about invoking the 25th Amendment. Trump have been permanently banned from Twitter and at least temporarily from Facebook (maybe permanent). Trump stating that "it is only beginning". Intelligence chatter indicating that there will be massive demonstrations and even violence associated with the inauguration.

Mick Mulvaney made some interesting comments on a CNN Special on "insurrection". When asked why so many people stuck with Trump when all the signs were there that he was acting crazy. Mick said that when you lie with him in the WH day after day, you see that he has accomplished a lot and you tend to downplay in your mind the signs of craziness. I even saw some of that during the time that I went to the WH every day for months in the Spring and Summer.

Marc Short called me and asked for me to make connection with the Biden people and invite someone to today's Task Force Meeting so that the Biden Team can get a feel for how the current task Force works. I called Jeff Zients and Jeff gave them Cyrus Shahpar who is on the Biden team and works for Tom Frieden.

Did a chat with Bishop TD Jakes including Kizzy Corbett. Trying to Spoke with Pat Foye of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority

(MTA). They want me to do a 1 minute PSA to encourage their employees to get vaccinated.

PRESS: Rural TV Network – "Rural Health Matters", Nashville, TN TV;

POLITICO: 'There is a palpable concern': Biden presses advisers over 100 million Covid shot goal (This relates to my conversation with Zients/Ducklo)

January 12, 2021 – Global – 89,400,000/1,900,000; USA – 22,500,000/375,100

4400 deaths today

John Mascola working with David Ho to determine the possibility that the UK (N501Y; B.1.1.7) and/or the RSA mutants evade the antibodies induced by vaccines. According to Ho, the RSA mutants are much more troublesome in that they do not eliminate the protection of vaccine induced antibodies, but they definitely decrease by 2 to 3-fold their potency. David is now working on studying the UK mutant. Stay tuned.

•Had discussion with Chris Whitty and Patrick Vallance of the UK regarding their mutant and their vaccine program. They confirmed that the mutant is spreading widely in UK and other EU countries and also that there is no increase in virulence of escape from vaccine-induced antibodies. They also mentioned that they are more concerned about the RSA variant (mutants).

•Did Fireside Chat with Barbara Bush on "Future Forum for Preparedness" (her Global Health Corps)

Had discussion with Azar, Pence, and the OWS crew about vaccine rollout. We will as of tomorrow (announce at the Governor's call) that we are changing our rollout strategy. We are going to be more flexible and not strictly wedded to the ACIP/CDC guidance of Phase 1a. We should continue that, but move on the people >65 years old and people 16 (or 18) to 64 with underlying conditions

Am communicating with Stanley Tucci. He has heard through the media that I make Tympani:

On 12 Jan 2021, at 6:54 pm, Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov> wrote:

Mr. Tucci:

Thank you for your very kind note. I was thrilled to hear from as I am a great fan of your acting and am looking forward to watching your CNN Special. I would be honored if you could send me autographed copies of your cook books. My address is [redacted]. I hope that you are doing well during these difficult times. Please stay safe.

Warm regards,

Tony

Jeff Zients called me to get approval of a statement that Biden will put out criticizing the Trump administration for opening up the floodgates of the Phases for vaccines (see above) given that there is not enough vaccine to go around at this point. Indicated that I did not like the statement sine it was a gotcha. Jeff did not like that but nonetheless changed it somewhat according to my suggestions.

January 13, 2021 – Global – 90,100,000/1,900,000; USA – 22,700,000/379,000

The surge continues. Could this be that we are dealing with our own highly contagious variant, but we do not realize it since the CDC sequencing surveillance has not been very comprehensive as has the UK surveillance? See below **Trump impeached for 2nd time!** Several Republicans vote in House for impeachment. Unlikely to come to trial in Senate until after inauguration. Biden does not want distraction from his 100 days agenda.

Had zoom call with President of Ecuador – President Lenin Moreno Garces. We discussed the situation in Ecuador, vaccines and a whole bunch of questions that he had. Seems like a very smart person. I promised to advocate for equitable availability of vaccines throughout the world including Ecuador.

Had Zoom call with Biden team – (Marcella Nunez-Smith, David Kessler, Rochelle Walensky, Vivek Murthy, Connolly Keigler and Maju Varghese). David led discussion regarding the inauguration. Originally there was supposed to be 250 people on the platform 6 feet apart ()POTUS and VP and Family, supreme court justices, leaders of Congress. 6 feet apart, all masked, all tested. Then then wanted 29,000 on the West Front. Maju

Varghese was operationally responsible for arrangements. These 29,000 were cut down to 2000 by David (who is overall responsible for arrangements). The meeting today was to determine if we were OK with this. We all (Marcella, Rochelle, Vivek) voted that there should be no one on the West Front. I made the argument that some of the GOP Congressmen could make trouble by not wearing masks the way they refused when the Capitol was attacked and they were crowded in a room. Also, if someone gets infected, the press will jump on us. David will bring this back to Biden and Klain.

Had regular every 2 weeks call with Bill Gates – Bill and Trevor Mundel know about the issue with the mutations that David Ho is working on. We discussed working together to track them as well as using Gates money to jump-start the development of mRNA vaccines to match the mutations (B.1.1.7 variant) with the N501Y mutation. We need to be ready to respond

Front Page Story of Italian Magazine "I Love Sicilia"

Some Black Muslims accusing me of trying to experiment on Blacks. He mistakenly (deliberately) is ignoring that I, Pence, Biden, Harris have all gotten vaccinated. He is saying that Blacks would be the herd immunity that would protect whites:

Bob Woodward came to my house tonight to deliver the transcripts of the tapes of his interviews of me for his book "Rage". He said that it would help me with the writing of my book, He really wanted to come over and tape an interview with me about my current dealing with Biden. I explained the interactions with Biden (see above). Nothing controversial; however, it was clear why he wanted to come over. He is writing yet again another book. We met outside in the cold due to COVID-19

I wrote a belated birthday note to Joan Baez (her birthday was Jan.9, 1941). I had forgotten due to recent events at the Capitol, and so I wrote her a note apologizing. She wrote back: "Of course I accept!. There was a postcard circulating in Frace under a liberal administration in the eighties, "nous sommes tous dans la merde". We are all in the shit. I don't speak French anymore, but the post card stands out. Yes, we are the same age! You are a rock star and I am a badass, and age is very much beside the point. Thinking of you. Joan"

PRESS: WPIX TV New York City with Dan Mannarino; Children's Hour Public Radio; WMBD radio and WYZZ TV (Central Illinois); The Children's Hour Public Radio;

January 14, 2021 – Global – 90,800,000/2,000,000; USA - 23,000,000/383,400

Note from David Ho. Mutants are becoming very troublesome:

•Received the Ken Shine Prize in Health Leadership from the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

•Briefed the Congresssional Blue Dog (moderate Dems) and Moderate GOP members led by Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL) and Rep John Katko (R-NY)

•Met with Rep. Espaillat (D-NY) who want me to meet with a contingent from the Dominican Republic. I will do so, but after the inauguration

•Got call from Beth Cameron (NSC) informing me that Biden want me to be the Head of WHO delegation and to announce on January 21 (4:10 AM ET) that the USA is back in the WHO.

•Biden give big speech (7:15 PM) announcing $1.9 trillion budget package including $415 Billion for COVID response

PRESS: KSEE24 TV (NBC Affiliate in Fresno, CA)

January 15, 2021 – Global – 91,500,000/2,000,000; USA – 23,200,000/387,300

Had Zoom briefing of Biden and Harris to prep them for the speech that Biden will give at 3:45 PM on the vaccine rollout plan. We briefed him at 2:30 to 3:30 and he and Harris (only he spoke) gave briefing to the Nation.

Biden announced today that he has asked Francis Collins to stay on. I had some influence on this. Eric Lander will be head of OSTP.

Considerable concern about the new mutants in UK, Brazil and especially South Africa – David Ho is studying this carefully and finds that the UK variant results in a 2-fold decrease in ability of vaccine-induced antibodies to neutralize. For the South African variant it is 4 to 5-fold decrease. Had Zoom with David and John Mascola and others and David went over the Mutant data. Bottom line is that against the UK mutant the

vaccine (Moderna)-induced sera is weakened by 2-fold; however, against the RSA (and by extrapolation although did not look the Brazilian) mutant the sera are diminished by 5-fold) **MAJOR IMPLICATIONs** for vaccine development and for policy such as letting people into the country

PRESS: Ebro in the Morning Radio Show in NYC; Today Show NBC TV with Craig Melvin; CTV - Canadian TV – Sunday Show (Ian Wood); WUSA TV Jan Jeffcoat;

January 16, 2021 – Global – 92,300,000/2,000,000; USA – 23,400,000/391,000

Jeff Zients gave me the entire Biden plan to look at and approve - I mentioned to him in detail the recent data from David Ho. We will set up a call for Sunday with the Biden team (doctors) since now several teams such as Michel Nussenzweig, Jess Bloom and others are finding the same thing as Ho. I want the call on Sunday since Michel is publishing his data in BioRx on Monday. I will bring John Mascola on the call with me to describe with some slides.

Also, **I have pushed with JZ to get Ned Sharpless re-appointed as NCI Director** otherwise his resignation letter will go into effect on January 20. I asked JZ to get in touch with Ron Klain and re-appoint hi. JZ called me back this evening and said he spoke to Ron and Ned will stay as NCI Director.

Post-holiday surge seems to be stabilizing. See Deb's comment below:

PRESS:

January 17, 2021 – Global – 92,300,000/2,000,000; USA – 23,700,000/395,000

We may have reached the peak of the surge upon a surge •John Mascola and I presented to JZ and the Biden medical team the results from David Ho's work on the UK and RSA mutants. (see above). We explained that this requires careful messaging since people would interpret incorrectly that this nullifies the vaccine which it does not. **JZ has tasked me to write a 2-paragraph description to send to Biden tonight.** I did so and now we have a meeting tomorrow AM to discuss possibility of travel restrictions from RSA and Brazil.

PRESS: Meet the Press (NBC) with Chuck Todd; Che Tempo Che Fa Italian Sunday TV Show; MSNBC Lawrence O'Donnell

January 18, 2021 – Global – 94,000,000/2,000,000; USA – 23,800,000/397,000

Zoom meeting at 7:30 AM with JZ and the team + Jake Sullivan – discussed the restrictions on travel to RSA, Brazil and perhaps other countries. Leaning towards requiring PCR 72 hrs before board to USA followed by Ag test upon boarding followed by Ag test within 3 days of landing + quarantine. Will present to Ron Klain and POTUS after inauguration.

Deb Birx's next to last TF note:

Had farewell conversation with Vice President Pence. I called up Marc Short to ask him to have the VP call me today since I was not sure that I would be able to attend (virtually) the last TF meeting this Tuesday. The VP called and we had a very touching and person discussion saying how much he respected me and how the TF would not have been able to accomplish what it did without me. He was very touched. I told him how important it was for his legacy that he acted with such dignity and resolve over the last days when he refused to go along with Trump's attempt to get him to overthrow the election results. WE parted by saying we will always be there for each other.

Received material from Beth Cameron for my announcement on early AM of Jan. 21 that we will re-join the WHO. I will edit it and get it re-approved. Very nice that I have been chosen to be head of delegation to the WHA in Geneva (virtually) to make this announcement.

Summary of some events over past few days/weeks: Jeff Zients calls me multiple times per day checking facts, etc. I brought up to him that it would be a good idea for continuity that he keep on Francis as NIH director since if he does not act to tear up the required letter of resignation, Francis automatically is gone and we have an acting (which would not be bad since Larry Tabak is great). Ned Sharpless is in the same boat as presidential appointee at NCI. And so I mentioned to Jeff that we should keep Ned on and he made it happen. And so, in fact I am responsible for keeping the NIH and NCI Directors in their jobs. A surprise is that Harold Varmus called me up and expressed great concern that Francis was staying on. He said many substantial members of scientific community (Bruce Alberts,

Shirley Tilghman, etc) are quite concerned and feel that it is time for a change. I explained to Harold that this was probably temporary and related to need for continuity related to COVID-19 efforts. He is trying to get momentum to have this reversed. Harold has always felt that change is important

PRESS: TNT "The Arena" with Cari Champion;

January 19, 2021 –

Received booster dose of Moderna vaccine today together with Francis Collins and Alex Azar. Said goodbyes to Alex and Brian Harrison (his COS). Alex described how terrible it was dealing with the White House people. He specifically mentioned Marc Short. He feels that Marc, Joe Grogan, and Deb. Birx undermined HHS.

Deb Last e-mail:

Last coronavirus Task Force meeting. VP asked **Ben Carson** to start with a prayer. **VP Pence** saying goodbye and how proud he is of what the group has accomplished. He read a letter that he is sending to all of us thanking us. He also has chronicled the "accomplishments" of the TF and the government's efforts. He will send such a letter and the list of accomplishments to Biden. He thanked all of us sincerely and expressed multiple times how much of a privilege it was to work for us. He asked that we help the incoming Biden people in the transition (a little late!!!) **Alex Azar** warned that their work would be denigrated by the incoming group and their press people, but that is "natural". Alex delineated everything that he felt we did right. He spoke of our accomplishments in testing, PPE, etc. One would argue about that. **Deb Birx** spoke about how great it was in working with everyone. She spoke of trust and belief in your colleagues. Wow, this is interesting given how often she threw CDC under the bus and how she and Marc Short were in disagreement on everything, and how she hated Brett Giroir and badmouthed him all the time saying that he always promised more than he could deliver. **Brett Giroir** praised the VP and said that the VP brought out the best in everyone. VP Pence asked **me** to say words. I praised him and also praised the VP's staff. I did not mention Marc Short and Katie Miller, but they knew I was referring to them. **Bob Redfield** praised the VP as well as Deb Birx. **Pete Gaynor** explained what a honor it was to work for the VP. **VP then thanked a number of people including Jerome Adams, VP staff, Marc Short, Katie Miller and**

others, Ben Carson, Keith Kellog. VP signed off to a resounding round of applause!

PRESS: The PBS Masters people have started filming in earnest for their documentary; interviewed by Adi Ignatius and others for the Harvard Business Review;

NYT: As Fauci receives his second dose, he urges Americans to get vaccinated; CNN with Jake Tapper;

January 20, 2021 - Global – 94,000,000/2,000,000; USA – 24,000,000/400,300

Inauguration Day! Trump refusing to attend inauguration and left with a flare that was very sparsely attended. Biden was at Mass as Trump flew off to Mar-a-Largo. Trump's speech was surrealistic talking about all the great accomplishments of his Presidency. He also strongly hinted that he will be back with a "movement". He is a very dangerous man!!

I am preparing for my early AM speech to WHO Executive Board tomorrow. Beth Cameron has given me much leeway on the Speech (which her staff put together).

Mutants of SARS-CoV-2 getting much play in the scientific "preprint" arena. Final papers will soon come out. We will put restrictions (requirement for pre - and post - flight testing + quarantine) from RSA. Will brief POTUS Biden tomorrow.

Am still quite achy from vaccine booster shot from yesterday.

Here are my remarks for WHO tomorrow early (4:00 AM) morning:

Got a call from Jared Kushner from Air Force 1 on his way to Mar-a-Largo thanking me for what we did with COVID-19

Spectacular Inauguration speech by Biden! Poem by Amanda Gorman was amazing (she is 22 years old). Lady Gaga sang the national anthem; J-Lo sang, as did Garth Brooks. Biden hit the right tone. The speech was in my mind comparable to those of Lincoln, Kennedy, FDR

Quotes from speech: "Let us not lead by example of power, but by the power of example"; "We must end this uncivil war"

PRESS:

January 21, 2021 – Global – 95,000,000/2,000,000; USA – 24,300,000/405,000

Made speech at Executive Board of WHO (4:00 AM ET) to announce that USA is rejoining WHO. Also, we are rescinding Mexico City Policy.I spoke as representing newly inaugurated President Biden

Tedros response:

Terrific day! Briefed Biden and Harris in the State Dining Room of the White House. Together with JZ, Natalie Quillian, Rochelle Walensky, Marcella Nunez-Smith. Really relaxed and warm interchange with both Biden and Harris. Then, I went with Jen Psaki and did a press briefing in the White House press room (first time in a long time). They really want me out there and there is no pushback at all for my appearances. CNN went into major panel discussions about the fact that Biden chose me as the first scientific press briefing.

PRESS: Did full press briefing in the White House press room.

Washington Post article by Philip Bump:

Good Morning America (ABC) with Michael Strahan; CBS Sunday with Ted Koppel; CNN with Chris Cuomo;

January 22, 2021 – Global – 96,000,000/2,000,000; USA – 24,500,000/409,000

Some confusion about whether 100 million doses in 100 days or 100 millionb people in 100 days. Finally straightened it out and it is "doses" not "people". Press are starting in aready in first criticizing that the goal is too lofty and now they are saying that the bar is tyoo low since we are already getting 800K per day. You just cannot win.

PRESS: CNN New Day with John Berman; Black News Channel with former Mayor Sharon Pratt; WTOP Radio with Mike Murillo; University of Montana Student newspaper (Jacob Owens); NPR – "All Things Considered" – Mary Louise Kelly; NBC LX TV with Tabitha Lipkin and Ashley Holt; Conference of Mayors Panel – with Vivek Murthy – picked up by networks, cable, and C-SPAN; MSNBC – Rachel Maddow;

January 23, 2020 – Global – 97,000,000/2,000,000; USA – 24,700,000/413,000

PRESS: Vaccine Town Hall with Ebro Darden & Kizzy Corbett; MSNBC with Alex Witt; Interview with Donald McNeil for the New York Times on my experience with the Trump administration; MSNBC "Politics Nation" with Rev. Al Sharpton;

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January 24, 2021(Sunday) – Global – 97,500,000/2,100,000; USA – 25,000,000/416,000

Deb Birx had a 45 minute taped interview with Margaret Brennan right after me. It was moving in some respects, but a fair bit of revisionist history.

PRESS: CBS "Face the Nation" with Margaret Brennan; CBS Sunday with ted Koppel; Donald McNeil interview in the NY Times: NYT: Fauci on What Working for Trump Was Really Like

January 25, 2021 – Global – 99,000,000/2,100,000; USA – 25,000,000/418,000

•Did really good WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM Panel chaired by John Mickethwait (Bloomberg) with panelists: Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos Mitsotakis; Nancy Brown (CEO of American Heart Association) and Frans van Houten (CEO of Royal Philips)

•The vaccine is now being referred to as the "Fauci Ouchie"

•Many interviews today focusing in part on the fact that Deb (on Face the Nation) and I (in the interview with Donald McNeill) opened up about the difficulties in dealing with Trump Administration.

A lot of discussion about the RSA and UK variants and the potential effect on mAbs and importantly vaccines. Thus far, even though the mutants diminish somewhat the efficacy of the vaccines, the antibody response of the vaccine is still within the cushion of efficacy. Recent data indicate that the UK strain is also increased in virulence as well as transmissibility.

On an interview with Erin Burnett (CNN) I went

PRESS: Good Morning America (ABC) with George Stephanopoulos; Today Show with Savannah Guthrie; CBS This Morning with Tony Mason; Latino USA Radio with Maria Hinojosa

(NYC); Fireside chat with Leroy Hood on receiving the 2021 Precision Medicine World Conference Luminary Award; WBUR Boston NPR Radio; WGN Radio Chicago – Bob Sirott Show; ABC TV News Live Lindsey Davis; Spectrum News TV with Alex Cohen; CNN with Erin Burnett;

January 26, 2020 - Global – 99,000,000/2,100,000; USA – 25,200,000/420,000

VP Harris visited NIH for her booster shot with Husband Greg Emhoff. She and I did a PSA together.

Had moving conversation with Moncef Slaoui who felt that the Biden people were discrediting and bad-mouthing OWS that Moncef led. In fact, Moncef did a fabulous job in getting 2 vaccines (Moderna and Pfizer) approved (EUA) that are highly efficacious with other candidates (Janssen, AZ, Novavax) not far behind. He feels badly for the OWS team and for himself. I told him that he has done a fabulous and historic job in what he accomplished. I told him that to me and many others, he is a hero. He was very touched by the conversation.

e Got on my usual Tuesday evening Zoom call with health officials throughout the country (Hosted by David Barr) and asked question of what the problem was with doses of vaccine. Was it that we had doses but could not logistically get them into the arms of people OR was it that the demand far outstripped the supply. Overwhelmingly they said that there was not enough supply. Group was: Sharon Balter (LA), Jeff Duchin (Seattle), Jennifer Avegno (NOLA), Allison Arwady (Chicago), La Quandra Nesbitt (DC), Marci Layton (NYC)

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PRESS: FOX America's Newsroom with Dana Perino and Bill Hemmer; NBC TV Special with Richard Engel;

January 27, 2020 - Global USA

Really good relations developing with the WH Comms team led by Jen Psaki and particularly Courtney Rowe. Dramatic difference from Trump WH Comms

Did "Fireside Chat" with NEJM – Eric Rubin and Lindsey Baden

•315 cases of the B.1.1.7 lineage (UK) in 28 states; RSA lineage B.1.351 is worrisome as it is evading mAbs and diminishing neutralizing caoacity of Abs from vaccines.

Very important historical review in USA Today about the development of the Moderna vaccine:

USA Today: Luck, foresight and science: How an unheralded team developed a COVID-19 vaccine in record time https://bit.ly/36i7ffM

PRESS: White House Press Conference with Walensky, Fauci, Slavitt, and Zients; The Hill TV with Steve Clemons; Fox America Reports TV with John Roberts and Sandra Smith; PBS South Florida Town Hall; CNN Town Hall with Sanjay Gupta and Anderson Cooper – on with Rochelle Walensky;

Daily Beast:

Article in The Atlantic by Peter Nicholas – will clearly cause a stir:

January 28, 2020 – Global – 100,200,000/2,200,000; USA – 25,500,000/428,000

Tedros called me up and aske me to help him connect with the Biden people, i.e. Sec Becerra, Jeff Zients, the VP, etc. Stewart Simonson willing to help me since I am ultra busy.

Had confidential conversation with the Janssen people – Paul Stoffels et al about the Ad26 vaccine data. Not that great. 77% VE in USA and ~50% in RSA. Will get more details later. Data better against severe disease but this will be a messaging problem.

Novavax and Janssen came out with their embargoed (until tomorrow) results of their trials: **Novavax** phase 3 in UK – 90% VE; Phase 2b in RSA – 50% VE.

Janssen phase 3 in USA/RSA/Brazil - 72% VE at 28 days (a 1 dose vaccine); 85% VE against severe disease; 57% VE in mod/severe disease in RSA at 28 days and 88% VE with severe disease in RSA

Much press activity and emphasis on the fact that antigenic variation has clinical consequences. Also, with both vaccines, good news for the global supply

PRESS: Good Morning America (ABC) with George Stephanopoulos; NPR Morning Edition with Sarah McCammon;

January 29, 2020 – Global USA

•Fireside Chat with NYC Health Commissioner David Chokshi Met with Jeff Zients and Team to discuss what to do with 2nd dose of vaccine, i.e. hold it back completely, hold it back 90%??

PRESS: Did press conference at NIH for the release of the Janssen data; Did White House press conference for COVID-19 in general; PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff; NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt; WUSA TV with Gabe Cohen; New York Press Club Fireside Chat with Steve Scott; Filming with Sanjay Gupta for CNN Documentary;

January 30, 2021 – Global – 101,400,000/2,200,000; USA – 25,900,000/435,2000

Daily cases continue to come down, but growing concern about the arrival of mutants: B.1.1.7 (UK) in 30 states and 434 people infected; B1.351 (South Africa) with 2 cases in South Carolina; P.1 (Brazil with 1 case in Minnesota

RSA strain identified today in person in Maryland

Went on a filmed walk with Sanjay Gupta and Chris on the C & O Canal as part of the Documentary that he is doing (See yesterday).

Had zoom call with Rob Manfred (Commissioner of MLB) and Dan Halem (Deputy Commissioner). They want to delay opening Spring training from February 17 to March17 and have a comparable delay in opening day. They want to do this since they feel (rightly so) that the decreases in cases will be even more pronounced with an additional month and they will be able to get more of the umpires and players vaccinated with the delay. Of note, Tom Frieden spoke with the MLB Players Association and the players want to start earlier since it affects their salaries. Now the Players want to speak with me.

January 31, 2021 (Sunday) – Global – 102,100,000/2,200,000; USA – 25,900,000/438,000

Zoom calls today discussing: a) vaccinations for the Federal workforce b) Vivek just wanting to discuss masks, variants, schools, etc. – touching base.

February 1, 2021 – Global – 102,600,000/2,200,000; USA - 26,000,000/440,000

Had usual MWF Press conference by Zoom

Had discussion with the team (+John Mascola) about how best to utilize the J & J product (Ad26). There will be a messaging issue about 72% versus 94-95%. We cannot designate it for any specific group for that reason and so we decided to just out it in the mix with the other vaccines and have people make their choice based mostly on 1 dose vs 2 doses.

Got call tonight from Mayor Bill Di Blasio very concerned that the supply of vaccine for NYC is no where near meeting demand. He is begging me to check with WH and see if anything can be done – DPA or some other mechanism. I will speak with David Kessler about this.

PRESS: White House Press conference with Nunez-Smith, Walensky and Slavitt; mGreta van Sustern – VOA; KMEX 34 TV – Los Angeles – Hispanic; CNN Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer

February 2, 2021 – Global – 103,000/2,200,000; USA - 26,200,000/442,000

Daily cases going down but deaths still lagging at around 3000 per day Mutants continue to evolve with the 484K mutation characteristics of the B.1.351 lineage in RSA now being seen in the UK with the B.1.1.7 lineage. Goes along with what I have been saying that viruses will mutate if you give them free rein to replicate. Viruses that do not replicate will not mutate.

Bill DiBlasio called me back and I explained to him that I had spoken to David Kessler about the Supply-demand issue with the vaccines and that there really was no solution. It is too late to invoke the DPA to have other factories make mRNA vaccine. By the time they gear up, there will be enough vaccine from multiple companies to vaccinate the entire country.

Met with POTUS and VP in the Oval office with Jeff Zients, Natalie Quillian, Andy Slavitt and Walensky and Nunez-Smith on video screen. Discussed the status of the outbreak (Walensky) and vaccines, particularly recent data on J & J and implications for variants (Fauci)

PRESS: Washington Post Live – Online interview with David Ignatius; Australia "60 Minutes" TV; MSNBC "All In" with Chris Hayes; CNN with Don Lemon

February 3, 2021 - Global USA

Biden Comms team putting me out there with the press continually. They are giving me totally open clearance for everything that I get asked to do. Completely different from the ridiculous restrictions of the Trump Comms team

•Daily cases continuing to come own. Much emphasis on the impact of the variants.

PRESS: ABC Good Morning America with George Stephanopoulos; NBVC Today Show with Savannah Guthrie;

February 4, 2021 – Global – 104,000,000/2,3200,000; USA – 26,400,000/449,000

Discussions last night and prior evenings regarding the use of the excess J & J vaccine of clinical trial grade. Move to donate this to RSA to vaccinate their HCWs. RSA has been pleading with the USA to help them get vaccines since they are being ravaged by the B.1.351 variant. Phone call last night with David Kessler, Beth Cameron/Hilary Marston (NSC), me and Cliff Lane to figure out a mechanism to get this to them since it is only clinical trial grade. And we want to avoid the optics that we are either a) giving away vaccine meant for USA to RSA or b) we are "experimenting" on black Africans.

•Gave one of several plenary addresses at a Brookings -Tsinghua University Roundtable of US-China Collaboration on COVID-19. Chinese Speakers included Zhong Nanshan, Wang Chen, Gao Fu

Had nice conversation with the MLB Players Association with Tony Clark (Exec Director), Bruce Meyer (Senior Director, Collective Bargaining and Legal), Ian Penny (General Counsel), Kevin Slowey (Director Player Services), Matthew Nessbaum (Deputy General Counsel), Robert Lenaghan (Assistant General Counsel) and Max Scherzer (member, Exec. Comm.). They asked great questions about vaccines. I emphasized that I did not want to get in the middle of a dispute between MLB and players regarding when to start the season. They understood perfectly. I had some nice back and forth with Max Scherzer.

PRESS: BBC Radio with Tim Harford; NBC TV Boston – LaToya Edwards; MSNBC with Ari Melber; NBC TV "off the record" discussion with the entire NBC TV team; CNN with Chris Cuomo.

February 5, 2021 – Global USA -

Had terrific conversation today with Bob Cousy. Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) had called me a couple of weeks ago saying that Bob Cousy would love to connect with me by phone, Joe is a good friend of Cousy's. I called Bob's cell phone and we spent 20 minutes chatting about all kinds of things. He has a great sense of humor. He is disturbed by the devisiveness in our society (similar to my concern). He spoke about his being 92 years old and that he body in "falling apart" despite the fact that he has "all my smarts". He is a rally charming guy. We developed a great rapport on the phone. Note that he came to my lecture at Holy Cross a few years ago and we had dinner together.

PRESS: Had usual White House Virtual Press Conference with Andy Slavitt, Rochelle, me and Tim ....; FOX TV with Neil Cavuto;

February 6, 2021- Global -105,000,000/2,300,000; USA – 26,700,000/458,000

Had Zoom call with David Kessler and the BARDA people trying to decide whether to invest considerable money in guaranteed purchase of the Lilly mAb combination that will soon go for an EUA. Their data look fairly good for treatment of early disease to prevent hospitalization and PEP

•Got call from Mike Osterholm trying to convince me to go with his concern/recommendation that we go with1st doses to as many people as possible given the fact that B.1.1.7 (UK) may become dominant in the USA and increase cases/hospitalization. This is a difficult problem sine we only have data for prime/boost with mRNA vaccines.

February 7, 2021 (Sunday) – Global – 105,400,000/2,300,000; USA – 26,800,000/461,000

Superbowl Sunday! Tom Brady beast Patrick Mahomes

PRESS: Meet the Press (NBC) with Chuck Todd;

February 8, 2021 – Global – 106,000,000/2,300,000; USA – 27,000,000/462,000

Important point is that the vaccines are protecting against severe disease (hospitalization and death):

First day since Nov. 2 that daily cases were less than 100,000:

Kat McKinnon played me again on Saturday Night Live: https://bit.ly/36SyePm

Did fireside chat with Prince Georges County - County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and Drs. Carter and Wright to discuss vaccine in the African-American community

PRESS: AP Interview with Mike Stobbe; FOX TV News "Special Report" with Bret Baier

February 9, 2021 – Global – 106,100,000/2,300,000; USA – 27,000,000/464,000

Eric Lander (OSTP) visited the VRC today and I we briefed him on our activities, particularly the development of the mRNA vaccine and Barney's development of the stabilized pre-fusion Spike protein.

Of note, Martin Fletcher of the Daily Telegraph did a profile of me and told me that the London Times had asked him to gather information for them for an obituary that the Times wanted to put "in the can" just in case I passed away suddenly. They wanted to be the first to have an obituary

PRESS: Fireside Chat with the COVID Collaborative – Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Gov. Deval Patrick, and Gary Edson; Interview with Martin Fletcher of the Daily Telegraph for a profile of me;

February 10, 2021 – Global – 106,600,000/2,300,000; USA – 27,000,000/467,000

Cases continue to fall considerably. We are now at less than 100,000 cases per day, when we were up to 400,000 at one time.

•Had zoom with Dr. Hans Kluge WHO Regional Director for Europe •Did Fireside Chat with David Rubenstein as part of the Duke Global Health Institute Victor Dzau Lecture •Pleasant thing – I had mentioned on a radio or TV show that what I missed most about NYC was the Nathan's hot dogs. Today sitting on my home from steps were two packages of Nathan's hot dogs – a gift with a nice note from Tim Shriver saying that he "could not resist the hot dog invitation".

Had a wonderful experience this evening. I received (virtually) the Award of Courage from AmFAR. It was presented to me virtually by **Julia Roberts** from her breakfast room in her home in Northern California. She was so charming. When my image came up on the screen she gasped and said

that every time she sees me her throat gets dry and she gets nervous and excused herself to go into the kitchen and get a glass of water. When she came back and introduced me it was the most wonderful introduction. She introduced me to her son while we waited to check the filming and we chatted a bit. She is so charming, natural, fun and amazingly beautiful.

PRESS: Did routine MWF White House Press conference. I spoke about making sure that people with immune deficiencies or on immunosuppressive drugs get vaccinated since they are very vulnerable; Interview with Rima Krist of the Navajo Times

February 11, 2021 – Global – 107,000,000/2,300,000; USA – 27,100,000/470,100

Number of daily cases continue to diminish. CDC starting to do practical things that I have actually been pushing for some time. For example: Wearing 2 masks could be better than just one. They did a dummy study and showed that a cloth mask over a surgical mask actually gives a more complete fit and keeps out aerosols. Another example is that people who are vaccinated do not need to go into quarantine after exposure to a documented COVID-19 case.

POTUS Biden visit to NIH. Biden visited the NIAID VRC today at 3:30 PM on a sleety and snowy day. It was a great visit. I presented to him the history of the VRC and the importance of the work that Barney Graham has done with the stabilized spike protein. We brought Biden into the room where the experiments were done and Barney and Kizzy Corbet presented to him. He was accompanied by Jeff Zients. We then went to Natcher Auditorium where he addressed (virtually) the NIH community with a great speech in which he called out Francis and I multiple times.

PRESS: Today Show (NBC) with Savannah Guthrie – discussed new mask recommendations from CDC and the B.1.1.7 variant; BBC Radio; "What a Day" podcast; CNN Sports TV with Charles Barkley and Ernie Johnson; Univision TV interview; Axios TV for HBO – update with Margaret Talev

Nice article in Vogue:

February 12, 2021 – Global – 107,000,000/2,400,000; USA – 27,200,000/474,000

David Kessler and I had discussion with Sen. Burr and Murray about viral variants. They wanted to be briefed on the threat and what we are doing about it.

Did a briefing of the Foreign Press with Andy Slavitt Briefed the Deputies and Cabinet Secretaries led by Jeff Z.

PRESS: Good Morning America (ABC) with George Stephanopoulos; Univision TV with Jorge Ramos; ABC/FOX Montana TV; Podcast with Al Franken;

February 13, 2021 – Global – 107,800,000/2,400,000; USA – 27,300,000/479,200

•Trump acquitted by the spineless GOP Senators. However, 7 GOP Senators did vote for conviction. Sorry day for our country. Trump still has them in his grip.

February 14, 2021 – Global – 108,200,000/2,400,000; USA – 27,400,000/482,500

Cases continue to come down. People like Mike Osterholm are saying that we will inevitably have yet again another surge due to B.1.1.7 that will become dominant. I do not necessarily believe that this will be the case. I believe that if we double down on public health measures and continue to push vaccinations, we do not necessarily have to experience a surge. Having said that, WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR A SURGE.

PRESS: ABC "The Week" with George Stephanopoulos

February 15, 2021 – Global – 108,600,000/2,400,000; USA – 27,500,000/484.000

Down to 68,000 cases yesterday!

Did Zoom call with Winnie Byanyima (Exec Dir. Of UNAIDS) together with Regan Hofmann. Winnie was very grateful for my leadership in COBID-19 and HIV/AIDS. We discussed the importance of having a global effort (hopefully led by USA) to get the world vaccinated against COVID-19. Winnie was excited about the fact that I mentioned the loosening of patents in a recent interview to allow wider availability of COVID-19 vaccines. I promised that I will continue to push the "international and global" agenda. I mentioned that we would need to get

things under better control in the USA before we would be able to generate interest in global issues.

PRESS: Telemundo HOY DIA TV; NBC Local TV Doreen Genzler;

NPR (Daniel Estrin):

February 16, 2021 – Global – 108,800,000/2,400,000; USA – 27,500,000/485,100

Cases continue to come down globally:

Media trying to show discrepancies in the Biden team response. CDC and Walensky under criticism for their recent guidelines for opening schools since they are really quite confusing. They say open the schools but the guidelines show that 85-90% of the country is in the "red" zone and therefore, should hold off on opening. I believe that this is typical CDC confusion and lack of clear crisp guidelines no matter who is CDC Director. Also, the are pitting (a little) what I am saying against what VP Harris is saying. VP saying that we have to "start from scratch" in the vaccine roll out and I have been saying that some things were done well such as the mechanism for shipping vaccines. I reconcile this by saying that the mechanisms for getting doses into people's arms were in bad shape when the Biden team came in. The press are accepting this.

Briefed (together with Francis Collins, Rochelle, and Janet Woodcock) the House and Senate Caucuses on COVID-19 variants

PRESS: CNN with Jim Sciutto; LA Times TV; NPR – "Science Friday" with Ira Flatow;

New York Post:

February 17, 2021 – Global – 109,200,000/2,400,000; USA – 27,600,000/486,400

Cases continue to plummet:

•Did Fireside Chat with AME Reid Temple Church (Maryland) – Pastor Mark Whitlock •Did podcast "Pod Save America" with Jon Favreau e Did podcast with James Hildreth from Meharry Medical College

PRESS: CBS This Morning with Gayle King and Tony Dokoupil; Online TV interview with Clive Cookson (Editor, Financial Times) for the

UK Science Museum event; White House Press Conference on the usual MWF schedule; CNN "360" with Anderson Cooper.

February 18, 2021- Global — 109,600,000/2,400,000; USA — 27,700,000/489,100

Big Ice-storm in Washington DC and major ice storms and snow over southwest (Texas) with several deaths. Currently heavy snow in NYC and Boston

Cases continue to drop

Briefed President Biden today in Oval (Virtually). I briefed him on pediatric vaccine trials and mentioned that we likely will have high school children (13-17 yo) vaccinated by mid-Fall, but it would take until Q1 of 2022 to get the trials done and approval for elementary school children (6 to 12 yo). He asked good questions but he rambled a bit, seemingly repeating things that he had said a few minutes previously.

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Spoke with the PEPVAR group about USA providing $4-S billion to build plants to produce Moderna mRNA for the world — Peter Staley, James Krellenstein, David Barr, Christian Urrutia, Wafaa El Sadr. I will bring this up to Jeff Zients.

PRESS: MSNBC with Andrea Mitchell; Council on Foreign Relations podcast — "Why it Matters"; Interview with Char Koosta News (discussed tribal Vaccine hesitancy with Sam Sandoval); Interview with Times of Israel on my Dan David Prize; Interview with Alice Park of Time Magazine on 1*t 100 days of Biden Administration; Did Buzzfeed interview with Dan Vergano on the Fateful March 11, 2020 when we shut down Europe.

February 19, 2021-— Global USA

Online preprint paper cam out from Israel saying that a single dose of Pfizer mRNA protected well (85% at 15-28 days against symptomatic disease and 72% against symptomatic and asymptomatic disease). 9000 individual study of young and healthy people. We do not know the

durability of this protection. I made point at the press conference (see below) that we will stick with the 2 dose since we know from our studies that the 2nd dose increases the response 10-fold over the 1st dose. This height of response gives a cushion against the existing variants and also if you have a less-than-optimal response (albeit a good response) to the 1st dose, you may actually "select" for more variants.

•Call from Jeff Sachs about the International Monetary Fund (Special Drawing Rights – SDR) and the possibility of a $40-$50 billion dollar program to vaccinate the entire world. He wants me to have a special role. Moe later. •Gave Harvey lecture virtually at Georgetown •Met with Francis C, Carl D, John Martin, and Larry Tabak about the COVID targeted drug development program that I am trying to set up with the $743 million that we put into our total NIH budget request. It will be based in NIAID with Carl as the lead. As usual Francis wants governance to be somewhat under his control. All good. We will get it done.

PRESS: Interview with Erin Banco – The Daily Beast; White House Press Conference; ESPN Baseball TV with Buster Olney; interview with Ben Samuels of Haaretz Israel Newspaper (he tried to get me involved with commenting on the policy of Israel and I refused); MSNBC with Joy Reid;

February 20, 2021 – Global -110,400,000/2,400,000; USA – 27,800,000/494,000

PRESS:

February 21, 2021 – Global – 110,700,000/2,500,000; USA – 27,900,000/499,000

Matt Pottinger's interview with Margaret Brennan on Face the Nation. Good summary of history of the early months: https://cbsn.ws/3pGH9tR

Mike Osterholm still predicting an "inevitable" massive surge in the Spring. He also is insisting that we can study the 1 dose strategy in time for meaningful results.

PRESS: Sunday shows: NBC - Meet the Press with Chuck Todd; FOX Sunday with Chris Wallace; CNN State of the Union with Dana Bash.

February 22, 2021 – Global – 111,100,000/2,500,000; USA – 27,900,000/500,000

Reached 500,000 deaths in the USA today!!

However, numbers of new cases continue to come down. Will be race between the new variants and our two tools of defense: 1) vaccine; 2) public health measures. Luckily the mRNA vaccines and J & J are good against the B.117 (UK). Even though they are less effective against the B1.531 (RSA) isolate they still likely will protect against hospitalization and death – the J & J definitely does (tested in RSA) and we can extrapolate that the mRNA (not yet tested in RSA) also does.

PRESS: The Telegraph: https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/0/dr-anthony-fauci-had-publicly-disagree-trump-allowed-terrible/

Good Morning America (ABC) with George Stephanopoulos; CBS This Morning with Gayle King and Anthony Mason; PBS "GZERO WORLD" with Ian Bremmer; White House Press Briefing – I outlines therapeutics and the new FDA updated guidelines to companies for handling variants; Fireside Chat with David Rubenstein upon my receiving the 2021 Great Americans Medal from the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History; Reuters online TV interview with Julie Steenhuysen; i24 TV News (Israel); Fireside chat with Leon Panetta at his Panetta Institute for Public Policy.

February 23, 2021 – Global -111,400,000/2,500,000; USA – 28,000,000/500,000

Had great call with Barbra Streisand. She called my cell at 6:05 PM. She has recently had zoster with lesion on hip/buttock. She has post-zoster neuralgia down her leg, but the primary lesion had healed. She wanted to know if it was OK to get the mRNA vaccine. I told her yes. We then stared discussing life in general. I told her that I work listening to her songs on ALEXA. She really did not know what ALEXA was. I accidentally butt called her later in the evening and she said that she was going to call me anyway since she wanted to know if there was any difference between the Moderna and the Pfizer product. I told her none. I then explained to her more about ALEXA. I brought the phone over to ALEXA and asked to play "Songs by Barbra Streisand". When the song came on loud and clear, she started laughing and absolutely loved it!

PRESS: Yahoo News Interview

February 24, 2021 – Global – 111,800,000/2,500,000; USA – 28,100,000/501,200

The PBS team is here today filming their documentary.

Received the 2021 Larry Foster Award for Integrity in Public Communication from the Arthur W. Page Center (Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications of Pennsylvania State University

PRESS:

February 25, 2021 – Global – 112,200,000/2,500,000 USA – 28,000,000/503,600

Cases continue to come down, but yesterday was 1st day that cases actually started to back up a little. Could be artifact. Variants gaining much attention. The B1.427/429 in California is spreading in CA and seems to be somewhat more transmissible. The new B.1. 526 in NYC is also troublesome and spreading.

Issue with J & J. VRBPAC will meet on Feb. 26 (tomorrow).

Big Day at the White House - Met with POTUS and VPOTUS in the Oval office for our weekly briefing on COVID. In Oval with us was Jeff Z, Natalie Q; on screen weas Rochelle and Marcella. I presented the options for the upcoming ruling on J & J for EUA. Data on >60 WITH comorbidities doers not look good. Overall USA efficacy 72%. I also described the Moderna efforts to do with NIAID Phase 1 trials with a boost to previously vaccinated and prime/boost for previously not vaccinated people using the B.1.531 (South African variant).

Then went with the POTUS and VPOTUS to South Court auditorium to watch NIH OMS nurse Elizabeth Galloway administer mRNA (Moderna) to 4 volunteers to celebrate before a packed press the 50 millionth vaccine within 37 days of Biden Presidency

Then went to do PSAs with the White House digital Comms team. They all wanted selfies with me.

Had 5:00PM call with Janet Woodcock, Francis Collins, John Mascola, Cliff lane, Peter Marks, and we decided that it would be best to recommend and EUA for people younger that 60 years old because the >60 years with co-morbidities had only a 42% efficacy.

Had 6:30 PM talk led by Bechara Choucar and including me, Rochelle and Marcella at the request of Jeff Z to discuss what two vaccinated people can do together. We were getting criticism that we were not using common sense to tell people that they can now relax a bit and enjoy each other. Example I give in being able to hug Jenny now that we are both vaccinated. Th right wing crazies at FOX have been criticizing me for not recommending loosening up. I have true to not get ahead of the CDC sine I feel stringy that two vaccinated people can act together like there is no outbreak. However, in society, this would be different. My point is that the risk is very small and each person should evaluate the level of risk they are willing to take to start getting back to normal. I will give my professional judgment while we are waiting for the CDC to come out with some guidance. I will be on all the Sunday Shows this weekend and this is what I will say. Rochelle agrees and says that the CDC will be coming out with some professional judgment guidelines soon.

E-mail from Leon Panetta:

PRESS: Today Show (NBC) with Savannah Guthrie; Newsweek interview with Jack Dutton (British); CBSN Interactive with Tanya Rivero; CNN with Chris Cuomo

From Axios:

Good summary of the year:

February 26, 2021 – Global – 112,600,000/2,500,000; USA – 28,200,000/506,800

Cases continue to fall however we're paying considerable attention to the possibility of surges associated with the variants. Of note, Pfizer is planning to do a boost at about six months in order to increase the level of neutralizing antibodies that could cover indirectly the variants. OK

put together a zoom meeting for me to talk to members of the RED organization to discuss the global aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. They were people from all over the world whom I did not recognize but several of them were apparently famous artists and entertainers. One of them was Larry Gagosian who is a very famous art dealer. The tone of the discussion and the questions was the importance of a global response to a global pandemic. In this regard I stressed, and they totally resonated with me, the importance of making vaccine available to the entire world since an

outbreak in any part of the world is threatening to every part of the world. There was some nice warm interchange between Bono and I at the beginning of the discussion and throughout. He mentioned that his son has started a rock band and since his son has asthma they called the band the inhalers.

Unfortunate and sad situation – Received a call from Tony DiNovi, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Regis High School, that Father Dan LaHart has been removed indefinitely from the Presidency of Regis High School. Apparently, he was involved in sexual impropriety with adult male members of the Regis community. There is also an issue of alcohol abuse. He is currently secluded in a treatment center. Tony called me because the story will likely be in the New York Times on Monday and the press might be calling me since it is widely known that I am strongly connected with Regis

PRESS: We had the usual White House press conference on the Monday , Wednesday, Friday schedule; CBS 60 Minutes PLUS (taped); MSNBC Town Hall with Joy Reid.

February 27, 2021 – Global – 113,200,000/2,500,000; USA – 28,300,000/509,000

Had good conversation with Ashish Jha. He is a good guy and he wants to understand much better why I am insisting on a single dose of the vaccine rather than adhering to what others are suggesting about giving all one doses and then worrying about the second dose three months later in order to protect as many vulnerable people as one can. I explained to him our strategy that the major concern is the evolution of mutations (variants) that would not be covered by a less than optimal level of neutralizing antibody. We know that when we look at the in vitro data the variants diminish the efficacy of the vaccine-induced antibodies; however, the high levels of antibodies induced by the 2nd dose give some degree of protection (cushion) even against the mutants. Therefore. we are concerned that if we only give first doses and we wait three months or more to give the second dose that variants may dominate and infect the suboptimally protected people. In addition, a suboptimum level of response could actually select for mutants. In addition, there was no reason why we cannot dramatically increase the administration of doses together with the markedly increased availability of vaccine such that we can have our cake and eat it, namely, we

can give a lot more first doses at the same time as we keep up with the second doses. We really need the CDC or another organization to model that. I will explain this all to Ron Klain on Sunday.

I had an important conversation today led by Janet Woodcock and Peter Marks of the FDA about the J & J EUA. Also on the call were Francis Collins, Cliff Lane, and Rochelle Walensky.The subject matter was that their advisory committee (VRBAP) for consideration for an EUA for the J & J product (Ad26). The committee unanimously and strongly recommended an unqualified EUA even though the data for elderly individuals older than 60 years old with comorbidities was 42%. However, there were not enough data points to be able to make a definitive statement that there is a significant diminution of efficacy in that subgroup. Janet and Peter are very concerned since they wanted the recommendation to be that the EUA would involve people younger than 60 years old. Apparently, the AC IP will go along with that recommendation. Rochelle and I in our conversation with Jeff Zients had decided that when asked by the press we would say that this is an excellent vaccine equivalent to the other two. It might become problematic if the press focuses on that group older than 60 years old with comorbidities. The fact is that the numbers are so low that you cannot say anything about the subgroup analysis. Janet and Peter will face the press tonight. We help them to get a consistent message with ours. This is critical since I will be on four of the Sunday talk shows tomorrow.

Throughout the late afternoon I was on several calls with Jeff Z who kept on checking with Ron Klain regarding what the right approach would be when asked on TV about what people who had both doses of vaccine could do with each other such as having a dinner with family and a few guests all of whom were vaccinated. Ron was quite concerned that I not go too far out on a limb and say that vaccinated people can safely interact with unvaccinated people in a household setting. Ron was also concerned about the issue a vaccinated people interacting with unvaccinated children. Finally after many calls going back and forth between me and Jeff and then between Jeff and Ron and back to me again we decided to have a 3 way call among Jeff, Ron, and me. We worked it out such that I will say that I am comfortable with adults in a small gathering within the home not wearing masks as long as everyone was vaccinated. Importantly, I would stay that the CDC would be coming out with recommendations in the next couple of weeks.

PRESS: On Saturday Night Live played by Kate McKinnon:

February 28, 2021 (Sunday) – Global – 113,500,000/2,500,000; USA - 28,400,000/510,800

Big topic on the Sunday shows (see below) was the EUA Issued by the FDA for the Johnson and Johnson adeno virus vaccine. Also, there is concern that I expressed about easing up on prevention modalities since the decreasing slope up infections is starting to show signs of plateauing. On Face the Nation(see below) Margaret Brennan showed a clip of me being portrayed on Saturday Night Live by Kate McKinnon. Also, the governor of South Dakota Kristi Noem said that I was almost always wrong. She claims that the most important parameter of how well you are doing is how you maintain hospital capacity. When Margaret play that clip I was kind to the governor by saying different states do different things and in different ways, whereas I might have pointed out that her state has the most deaths per capita by COVID-19 than any other state in the country.

Got a call from Jeff that Anita Dunn saw me on all the shows and said that I was fabulous.

Flattening of decline concerning. We shall see what happens in the coming days and weeks.

Had zoom call today with Ron Klain arranged by Jeff an included me Bechara, Marcela, Rochelle, Natalie, and others. The main topic was whether we should stick with our strategy of two doses in the usual time frame or switch to one dose and extend the interval by a couple of months before giving the second dose. Ron is concerned that in November we will be criticized for having let a few million people who would have been vaccinated remain UN vaccinated because we wanted to give two doses to everyone. I was the main explainer emphasizing that the second dose gives a much higher titer of antibody that will address at least partially the inevitable evolution of variants including those from California and importantly the B.1.526. Ron did not want to tell us what to do but he wanted to make sure that we seriously considered both alternatives and were comfortable without decision to stick with two doses on the regular regiment.

The ACIP recommended to CDC to implement the EUA for the J & J vaccine. Now the CDC needs to recommend the distribution and we can start distributing 4,000,000 doses almost immediately and then we will

have 20 million by the end of March and a total of 100,000,000 by the end of June

PRESS: Was on 4 Sunday talk shows: ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos; CNN State of the Union with Dana Bash; CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan; NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd.

March 1, 2021 – Global – 113,800,000/2,500,000; USA – 28,400,000/512,000

•We did our weekly briefing of Principals – Cabinet members and deputies •Did a podcast with the New Jersey Council of Churches

PRESS: NPR Radio 1A; Podcast with Kai Kuperschmidt (Science Magazine) on HIV versus COVID-19 vaccines; White House Press Conference (Routine 3x/week);Satellite Radio Tour for Native Americans; Podcast with the Interactive Advertising Bureau (David Cohen);

March 2, 2021 – Global – 114,100,000/2,500,000; USA – 28,500,000/513,100

Still coming down, but the slope is changing:

Participated in the University of Edinburgh "Futures Conversations" Chaired by Professor Peter Mathieson (Vice-Chancellor, University of Edinburgh) and involving a conversation between me and Professor Nanshan Zhong (China) and Sheila Tlou (former Minister of Health of Botswana) on the global impact of COVID-19. We spoke about global solidarity for vaccine equity. Also, spoke about the variants. Also, spoke about the approach that China took with the outbreak, i.e. complete lockdown

Call from Larry Horowitz. Nancy Pelosi is angry about the fact that J & J is being equated with the mRNA vaccines since she has seen the data about the people >60 yo with co-morbidities. Also, she does not like the 72% versus 94-95% for mRNA. She is taking her annoyance out on the medical team (she has not **PRESS: Podcast with Kai Kuperschmdt (follow-up from yesterday0; Seattle Gay News interview; Interview for Pritzer Forum/Chicago Council; Hispanicize PSA taping (Paola Ramos); Telemundo 52 Los Angeles;**

In Washington Post (see below)

March 3, 2021 – Global – 114,400,000/2,500,000; USA – 28,500,000/515,300

Still plateauing:

Note that Europe cases are going up. They are using the 1 dose of vaccine approach:

Governors of Texas and Mississippi withdraw all public health measures such as masking and not doing indoor dining. I and Rochelle and Biden on TV saying that this is risky and ill-advised.

PRESS: BBC Scotland Morning Radio Show; Black News Channel with Kelly Wright; Brandeis Webinar with Atul Gawande and Elizabeth Rosenthal; Town Hall with United Food and Commercial Worker Union; CNN with Erin Burnett;

My prediction, one year ago on NBC reported here by brian Williams:

March 4, 2021 – Global – 115,000,000/2,600,000; USA – 28,600,000/517,200

Continuing to plateau:

Governors of Texas and Mississippi are pulling back on all public health guidelines such as masks (removing the mask mandate), physical distance, crowds. Press slamming them for thisand Rochelle and I are being asked about this on every media hit.

Had very good discussion with Dr. Soren Brostrom, Director General of the Danish Health Authority Danish representative on the WHO Executive Board AND Lone Dencker Wisborg, Danish Ambassador to USA on Global Health matters and potential collaboration between USA and Denmark in global health security and pandemic preparedness.

Also met with Congressman Espaillat regarding variant B.1.526 in his district in NYC.

Had back and forth with Jeff and Rochelle regarding the guidelines that CDC is preparing on what people who are vaccinated can and cannot do. Jeff Wants to make sure that I am comfortable with the guidelines. I looked at them in the usual manner the CDC had too many qualifying statements in there that were necessary. Jeff had a problem with putting a vaccinated

person in the same room with a person who is not vaccinated and not using masks. I convinced him that we should assume the very small risk and if the person who is not vaccinated is of low risk, then one does not have to wear a mask. Jeff was very sensitive in not having the White House interfere and so he went along with my suggestion that actually agreed with the CDC, except for the fact that they were not precise in their wording can I edited their document some what. The bottom line is that we would say that two vaccinated people can be indoors together in a home setting without masks or physical distancing. In the home setting, where one person is vaccinated and the other person is not, the vaccinated person has a minimal risk and attention should be paid to the risk of the unvaccinated person. If the person who was not vaccinated is of a low risk then they can do away with masks and can be together. If the person who was not vaccinated is of high risk of severe disease then the vaccinated person needs to wear a mask. I worked with Rochelle and returned the document to her.Let us see how it ultimately turns out

I received the AmFAR "Award of Courage" on a virtual Gala tonight. The award presented to me (recorded) by Julia Roberts

PRESS: MSNBC "Morning Joe" with Joe Scarborough, Mike Brzezinski, and Willie Geist; Interviewed with Alexis Papachelas of Greek Kathimerini Newspaper; WTOP with Mike Murillo (Online and Radio); NPR with Rob Stein; Town Hall with Blue Star Families; CNN "The Lead" with Jake Tapper; CBS Newspath with Jon LaPook; NBC with Lester Holt – doing special of last photos that people took before the Pandemic struck. I showed photo and gave interview about that 2019 Christmas Eve dinner at my sister's home; Interview with The Atlantic with James Hamblin on COVID-19 epidemiology

March 5, 2021 – Global -115,300,000/2,600,000; USA – 28,600,000/519,100

Plateau maintaining:

Briefed POTUS and VPOTUS virtually. He was in Oval. I was at NIH. I explained about variants and how the "cushion" of antibodies provided by the 2nd dose of vaccine give considerable protection against severe disease **PRESS: Black News Channel Morning Show (TV); Time video regarding Sesame Street; Washington Post interview regarding**

vaccine hesitancy (Online TV); 2 PSA with Gloria Estaban and Carolina Sandoval; White House press conference;

March 6, 2021 – Global – 115,700,000/2,600,000; USA – 28,700,000/521,300

Had pre-brief with the WH comms team (Courtney Rowe, Ben Wakana, Kate Berner, Mariel Saez, Ian Sams, etc for my appearance on Face the Nation tomorrow (Sunday).

7day average is not exactly plateauing, it is just flattening a bit:

GOP at the local level are trying to pass laws that suppress minority voters such as saying that you cannot give food to people who are waiting in line for hours to vote. This disproportionately affects African American voters.

PRESS: MSNBC with Tiffany Cross;

March 7, 2021 – Global – 116,100,000/2,600,000; USA – 28,800,000/523,000

Status of vaccines in USA from Monica Ghandi:

The intensity of both my popularity and of the hate that the far right have of me increases:

PRESS: CBS "Face the Nation" with Margaret Brennan

March 8, 2021 – Global 116,500,000/2,600,000; USA – 28,800,000/524,000

Plateau starting to come down"

Had a very nice and informative discussion with the minister of foreign affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bisera Turkovic. She is in a very difficult situation in that she was promised vaccine from CoVAX; however, they have not come through on their promise. Therefore, she is asking me as a trusted person for suggestions on how she might address the outbreak in her own country. As of February 22, 2021 there have been 128,000 cases and 5000 deaths in Bosnia and Herzegovina. I could not help her very much except to encourage her to have her people continue to wear masks and observe appropriate public health measures. I also suggested to her that she tried to make a deal with the Russians to try to get some of their vaccine. I also suggested that are possible long range solutions to try and get some of

the surplus vaccine that would be left over after the USA vaccinated its entire population. She was very grateful for the discussion.

Was on panel with President Clinto Chair) for a discussion of the shortage of oxygen in the LMIC. Also there were: Joy Phumapi and John Nkgengasong

•Received the Tufts University Presidential Medal and did a Zoom Q and A with the Dean of the Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts

PRESS: Interview with Sarah Owermohle for Politico; White House Press Conference; Axios interview about March 11 – with Naomi Shavin; Fireside Chat with National league of Cities; Fireside Chat with Tufts University Dean of Tisch Colege on the occasion of receiving the Presidential Medal; CBS New Radio, Los Angeles interviewed together with L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti

March 9, 2021 Global – 116,900,000/2,600,000; USA – 28,900,000/525,000

Oops! See below. Likely a fluke:

•Had a very nice virtual ceremony inducting me as a Honorary Fellow into the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland by its President Dr. Mary Horgan. Bill Powderly (Washington University of St. Louis) connected us. Mary had taken an infectious Diseases fellowship at Wash U. •Did Fireside Chat with Paul Kelly (Chief medical Officer of Australia) on the differences between COVID-19 in USA and Australia. Sponsored by CSIS (Steve Morrison and Katherine Bliss)

PRESS: NPR "All Things Considered" with Mary Louise Kelly (done together with Francis Collins); VICE TV Documentary Taping; Gray TV Special with Greta Van Susteren; Did podcast with Tom Inglesby from Hopkins;

March 10, 2021 – Global – 117,300-,000/2,600,000; USA – 29,000,000/526,200

Had a very moving tribute to me upon the receipt of the Yale University School of Management "Legend in Leadership" Award from the Chief Executive Leadership Institute. Moving comments by Albert Bourla (Pfizer), Alex Gorsky (J & J).

PRESS: CNN "New Day" with John Berman; Interview with Carolyn Johnson of the Washington Post; Instagram with Eugenio Derbez (Mexican-American entertainer)

Historical comparison of the vaccine efforts of Trump versus Biden in NY Times article by Sharon La Franiere: https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/10/us/politics/biden-coronavirus-vaccine.html

March 11, 2021 – Global -117,800/2,600,000; USA – 29,100,000/527,700

Had Zoom with Jeff and the team to go over the POTUS speech for tonight to commemorate the 1 year anniversary from the time (March 11, 2020) when the WHO declared this a pandemic of global health concern and we shut down travel from Europe. This was a big day for me 1 year ago – (go back to notes of March 11, 2020). Also, I have been pushing with Jeff and Rochelle to have the CDC be a bit less "risk averse" in their recommendations of what a person can do once they are fully vaccinated. The CDC really needs to step up and give recommendations for travel, workplace, houses of worship. They are dragging their feet. I am gently coaching Rochelle to go by her own instincts and not always yielding to the rigidity of the career CDC staff.

•Had Zoom call with Gov. Dan McKee of Rhode Island asking advice about the next few weeks and his plans for the state

PRESS: NBC "This Morning" with Savannah Guthrie; ABC "Good Morning America" with George Stephanopoulos; ESPN "First Take" TV with Max Kellerman, Stephen A. Smith, and Molly Qerim Rose (discussed my 5 favorite athletes); Podcast ("We Can Do This") with Robin Roberts; CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell; Filmed Stephen Colbert for tomorrow night; MSNBC – Rachel Maddow

March 12, 2021 – Global - USA

Still plateauing:

Briefed the Principals for our weekly briefing. I showed the replication cycle of SARS-CoV-2 and the vulnerable targets for direct anti-viral therapy

David Kessler together with Rick Levin (formerly of Yale) made a proposal to provide through the congress 5 billion to me and NIAID to decide how we wanted to put together a "vaccine manufacturing plan that would involve everything from the fundamental research going into pandemic preparedness to the actual manufacturing of 300,000,000 doses of vaccine per year.

This is an extraordinary offer then I will have to sit down with my team particularly John Mascola who was on the call with us to determine what aspect of this multifaceted plan that David proposed would be owned by us here at NIAID versus what we would give to HHS/ASPR/BARDA. I asked John to think about a team that we could put together in the beginning of the week to come back to David with a plan. Obviously, we will have to go 2 Francis Collins and thoroughly briefed him and get his buy in.

PRESS: Zoom interview with Spike Lee for a documentary that he is filming;

March 13, 2021 Global – 118,800,000/2,600,000; USA – 29,200,000/530,700

PRESS: Filmed with Mark Manucci for PBS

March 14, 2021 – Global – 119,200,000/2,600,000; USA – 29,200,000/531,800

PRESS: NBC "Meet the Press" with Chuck Todd; CNN State of the Union" with Jake Tapper; Fox News with Chris Wallace; Gray TV "Full Court Press" with Greta Van Susteren

March 15, 2021 – Global – 119,600,000/2,600,000; USA - 29,300,000/532,400

Got call tonight from Larry Horowitz saying that **Drew Weissman and his collaborator are planning to hold a press conference to discuss their studies in mice** showing that an intramuscular injection of the mRNA vaccine leads to an immune response in the amniotic fluid of the pups in a pregnancy model. The FDA has already received the DART (Development and Reproductive Toxicology) studies from Moderna and Pfizer. According to Emily these studies were clean. The FDA has heard about the Weissman studies and feels that they are invalid. The two companies also feel that the studies are invalid. However, we cannot blow

them off for obvious reasons. Even if the Weissman studies prove to be invalid, the fact that they are holding a press conference is going to create a huge mess. Hopefully, we can get this sorted out and have a repeat of studies to counter this finding. More later.

Jeff Zients has heard about this and called me tonight at 9:30 PM. I told him we have to get the FDA out their showing that they have DART studies and explaining what their studies showed.

Cases coming down:

Yet Europe is seeing an upswing of cases resulting mostly from B.1.1.1.7:

Today I received on a virtual zoom the **Ivan Alan Award for Social Courage** given by Georgia Tech University and it's President doctor Angel Cabrera. There was a video about my accomplishments and Rochelle Walensky joined us to celebrate the award. Rochelle was very generous in calling me her hero, her mentor, and her friend. I should point out at this point that Rochelle has become closer and closer to me in our very collegial relationship. In addition, I should point out that I have been getting a number of awards and prizes that I had not even documented in these notes. It is a shame that things are moving so quickly that I don't even have time to savor for a moment the many awards that I have been getting.

PRESS: Did White House Press briefing today with Rochelle and Andy;

March 16, 2021 – Global – 120,000,000/2,700,000; USA – 29,300,000/533,100

I took the led in pushing Janet Woodcock (FDA) and Rochelle Walensky (CDC) to make sure that all their ducks were in order. In fact, Janet checked and both Pfizer and Moderna had clean DART studies on record and CDC was following closely 2000 vaccinated pregnant women from a cohort of 31,000 and no red flags. All good so far.

Participated in a very nice function at the National Cathedral where Francis Collins and I and Eliseo Perez-Stable gave brief remarks to various ministers from surrounding counties such as Montgomery, Arlington, Fairfax, District of Columbia, and others. The purpose was to have these African American pastors get publicly vaccinated in the cathedral so that their constituents would follow. It was one of many outreach efforts that

Francis and I and others have been doing over the past months to stimulate interest in getting vaccinated.

Summary of vaccines below:

PRESS: MSNBC "Morning Joe" with Joe Scarborough; ABC "GMA3" with Jen Ashton; Wall Street Journal – CEO Council with John Bussey; Podcast with The Economist; National Cathedral Function with Press

March 17, 2021 – Global – 120,400,000/2,700,000; USA – 29,400,000/534,100

Testified before the House Energy and Commerce Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee chaired by Diana De Gette (D-CO) with ranking member Morgan Griffith (R-VA). Good hearing with the usual snarkiness from David McKinley (R-WV) and Gary Palmer (R-AL). Several question centered around the GOP angry because the Dems are not giving Trump enough credit for the vaccine. It is reflecting what Trump has been saying to the media.

Pres. Joe Biden sent me a thank you letter:

PRESS: NBC Late Show with Seth Meyers; White House Press Conference

March 18, 2021 – Global – 120,900,000/2,700,000; USA – 29,400,000/535,200

Testified before the Senate HELP Committee chaired by Sen. Patty Murray (D_WA) and ranking Minority Richard Burr (R-NC). I had my typical fight with Sen. Rand Paul who insisted that masks were pure theater. I blew him away.

After the Hearing, I briefed the POTUS and VPOTUS on Building Vaccine Confidence. Present virtually – me, Andy Slavitt, Marcella Nunez-Smith, and Courtney Rowe. In the Oval – Jeff, Natalie Quillian, Anita Dunn.

Had call with Jeff, David K. Natalie, Anne Schuchat regarding alarming increase in NYC of B.1.526. Anne will call Zucker to **suggest strongly to shut down bars and restaurants.** We are afraid of a surge that we had expected since NYC tends to follow Europe, which is surging now following a plateau.

SA giving vaccine to Canada and Mexico. For Mexico it is a quid pro quo to control immigration at the border.

Also, AstraZeneca continues to mess up on their examination of data with the DSMB. They have shown extreme incompetence throughout this entire affair with mixing up clinical trial data in the UK to not having equity demographically in their USA trial **PRESS: NBC "Today" with Savannah Guthrie; Did short TV hots with local stations in Alabama, Louisiana; North Carolina; South Carolina; CNN with Chris Cuomo**

March 19, 2021 – Global USA

Still flattening. General worry about surge while several states are pulling back on mask mandates and other public health measures:

PRESS: CBS "This Morning" with Gayle King; Snapchats with White House Comms; MSNBC "All In" with Chris Hayes

March 20, 2021 – Global – 122,000,000/2,700,000; USA – 29,600,000/538,300

Had our newly established Saturday AM meeting with the medical team led by Jeff Zients to go over important issues. I brought up for the first time the issue of having Biden lead an effort to allow LMICs to produce their own vaccine. This could be a legacy issue for him similar to what George WQ. Buch did with PEPFAR.

Cases starting to come up after the plateau:

PRESS: NBC "Today Weekend" with Kristen Welker and Peter Alexander;

March 21, 2021 – Global USA

Still flat or slightly increased:

While Europe continues to surge:

And Brazil follows:

March 22, 2021 – Global -123,000,000/2,700,000; USA – 29,700,000/540,000

Trump has been attacking me (and Deb Birx) in recent interviews on FOX News and "the Hill" (see below) saying that we were wrong most of the time. However, he actually says that I am a nice guy and he likes me.

Big semi-scandal! AstraZeneca again messed up. Today was the day when they announced the data of their phase three clinical trial of a covid vaccine. The data showed a 78.9% efficacy with good efficacy against severe disease. They put out a press conference and press release and we followed with a press release that mirrored their release. As it turns out the data and safety monitoring board, which was getting impatient with them and was having trouble with their submission from the beginning, send them a harsh letter also addressed to me indicating that the data in their press release was not the most recent data an actually made the data looked more favorable. When the White House found out about this, it triggered a series of zoom calls with the comms team of the White House (Courtney Rowe et al) led by Jeff Zients. the final decision was that we would put out a press statement from NIAID in the middle of the night urging AZ to come clean with the DSMB and to straighten out their press release. See below the letter from the DSMB to me and AZ as well as our press release.

PRESS: White House Press briefing – I presented the AZ results – 78.9% effective and 100% effective against sever disease – 0 in vaccine; 5 in placebo; BBC Radio World News;

The Hill:

March 23, 2021 – Global -123,400,000/2,700,000; USA – 29,700,000/540,500

Did Governor's Association call and gave them an update. Was introduced by Governor Cuomo who bragged about my New York City roots and that I am Italian-American.

Did a Fireside Chat with the Forum of Small States – 100 of the smaller nations of the world. It was very enjoyable and they were totally appreciative of me and many said how popular I was in their country. The Irish Ambassador said I was "beloved in Ireland".

PRESS: ABC - Good Morning America with Robin Roberts; much press calls associated with the AZ issue described above; Entravision interview with Tsi-Tsi-Ki Felix from Univision; many print interviews related to the AZ issue (see above)

Politico:

March 24, 2021 – Global -123,900,000/2,700,000; USA – 29,800,000/541,300

•Moncef Slaoui fired from GSK Board of Directors for sexual harassment charges dating back a few years

•AZ continues to mess up on everything they seem to do. Hopefully, we will bring their miscommunication to an end as they finalize their discussions with the DSMB.

•Got a call from Tom Frieden today about 2 issues: 1) Tom wants to know how I feel about working with Moderna in getting them to give up some intellectual property so that we can get vaccine to the developing world . He wants to see if I have a relationship with Moderna. If so, he would like to help with seeing if we can get Moderna to cooperate in building plants in the developing world to provide vaccine. Tom is going to send me some talking points that I might bring to Jeff Zients so that I do not go rogue on this without letting the administration know. 2) Tom is quite concerned that there is no decision yet on the commissioner of the Food and Drug administration. He is very much in favor of Josh Scharfstein over Janet Woodcock. He is trying to figure out ways to get the administration to seriously consider Josh. Apparently Ron Klain is concerned that Josh would have trouble getting confirmed by the Senate. Tom thinks that this is not an issue.

PRESS: White House Press Briefing – most questions still about the AZ situation; Town Hall on Sirius XM "Rock the Bells" with LLCoolJ – guests – me, Marcella Nunez-Smith and DJ Jazzy Jeff;

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/dana-carvey-anthony-fauci n 605b174dc5b66d30c74022cc

March 25, 2021 – Global - 124,200,000/2,700,000; USA – 29,800,000/543,000

After a Zoom meeting yesterday with the DSMB Chaired by Rich Whitley, it became clear that they are furious with AZ since they feel that the AZ people are "pathological liars". It is a shame, because their vaccine is really a good vaccine; however, with their dishonest actions, they are casting discredit on the vaccine.

Continues to plateau amid concerns for surge. Spring break is at hand.

Variants in the USA:

The plateau continues:

PRESS: Bloomberg podcast; Podcast "Just Getting Started" with Rich Eisen;

March 26, 2021 – Global – 125,200,000/2,700,000; USA – 29,900,000/544,000

Have continued to make virtual rounds on patients at the clinical center. I have not been indicating it in these notes; however, I have been regularly going to rounds at least once per week and occasionally two times per week. I want to make sure that I do not lose contact with what is going on in the trenches both with HIV and with COVID-19.

Cases creeping up.....

PRESS: White House Press Conference – I introduced the college campus transmission study (Larry Corey);

March 27, 2021 – Global -125,800,000/2,800,000; USA – 29,900,000/545,300

PRESS: ABC – Good Morning America (Weekend);

March 28, 2021 Global USA

Going in the wrong direction:

PRESS: CBS – Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan; Viewing of the Sanjay Gupta piece on CNN of the "6 doctors";

March 29, 2021 – Global – 126,900,000/2,800,000; USA – 30,100,000/546,700

•Considerable commenting rom the press about the Sanjay Gupta Special last night on the "6 Doctors" where me, Birx, redfield, Hahn, Giroir, and Kadlec were interviewed. I cam out fine, but the press criticized the rest , particularly Birx, Redfield and Hahn for using the interviews to try to rehabilitate their reputations that suffered by their performance during the Trump administration where they did not speak up against the misinformation from Trump (see below under "Press")

•Briefed the POTUS and VPOTUS on our usual weekly briefing.

•President Trump lashed back in response to the CNN Special last night and wildly criticized Deb and I even making up stories that I bad-mouthed Deb all the time. He is truly an obnoxious adolescent. Below is his statement:

Hospitalizations in people <65 years old:

PRESS: Had a "Roll Up Your Sleeves" chat for a PSA with Matthew McConaughey; MSNBC – Meg Tirrell;

Washington Post:

March 30, 2021 – Global USA

I remain close to Deb Birx and she still communicates with me about he observations of how things are going. Below is an e-mail she sent me this morning:

Trump furious and being inarticulate in responding to our appearance on CNN Special. He is still talking about my errant pitch on opening day last year. He is rambling on. Meadows and Navarro are attacking me on FOX News. Navarro calling me a pathologic liar and calling the virus the "Fauci Virus'. The Trump team is really acting like a bunch of idiots.

Peter Navarro being delusional again:

•Had Zoom meeting with **Brazilian Minister of Health Dr. Marcello Queiroga**. They need help from the USA because they are having a terrible problem and President Bolsonaro is very Trump-like and hurting the country with his approach. I offered to help by collaborating in research and discussing strategies. They really want vaccine from us, but the USA policy is that we will wait until we vaccinate our whole country before we give away excess vaccines. Unfortunately, that is all that I could offer them. They will get plenty of vaccine from Pfizer, AZ and J & J in late May and early June. After the zoom meeting, I received a note from one of their scientists – Dr. Jorge Kalil. He asked me to please help them and hang in their with them sine Bolonsaro in terrible and the Brazilian scientific community and Brazilian people hold me in high regard and they need me to stick up for them •Had Zoom meeting with **Marshawn Lynch** former running back for the Seattle Seahawks. Really interesting. A lot of street talk. It was actually a "PSA" for vaccinating African Americans

•Had Zoom with **D.L. Hughley** – famous entertainer - another interesting chat on his show about African Americans and CVID vaccinations

•WHO Report is out saying that it is "very unlikely" that the virus originated from a lab accident. There is concern that the Chinese had a lot of influence over what data the WHO group had access to

PRESS: Did interview with Phil Rucker about his book on the Trump response to COVID-19

March 31, 2021 – Global – 127,900,000/2,800,000; USA – 30,200,000/548,200

Still flat or inching up:

•Had my every other week call with Chris Whitty and Patrick Valance of the UK. They

are as concerned as we are about the potential for another surge. They are waiting on ordered doses of vaccine. •Did nice interview with Nick News for Children answering their questions about

vaccines. •Did interview with **Ricky Martin** scheduled for Latin Grammy awards. Asked

questions about vaccines. •I have been praising David Ho to the White House people regarding his studies of the

variants. On that basis they are now probing whether he might be a good choice for FDA Commissioner.

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PRESS:WJLA TV – discussed Nats baseball season; CNN with Chris Cuomo;

April 1, 2021 – Global – 128,500,000/2,800,000; USA – 30,300,000/549,100

The Trump people including Meadows, Navarro and several other minor figures are going on a rampage on FOX news attacking me. Navarro calling me a psychopath and pathologic liar and Meadows blaming me for not weighing in on Children at the border. Amazing!!! Other news media are criticizing them strongly for doing this.

•Had nice Fireside Chat with American Red Cross – Gail McGovern (CEO). The comments on the chat box were uniformly positive •Had a Zoom with Prize-winning artist Hugo Crosthwaite and Taina Caragol of the **National Portrait Gallery**. Taina will be commissioning Hugo to do a portrait of me for the National Portrait Gallery Collection. The whole process will take about 1 year.

•Majorie Taylor Greene is trying to introduce legislation to fire me. Really!!!!: • **Marjorie Taylor Greene: Fire Fauci and ban vaccine mandate and passport**

PRESS: CBS This Morning with Gayle King; WXYZ TV Detroit; FOX L.A. TV "The Issue Is" with Elex Michaelson; NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt; NATs Podcast with Al Galdi and Mark Zuckerman.

April 2, 2021 – Global – 129,3000,000/2,800,000; USA – 30,400,000/550,200

•Had nice Fireside Chat with Rep. Doris Matsui. •Am still being attacked by the far right wing including Senators (Lindsey Graham) and media (FOX). Interesting that they are asking me to explain the "crisis" at the border when that has nothing to do with me. **•Had great interview with Neal Cavuto of FOX** (see below under "Press") in which he allowed me to counter all of the criticisms of people like Mark Meadows, Lindsey Graham, Navarro, etc. Navarro is calling me a pathological liar saying that I had nothing to do with the vaccine. He said this in response to my saying that one of the best choicesI made was to push ahead with Barney Graham's collaborationwith Moderna. Obviously, Navarro has no idea about this and so has no idea what he is talking about •Another important issue – **Robert F. Kennedy, Jr has written a book** about me entitled "The Real Anthony Fauci", which will almost certainly be a slanderous book. Am undecided about whether I should get lawyers involved

PRESS: NPR Morning Edition with Noel King; NBC TV Detroit with Dr. Frank McGeorge; White House Press briefing; Politico Podcast with Jeremy Siegel; Interview with Business Insider; Interview with The Guardian; FOX News with Neal Cavuto.

April 3, 2021 – Global – 129,900,000/2,800,000; USA – 30,400,000/552,800

Went to a "Spring celebration" at Bob Seder's house to observe the Cherry Blossoms at Kenwood. I am a little nervous sine people were hugging and not wearing masks, although virtually everyone had been vaccinated.

Still lingering at ~60,000 new infections/day:

PRESS: CNN with Jim Acosta;

April 4, 2021 – Global – 130,400,000/2,800,000; USA – 30,500,000/553,700

Things getting a bit scary. As B.1.1.7 becomes more dominant, we re seeing surges in some areas with younger people (even school kids) getting infected and hospitalizations increasing in relatively younger people. See below:

Race between the vaccines (4 million shots administered yesterday!!!) and a new surge:

April 5, 2021 – Global -131,000,000/2,900,000; USA – 30,500,000/554,100

Still putting pressure on me to switch to a single dose.

Mike Gerson wrote an amazing column in the Washington Post about me:

PRESS: PIX 11 TV – New York City;

April 6, 2021 – Global – 131,500,000/2,900,000; USA – 30,600,000/554,400

Had Zoom call with Pascal Soriot, CEO of AstraZeneca. He wanted to apologize for the miscommunications concerning the interactions between AZ and the DSMB a couple of weeks ago. He wanted my advice as to the best way forward. I explained to him that the most important thing for him to do would be to wait until the United States FDA comes out with their EUA. This would give the AZ product the validity that he is hoping for. I also mentioned that the confusion associated with the mixed up dosing situation associated with the Oxford group added a degree of skepticism about the entire AZ product. Best thing to do is to wait to see but the FDA says about the product.

We seem to be stuck at around 60,000 per day:

PRESS: ABC - Good Morning America with George Stephanopoulos; MSNBC – Morning Joe with Joe Scarborough; National Press Club Interviews; Fox Local TV Stations

April 7, 2021 – Global -132,000,000/2,900,000; USA – 30,700,000/555,200

Terrific experience tonight – On my walk tonight with Christine through **American University** campus, on the way back we were met by throngs of American University students who illegally sitting on the grass enjoying themselves. In groups of three to five people they kept coming up to me wanting to get photographs and selfies. It was truly amazing as it went on for group after group after group. I must have posed for photographs with over 50 young kids from American University. Then, on the way down past Al Dente restaurant where we stopped to pick up a pizza, customers outdoors and inside the restaurant kept coming up to me asking to be photographed with me. My pizza took a long time to be ready and so I must have spent 15 minutes at the door of the restaurant allowing people mostly young kids but some adults to have selfies with me. The entire situation was culminated when I walked out of the restaurant with Andre Jacobs, my security man, and the entire population of people who are eating outdoors at Al Dente and Chef Geoff's burst into a prolonged round of applause. It was really quite charming. Andre had gotten nervous throughout the entire situation since some people just ran up to me with their camera in their hand to get a selfie. Andre does not like people just running up to me an almost body slammed a man who meant well but who didn't realize that he had charged up to me. A memorable experience!

PRESS: CBS "This Morning" with Gayle King; White House Press Conference (I discussed durability of vaccine-induced response; CNN with Anderson Cooper 360;

April 8, 2021 – Global -132,700,000/2,900,000; USA – 30,700,000/556,100

Spoke with Olive Shisana and Morena Makhoana (Biovac) about setting up capability to manufacturing mRNA vaccines in South Africa. Olive claims to be the special advisor to President Cyril Ramaphosa of RSA. They want me to help to get Moderna to assist RSA in the form of Makhoana's company Biovac to make mRNA vaccines for RSA.

I taped my NAS remarks receiving their Public Welfare Medal. I spoke of my relationship with 7 Presidents including the difficult relationship with Trump.

Met virtually for our regular weekly meeting with the POTUS and VPOTUS. Interesting situation.

[redacted] In addition Vivek was zooming from Miami and in the middle of the discussion a Peacock outside his window started making noise. What a scene.

Daily cases still going up – 74.5 million yesterday:

PRESS: RAI Italian TV; France 24 TV Interview

April 9, 2021 – Global – 133,600,000/2,900,000; USA – 30,800,000/557,100

•Bad day – Chris brought her right arm (distal radius0 playing basketball with me for filming for Nat/Geo. Happened on the last 10 seconds of playing

PRESS: Stephen Colbert had a skit about me and "the 4th Wave" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xb0fB13xYYg

April 10, 2021 – Global – 143,300,000/2,900,000; USA – 30,900,000/558,000

•Spoke again with Ari Emanuel and his team of Don Walker (lawyer, represents Obama and Clinton) and Jay Mandell (Mostly involved with books). They just wanted to check in to see if IU needed anything. I mentioned the situation with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr who is writing a book about me entitled "The Real Dr. Anthony Fauci", which undoubtably will be a very scandalous book. Don Walker was adamant that we should do nothing about this since Bobby Kennedy has absolutely no credibility over the past several years. because of how crazy he has been acting Over the past several years. His strong recommendation is to just let it go. Don emphasized

again how much money that I would be making with my lectures. I re emphasize to him that although I like the idea about making money, my most important goal is to do good , and that I would prefer to do several speeches pro bono depending upon who asks me. •**Joan Baez will receive the Kennedy Center Award** and there is a reception at the State Department on May 19th. She has invited me as her guest. What fun! Just spoke with her over the phone to check if there will be mask wearing since the press will have a field day if they saw me with Joan and we did not have masks. •We vaccinated **4.6 million** people today

Daile cases continue to rise – 81,400:

April 11, 2021 – Global – 135,000,000/2,900,000; USA – 31,000,000/558,800

Sunday -quiet day. Catching up on writing Commencement address.

Heard during my interview with MSNBC (see below) that **Trump**, while on FOX with Laura Ingraham said I was "full of crap" and that he never listened to me. Hasan came back on MSNBC and said that is why hundreds of thousands of people died, because he did not listen to me. Appasrently, Trump also made this comment during a fundraiser at Mar-a-Largo where he sharply attacked 2 people: me and Mitch McConnell.

PRESS: MSNBC with Mehdi Hasan;

April 12, 2021 – Global USA

The Daily Mail in their reporting of the removal of Father Lahart from his position of President of Regis High School made sure to mention that I was an alumnus of the school (of course) (see below under Press.

•**Had a good Zoom meeting with Hon. Luigi Di Maio,** Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy. He is in the USA to celebrate the 160th anniversary of Italian relations with USA. Good conversation. He wanted advice of the COVID-19 situation in Italy and Europe. Interesting how these foreign leaders want my opinion on these issues that have policy as well as public health implications. •**Got call at 10:00 PM from Rochelle Walensky that the CDC and FDA had called a pause of the J & J vaccine due to 6 cases (all women – ages 18 to 48) of Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis (CVST). I died, 3 hospitalized (2 in ICU), 2 discharged. Events occurred from 6 to 13**

days after vaccination. CDC/FDA will do press conference tomorrow at 10:00 AM.

PRESS: Daily Mail: Jesuit priest, 59, is removed as president of Manhattan's prestigious Regis High School - that Dr. Fauci attended - for 'non-consensual sexual misconduct with adult subordinates'; BBC radio interview (2 part series) on 40th Anniversary of recognition of AIDS pandemic; BBC - Radio "The Today Programme"; CNN "Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer.

I have been speaking about this all the time:

April 13, 2021 – Global – 136,200,000/2,900,000; USA – 31,100,000/559,700

Jeff Z. calls me at 5:46 AM telling me to clear my calendar since the WH wants me out there with the press. See below – I engaged in the Jen Psaki Conference in the White House press room with Jeff Z.

Obviously, this is a big deal even though it is a very rare event 6 cases in 6,850,000.

I was on the Governors call with Rochelle and Jeff to explain the situation to the Governors.

PRESS: White House Press Conference with Jen Psaki and Jeff Z.; CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell; NBC Evening News with Lester Holt; ABC Evening News with Linsey Davis; MSNBC with Chris Hayes

April 14, 2021 – Global -137,000,000/3,000,000; USA – 31,200,000/560,600

There is a very important issue going on regarding a dispute between the vaccine Research Center an Moderna regarding the inventorship of the patent associated with the confirmation of the spike protein. For some strange reason Moderna wants to give us Co ownership of the patent but not inventorship of the patent. The VRC insists with good reason that we are true inventors of the patent. We had a conversation this morning among Francis Collins , myself , John Mascola, and Mark Rohrbaugh concerning any leverage that we might have over Moderna to pressure them in sharing the expertise of their technology with developing countries particularly in southern Africa. They have made a public

statement that they will not interfere with any countries that want to use their technology. However, given the complexity of the technologies it is important that they pitch in and help the companies transfer the technology. Peter Staley and his activist friends are understandably pushing us to exert pressure on Moderna to transfer their technology to the developing world. The reason why the patent issue becomes relevant here is that the more control we have over what Moderna does the better we will be able to pressure them into the above. We decided that the best approach would be for Francis Collins and I to have a telephone call with the CEO of Moderna , Stephane Bancel and the POresident of Moderna, Stephen Hoge.

Had call with Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro of the House Appropriations Committee. She wants to know what I think she should do with the $6.5 billion that they want to give to ARPA-H that would go to NIH. There is a fear among NIH grantees that the regular increases that NIH usually receives on a yearly basis will be diminished be 'cause the Congress is now giving the NIH $6.5 billion for "special projects". They were thinking of giving the NIH $2.5 billion for the regular appropriation plus $6.5 billion for the special projects for a total of $9 billion, which is a lot. I suggested to Rosa that she called some of the money off the $6.5 billion and add it to the regular appropriation for the NIH. She seemed OK with this.

I had recently received a letter from senator Lindsey Graham essentially demanding that as the chief medical advisor to president Biden, I go down to the border and look at the difficult health conditions there regarding the SARS coronavirus. Subsequent to that I received a letter from about 8 or 9 congressmen asking me to do the same thing. In fact, in his letter to me senator Graham said I was neglecting my responsibility as the adviser to the president if I did not go down to the border and report back on the "terrible conditions" on the border. This is clearly a set up trying to embarrass the president. Tomorrow I testify before the house Energy and Commerce Select Committee on COVID-19. Two congressmen who signed the letter will be there. I anticipate that they will ask me the same question about going to the border. Today I **asked Jeff Zients to ask Ron Klain and the president if it is OK for me to say that since I am the chief medical advisor to the president I would be happy to go to the border if the president ask me to**. However, with all due respect I am not the adviser to the Congress but to the president. I will do what he asked me to do, and

again with all due respect not what the Congress asks me to do. Ron Klain and the president are OK with this approach.

•Got call from Jeff that the Oxford group were coming out with a paper tomorrow saying that in a large data base they found that mRNA vaccinbes had even more thrombosis than AZ. Obviously, bullshit. They did not look for thrombocytopenia and so the observation is invalid. Also, not surprising fr the Oxford group sine their vaccine is in trouble and I would not be surprised if they were trying to disparage the other vaccines.

PRESS: MSNBC – "Morning Joe" with Willie Geist; CNN "New Day" with John Berman; NBC "Today" with Savannah Guthrie; White House Press Conference (regular 3x/week). Did 4 separate Local TV hits with Cameron Webb in Mississippi Stations

April 15, 2021 – Global – 137,900,000/3,000,000; USA – 31,200,000/561,400

Still hanging around 70,000/day:

Major clash with Rep. Jim Jordan during the House Energy and Commerce Select Committee on COVID-19 chaired by Jim Clyburn and Steve Scalise as Ranking Member. Jordan did his usual aggressive asking me multiple questions without giving me a chance to answer. He was harping on my giving him a definite date when he can get his "liberty and freedom back" that I was restricting him from. I insisted that this was not a matter of liberty and freedom, but was a public health issue.We had a heated discussion. I finally told him that he was "ranting". In addition, I told him that he was making this a personal issue. He denied that, but I insisted that he was indeed making it a personal issue. Finally, when his time was up he kept on talking and representative Maxine Waters told him to shut up.

PRESS: All over TV in my clash with Rep. Jordan at the E and C Hearing – CNN covered it extensively and Jimmy Kimmel had it in his monologue; Reuters TV interview with Julie Steenhuysen; Had conversation with member of NY Times editorial board member Jeneen Interlandi about 1 dose versus 2 doses. She seemed to side with me.

April 16, 2021 – Global – 138,700,000; USA -

•Andy Slavitt remarked how proud of me he was as he watched me respond to Jim Jordan. •Fox News is attacking me abut my interchange with

Jordan, BUT MSNBC is attacking FOX for attacking me. Example: • **Scarborough slams Jordan for spreading 'lies' about Fauci: 'It's sheer idiocy'** •By Cameron Jenkins - 04/16/21 11:38 AM EDT 410 •In the Instagram with Tyra Banks (see below) she was wonderful. People who wrote comments were 95% positive, but some were really mean and vicious statements about me and Tyra. One person said that Tyra was sexy, but I was even more sexy than she was. She read it and put a big smile on her face and said that she agreed with that but then beautifully and gently shot this down by saying: "Dr. Fauci, that is true and my mother is in love with you" . Zing ☺

PRESS: Veja Magazine (Brazil) – reporter – Julia Teixeira Braun; Facebook – "Now This" with Zinhie Essamuah; Instagram with Tyra Banks (she was absolutely fabulous); MSNBC "Reid Out" with Joy Reid;

April 17, 2021 – Global – 139,500,000/3,000,000; USA – 31,400,000/563,200

Cases continue to creep up in certain states (>35).

Had nice dinner over Ellen Sigal's home with Diana DeGette, Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Dana Bash sent me a text: "I just watched the whole Jordan thing. Again, you're a better man than I.... As our friend Wolf Blitzer said to me yesterday – no one would have blamed you if you said simply "Mr. Jordan, go f--- yourself"

PRESS: Had another of several interviews at home with Mark Manucci for the PBS Masters Documentary

April 18, 2021 – Global – 140,300,000/3,000,000; USA – 31,400,000/564,000

•David Axelrod sent me a text saying that his wife Susan says that I look 10 years younger since the change of administrations. •I received a text from Dana Bash pointing out that Vanity Fair recently had a headline that said: Jim Jordan trips over his own asshole trying to debate Anthony Fauci.

PRESS: ABC This Week with Martha Raddatz; NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd; CBS Face the Nation with Margaret

Brennan; CNN State of the Union with Dana Bash; MSNBC The Sunday Show with Jonathan Capehart;

April 19, 2021 – Global – 141,100,000/3,000,000; USA – 31,500,000;564,300

Today is the day (April 19) when the POTUS said that everyone 16 years of age and older is now eligible to receive a vaccine. No more restrictions to priority groups

•Kate Berner sent me a note saying that I was "outstanding" at the White House pressor. •I get a lot of **FOIA requests** regarding my financial statements as well as regarding text messages , written correspondence, and phone calls . These are clearly directed at trying to catch me at something usually from conspiracy theorists but also from Republican operatives. The most recent FOIA requests have been for any text messages between me and Susan Rice, Ron Klain, Anita Dunn, and Kate Bendingfield. The most recent one has come from the Republican National Committee in the person of Nicholas Erickson. C**learly, I have become a prime target of the Trump Republicans**

•Had great conversation with Amb. Katherine Tai who is the US Trade Representative. The ambassador was extremely excited about partnering with me in trying to get a waver of the patent restrictions for the production of vaccines by the developing nations. She is also very well aware that the important issue is to transfer the technology and the expertise even after the wave it has occurred. I had mentioned to her that I would soon meet with the CEO of moderna to try to get him to cooperate and transferring this technology. We left it that we shall get back together after she does some work on this problem. In the arena of small world things, the ambassador mentioned to me that her mother was a scientist here at NIH and that she is a child was put Into the NIH daycare center. I believe that I will get along very well with her.

PRESS: NPR -Morning Edition with Rachel Martin; CBS "This Morning" TV with Tony Dokoupil; Rickey Smiley Radio; Enrique Santos Show (TV); The Morning Hustle Show" (Radio) with Headrack; White House Press Briefing; did loal TV hits in Indianapolis, Jacksonville, FL, and Birmingham, AL; Australian ABC News Radio

April 20, 2021 – Global USA

Maybe coming down a bit:

•I was on the governor's call today. One of the questions that came up today was why we still have a mask mandate for outdoors. I agree that this is a problem. Rochelle answered that CDC is re-examining this issue. I feel that we should obviously say that if a person is out alone outside, they do not need to wear a mask. **•Important issue brought to my attention regarding potential far right wing coming after me.**

It appears that a few of the far right grantees of NIAID are joining with the radical right wing people in the public as well as people in the Congress such as congressman Jim Jordan and Senator Rand Paul to try and connect me with the virus from WUHAN. In fact, David Morens has heard that these people are trying to "bring me down" .. They are saying that I deliberately worked with the Chinese together with Peter Daszak to create a virus that would be released to the world. This sounds very much like a way-out conspiracy theory, which it is. However, there are enough crazy people around to make this a problem. I am going to arrange for a phone call with David in order to determine more details as to what is going on. It is my suspicion that some of these so-called NIAID grantees are Imperiale and Rich Ebright. They have been complaining about gain of function research for years. They have even publicly made the claim that when they speak against anything that I want I will prevent them from getting their grants. Everybody knows that this is absolutely preposterous, but they in fact are preposterous. Let us see if in fact these are the villains.

PRESS: BBC Radio – 2nd installation of a story that BBC is doing on the history of HIV/AIDS; Columbia TV -NTN 24; Instagram with Aidan Galassetti

April 21, 2021 – Global USA

Cases back up again a bit – 57,000:

Had an important call without colleagues in South Africa another southern African countries to discuss the possibility of conducting a clinical trial with the moderna m RNA vaccine. The issue is that they are in desperate need of a vaccine since the AZ vaccine does not work against the variant B.1.351. In addition, the J&J vaccine that appears to do well against the South African variant will not be ready for at least several months

and there is a window of opportunity to do a clinical trial with a delayed placebo crossover on 14,000 people. The issue is that the South Africans particularly Glenda Gray and Linda GAIL Becker need to show that the mRNA vaccine is effective in South Africa particularly among persons living with HIV. David Kessler who will be key in getting the product to South Africa was on the zoom. I feel that this is definitely worthwhile doing since if we can prove that the mRNA vaccine works in South Africa, then Glenda feels that they can convince the African countries to make a major investment in buying the mRNA vaccine. On the phone call were the following : Glenda Gray, Linda-Gail Bekker, Philip Kotze, Mike Chirenje, Tulio de Oliveira, Larry Corey, David Kessler, Emilio Emini, Cliff Lane, John Mascola, Carl Dieffenbach, Emily Erbelding, among others.

Beautiful situation of my impact on an autistic child. See attachment:

•I presented nomination of Barney Graham to NAS Section 44. Bob Gallo made a random and completely unnecessary potentially negative comment about Barney while presenting another candidate (Ray Schinazi)

PRESS: Hispanic TV hits: Despierta America; Actualidad Radio – Juan Gomez and Roberto Rodriguez (South Florida); CNN Newsroom with Victor Blackwell; NBC TV – Dallas with Julie Fine;

April 22, 2021- Global USA

Note the difference in mask mandates between the red and blue states:

•I participated in an iPC meeting today chaired by Beth Cameron of the National Security Council. The purpose of the meeting was to figure out how we could ask for $30 billion for pandemic preparedness and put it into the American Jobs Plan bill. The NIH had put in a proposal through HHS of close to $30 billion for our needs alone. There appears to have been some confusion as to the fact that HHS did not send down our request to the NSC in time for inclusion in the NSC document that was being discussed at the meeting. This led to a lot of running around on my part and on the part of Francis Collins and Larry Tabak to figure out how we can get our request properly represented in the discussion. It seemed to have worked out OK as I together with Eric Lander made a presentation to the IPC that indicated the broad scope of our needs without necessarily mentioning the budget. It was one of those times where you walk in the morning and find out that you have to do something that nobody told you

about until one hour before you had to do it. I refer to my need to make a presentation on behalf of the NIH to the IPC. • •Did a Fireside chat with the American College of Physicians. The chat was chaired by Dorilyn Moyer. In addition, I was presented with the 2021 Boyle award from the American College of Physicians. To illustrate how flooded I am with things , I had no idea I was being awarded the Joseph F. Boyle award and I had to make comments accepting the award. I had to quickly scramble to get Kim to go on the Internet and find out just what the Joseph F. Boyle award is. As it turns out it is an award bestowed upon a current or former government official who has provided outstanding public service to improving the delivery of health care. Again, I am running at such an amazingly fast pace that I do not know what I am about to do until I sit in front of the zoom and do it. **•Met by Zoom with POTUS and VPOTUS for our regular weekly update.**

PRESS: KSNV-TV – Las Vegas with Jeff Gillian; KABC - TV – Los Angeles with Denise Dador; KCBS Radio – San Francisco with Mike DeWald

April 23, 2021 – Global – 144,400,000/3,100,000; USA – 31,700,000/567,400

Still plateauing, but the 7-day average is slightly down (~10%):

Presented before the Lasker Board with Elia Zerhouni, Peggy Hamburg, Al Reese, Joe Goldstein and I mentioned when they said I was their hero, that I was also a "target" for some. They immediately said "We have you back". Important in light of the antipathy of many against me.

PRESS: White House Press Conference; Online – TV - The Birmingham News; Huntsville Times and Mobile Press-Register with Ivana Hrynkiw; MSNBC with Ayman Mohyeldin; PBS Newshour with Judy Woodruff; MSNBC Town Hall with Alicia Mendez and Rep. Raul Ruiz

April 24, 2021 – Global – 145,200,000/3,100,000; USA – 31,800,000/568,200

Real crazy anti-Fauci stuff going on. Two authors named Steve Deace and Todd Erzen wrote a book about me entitled "Faucian Bargain" - The most powerful and dangerous bureaucrat in American history. It is a cheap paperback of 179 pages which I will not even read but it contains the

same sort of nonsense that the other conspiracy theorists have been saying about me. It is really getting worse and worse in the number of crazy people who are buying into this conspiracy theory and so now we have the book by Robert F Kennedy junior and this book by these two guys as well as a number of right wing columnists such as Josh Rogin , as well as multiple commentators on Fox News who spend much of their time making me out to be the worst villain in the world and or trying to discredit me.

Had **important meeting with Jeff Zients,** David Kessler, Francis Collins, Car Dieffenbach, Natalie Quillian, Dina Halme, Lauren .... To discuss the $3.15 billion for the **COVID-19 anti-viral program.** There was considerable concern on our part that we would not be getting the full amount of money for this very important program to develop antiviral drugs for COVID-19. Omb has indicated that they may use some of that money for the purchase of booster doses for the vaccine program. We called this meeting together in order to get Jeff to support the fact that this is an incredibly important program for the current and future pandemics. Carl describe the program very well and I believe that we have convinced Jeff to strongly support us. See below power for a detailed description with slides:

We still are doing pretty well against the current variants with regard to our vaccines;

Eric Topol's take on Variants:

India is exploding with cases with the new variant B.1.617 (see below):

We have a serious problem of optics regarding our not sending to needy countries any of the AZ doses of vaccine at the same time as we have a greatest supply than demand right now. There is growing sentiment throughout the developing world at the United states is being unethical and amoral in not giving away doses of vaccine from AZ that we know we will never use. This is particularly the case with India that is really exploding with infections. The are now having >300,000 infections per day. One can say that you cannot do this since AZ has only been approved under an EUA. However, there are certainly ways that we can get around this. The bottom line is that we are looking very bad in the eyes of the low and middle income countries. I will continue to bring this up to Jeff Zients and other leadership. In fairness to our position, we do not really have a lot of doses of AZ vaccine hang around unused. Novovax does not come online until

around June, and so the argument that we want to secure enough doses for ourselves including boosters can be defensible. Unquestionably, this is a very difficult situation.

Amazing, but Vivek called me right after I wrote this with the same feeling as expressed above. We tried to get a meeting with Vivek, me, Rochelle, and Jeff to discuss how we are going to handle the situation with regard to India , particularly on the Sunday TV shows that Vivek and I will be on tomorrow. Unfortunately, Jeff could not squeeze in a meeting.

PRESS: Huffington Post:

April 25, 2021 – Global - 146,100,000/3,100,000; USA – 31,800,000/569,000

We had an important zoom talk at 11:00 AM today with Jeff, me, Rochelle, Natalie, and Vivek regarding our response to the crisis in India. See above. Jeff is sensitive to our concerns and indicated that Jake Sullivan in NSC is already involved in sending materials to India including filters for vaccine production, oxygen supplies, ventilators, therapeutics such as remdesivir and favipiravir, sedation meds, test kits, and PPE. I brought up the fact that the real issue is sending our doses of the AZ vaccine that we now have on the shelf. The issue is that we keep saying that we will do this when we are confident that we will be able to vaccinate all Americans. However, this is somewhat contradictory since we have already publicly said that we have enough vaccine from Moderna and Pfizer to vaccinate everyone in the country who needs to be vaccinated. And so, it is clear that we're not going two need the AZ vaccine. Thus, why not send it off to India and other countries as soon as possible? Jeff and Natalie agreed and we will push this agenda soon.

I had an important zoom meeting today with Larry Corey an Emilio Emini about the same subject as above , namely, how the United states can play a major proactive role in getting mRNA vaccines to the developing world. In our discussion, it became clear that there are immediate needs as mentioned above; however, there is also the immediate need of getting vaccine doses to lower and middle income countries. The United states could exert leadership in pressuring Moderna and Pfizer to scale up their vaccine production and sell it two developing nations at cost for production which is approximately $6 per dose as compared to the $30 produced that we are currently paying here in the developed world.

Apparently there are liability issues that the pharmaceutical companies are concerned with. These revolve around the fact that although the United States government can indemnify the companies against lawsuits here in the United states the companies feel that they are liable to being sued for adverse outcomes by people in the countries to whom they're providing vaccine. Some mechanism needs to be worked out to address this concern. I have asked Emilio and Larry to put a one pager together summarizing our discussion so that I can bring it to Jeff who could bring it to Ron Klain who could bring it to the president. More later.

Breakthrough infections are very rare:

Front page of the Washington Post had a major article on the drastic situation in India and reported on the universal criticism there is of the United states in not doing something about it right now. I will be on ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos this morning and will likely get asked questions about India.

More studies showing that vaccines dramatically diminish asymptomatic infection and so great er argument for not needing to wear masks following vaccination:

PRESS: ABC "The Week" with George Stephanopoulos; CNN – Weekend Prime Time with Jim Acosta; NYT: Fauci and other top U.S. health officials stress the urgency of vaccinations and their safety. https://nyti.ms/3dPn1ms Phenomenal article in the Sunday New York Times about me by Frank Bruni: Opinion

April 26, 2021 – Global – 146,800,000/3,100,000; USA – 31,900,000/569,300

I had an interesting conversation with Vivek late last night. He called me up after we had a meeting with Jeff and the medical team concerning the guidelines that the CDC was about to put out regarding the wearing of masks outdoors as well as indoors in vaccinated versus unvaccinated people. Vivek was concerned about something that I had been concerned about for a long period of time. That is the CDC often puts things out that none of us can really adequately defend because it is either unclear or just does not make any sense. This is exactly what happened last night when Rochelle presented a color-coded guideline that no one could really understand . Yet, the CDC was about to put it out. To her credit, Rochelle ran it by the medical team. Rochelle is in a difficult position since she is new in the job

and is reluctant the contradict her team which has been in place for decades. That is really the fundamental problem of the CDC. For as long as anyone can remember they are isolated in Atlanta, are extremely arrogant, and are offended if anyone on the outside asks to see their material before they actually put it out. They are very close-to-the-vest. I have known this for some time as have my colleagues here at NIH. However, it is interesting and in some respects gratifying that Vivek has now picked that up on his own and fully realizes the problem.

•Did Town Hall with the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health led by Sam Baker of Axios and included Mary Bassett, Karen DeSalvo, Garth Graham, and Michael Mina •Did Principal's meeting with Cabinet.

Had a wonderful zoom session with President Obama - I was on a zoom one on one discussion with President Obama for the purpose of encouraging people to get vaccinated. He was his typical engaging and highly intelligent self. Similar to what my experience was when he was in the White House, he had a perfect grasp of all of the details surrounding vaccines. It just reminded me of what an incredible person he is and what an amazing president he was. We joked around a lot about what I had gone through over the last year. I even mentioned to him that during an interview with some of the sports reporters I had mentioned that if I went one on one with him in basketball even though he is very tall and has a great jump shot, I still would be able to dribble around him since I'm so fast. He started to laugh and said that I better stop talking trash to him because now he's mad and if we ever get to play together he'll block every one of my shots. The interview was really a terrific experience.

PRESS: Newsy TV Interview with Kellan Howell; NBC TV interview with Lester Holt for the Aspen Institute Online;

April 27, 2021 – Global – 147,500,000/3,100,000; USA – 31,900,000/569,800

Coming down. 2nd day in a row in the 30s:

PRESS: Sanjay Gupta podcast; IAS Podcast on 40 years of HIV; White House Press Conference (spoke on variants); WTOP Radio with Megan Cloherty; NY Times Editorial Board; NPR – "All Things Considered" with Mary Louise Kelly; Windy City Times interview – 40 years of HIV; Interview for Research!America with Opray Winfrey; MSNBC with Chris Hayes;

April 28, 2021 – Global -148,300,000/3,100.000; USA – 32,000,000/570,400

Letter to Dr. Collins from Republican Congressmen Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Brett Guthrie, and Morgan Griffith asking many questions about the origin of SRAS-Cov-2. Clearly trying to dig up dirt and implicate the NIH in collaborating with the Chinese leading somehow (???) to the release or escape of SARS-CoV-2 from the Wuhan lab:

I am starting to put much more pressure publicly on pushing for a global response to the pandemic by urging us to help low and middle income countries with focus now on Indias. See today's Washington Post:

The Fauci "thing" is as thick as ever:

•Francis and I were on a Zoom call with Stephane Bancell (CEO of Moderna) and Stephen Hose (President of Moderna). We discussed two things: the fact that we felt that Moderna should be doing more to provide vaccine for low and middle income countries. We wanted them to help out by transferring their technology two nations such as Senegal , Ethiopia, and countries in South America in order to allow those countries to make vaccines for themselves. They felt that this is something that they would likely do but that it would take at least two years for those countries to stand up their plants even if the technology was transferred. Their idea was a two-pronged approach. First, they are ramping up their capability of producing vaccine and by the end of 2022 they feel that they will be able to produce a total of 3 billion doses. They would be happy to make those doses available at a lower tiered price to the developing world. In addition, they agreed that they would participate in a longer range plan to transfer technology 2 low and middle income countries to make their own vaccine. In addition, Frances and I spoke about the patent dispute between the NIAID Vaccine Research Center and Moderna. The story is that the lawyers of Moderna feel that the VRC people such as Barney Graham an others technically should not be inventors on the patent for the discovery of the vaccine. We strongly disagree with that an as a matter of fact so do Stephane and Stephen. they realize that it is unfair to exclude us from the patent; also it would be a public relations disaster for them if they excluded us. They promised that they would get this resolved soon.

It is clear that Pfizer can do the same thing. In fact, Pfizer can likely produce 3 billion doses by the end of this year and even more next year . If

this is possible which I believe that it is, then we could probably vaccinate the entire world that wants to be vaccinated within the next year and a half.

PRESS: NBC "Today" with Savannah Guthrie; CNN with Jim Sciutto;

April 29, 2021 – Global -149,200,000/3,100,000; USA – 32,000,000/571,300

MMWR:

Back up again to 53,000/day:

•Did a zoom podcast interview with **Quinn Bradlee** (son of Sally Quinn and the late Ben Bradlee). He is disabled and Sally asked me to do this. I could not refuse since I admired Ben so much and he was always so gracious and kind to Chris and me. He was so excited to have the opportunity to interview me.

Important Issue: Francis Collins forwarded an email to me (see below)which triggered a concern about whether the Indian variant – B.1.617 was resistant two antibodies induced by vaccines. I forwarded this email to the medical team including Jeff Zients and Rochelle Walensky. Rochelle called me up and mentioned that her colleagues in Boston including those at the Broad Institute as well as Dan Barouch were finding that the Indian variant could be very problematic with regard to its resistance to vaccine induced antibodies. In addition, I spoke with Bob Seder and the work that he has been doing with monkeys also indicates that B.1.617 could be very problematic. Then, Jeff Zients called me up together with Natalie Quillian and feels that we should call a temporary halt on travel from India until we sought this out and based on the information that I sent him. This is a critical decision since if we don't block travel from India and things look bad later on we will be sharply criticized for not doing so. However , if we do block travel, there will be those who criticize us for doing so. This is very similar to the deliberations that we had during the Trump administration regarding China, the Eu and the UK.

SEE E-MAILS BELOW starting with the e-mail that I sent to the medical team of Walensky, Vivek, Bechara, Slavitt, Zients, Nunez-Smith. (Rochelle subsequently forwarded it to Dawn O'Connell at HHS)

Team:

Please see e-mail below from Dr. Venkatachalam to Francis Collins. Although this is still at the level of anecdote, I am hearing from people who are doing studies in vitro that the B.1.617 variant is at least as concerning as the B.1.351. We should discuss this at our next meeting.

Best,

Tony

VISIT TO BALTIMORE WITH VP HARRIS - Today I went to Baltimore at the invitation of Vice President Harris to accompany her to the M&T Bank stadium where the Baltimore Ravens football team plays. The stadium has served as a mega hub and mass vaccination site for the administration of vaccines in the city of Baltimore. It was a delightful trip strengthening my relationship with the vice president. She was her usual delightful self and as we walked through multiple sections of the indoor component of the stadium, we passed hundreds of people: people waiting to be vaccinated by the hundreds; people already vaccinated being observed; national guard who are helping with the vaccinations; and a wide array of sections of people vaccinating , entering information into a computer, and a pharmacy dispensing the vaccine. As we walked through the different sections people equally screamed out "we love you Doctor Fauci" and "we love you Vice President Harris. We stopped dozens of times to take selfies with a whole variety of people. The vice president was genuinely pleased to see the attention paid to me as well as to her. She is a real winner.

PRESS: NBC interview with Heid Przybyla on the role of the VP in outreach to promote the uptake of vaccines; Italian TV La7 News; much press related to the visit to the VP to Baltimore.

April 30, 2021 - Global – 150,100,000/3,200,000; USA - 32,100,000/572,200

We shut down travel from India – See above. Travel from India will cease for all non-USA citizens. Will start on Tuesday May 4. I am concerned that by delaying the actual shutting down we will be faced with the same situation that we faced with China and the European Union. In those circumstances there was a rush of people trying to get to the United states who are noncitizens, and so a large number of people who were likely infected in fluxed to this country.

•Senator Lindsey Graham has written 2 letters to me telling me that I must go to the border and see the seriousness of the situation since I am the chief medical advisor to the president. Obviously this is a political ploy to embarrass president Biden. I just wrote back to senator Graham and told him that my job is to develop vaccines and drugs and to be involved in strictly medical issues, and that the border problems are the CDC, the Department of Homeland Security, or the Department of State.

PRESS: Interview with India Express (print); White House Press briefing (discussed 2nd shot); Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) – TV; Fireside Cat Online with Canadian Genomic Forum; WBUR (NPR) – "On Point" with Meghna Chakrabarti; Instgram with Eva Longoria; Local TV for Memphis, TN and New Orleans, LA; Institute), Torrian Baskerville of NASTAD, Edward Bitarakwate, Uganda Country Director for EGPAF, and Joyce Ouma of National Empowerment Network of PLWH in Kenya, and Maureen Goodenow of OAR •Had usual Zoom meet with Sec Becerra. I informed him of Novovax results. •Had SCIF meeting with Deputies regarding global distribution of vaccines

PRESS: Andy Slavitt tweets a strong defense of me; Health Care Radio Interview

June 15, 2021 – Global – 176,000,000/3,800,000; USA – 33,300,000/598,000

Cases continue to come:

PRESS: NBC "The Tonight Show" with Jimmy Fallon

June 16, 2021- Global – 176,000,000/3,800,000; USA – 33,300,000/600,000

•Bob Redfei ld is out there spouting incorrect information saying that he feels strongly that this was a virus that leaked from a laboratory. The basis of his saying this is that he feels that the virus was so well adapted to humans right from the beginning that it had to have leaked from a lab. Any respectable virologist would know that this is total nonsense since the virus clearly could have jumped species as a less efficient spreader and causer of serious disease and had been circulating in the human population beneath the radar screen gathering efficiency in transmission and pathogenesis until it was finally recognized in the middle of December of 2019 when many

people were getting seriously ill. This is the way viruses evolve from nature. In fact, we are still seeing that to this day in what we are currently experiencing in that variants are developing greater capability of spreading and gaining even greater pathogenesis. Another example of Bob Redfield being dead wrong. I am surprised and disappointed that he is out there spouting such nonsense. I guess that he wants to feel relevant now that he is no longer CDC Director.

•Email of support fro Michel Kazatchkine:

PRESS: CBS "This Morning"; ITV (UK TV); Interview with Alison Young of USA Today on lab-leak hypothesis; Interview with Yahoo Life; Did White House digital team PSA at NIH; New York Times Sway Podcast with Kara Swisher

Very Important piece in Foreign Policy by Justin Ling:

Quote from the article below:

The Washington Post:

Historical record of A.S. Fauci - Part 4

May 1, 2021 – Global – 151,000,000/3,200,000; USA – 32,100,000/573,000

I am going public that pharmaceutical companies should share their technologies with developing nations to allow them to make their own vaccine developed by the companies. Also, they should receive vaccines while the plants are gearing up in their own countries to start making product (see below)

PRESS: MSNBC with Jasmeen Vossoughian;

Washington Post – Dan Diamond:

May 2, 2021 - Global – 151,800,000/3,200,000; USA – 32,200,000/573,800

•Had dinner over Jeff Zients's house with wife Mary, Bob Seder and Deb Harman, Denis McDonough and wife Kari. Terrific time. Jeff is as wonderful on a personal basis as he is professionally. His home at 4500 Garfield Street, NW is absolutely magnificent.

•Jeff Zients Called me this evening giving me a heads up that he might want me to write a one page memo the president Biden explaining to him

the situation in India particularly with regard to the variants. I convinced him that it might be better to arrange for a phone call between me and the president so that I could respond to his questions rather than have him receive a memo that he would have questions about. Jeff said we could think about it overnight and decide tomorrow.

PRESS: Connecticut Public Television "The Jane Whitney Show"

May 3, 2021 – Global – 152,500,000/3,200,000; USA – 32,200,000/574,200

India is exploding:

Good number today for the USA:

Jeff called me this morning and said that it would be best for them to arrange for me to speak one on one with the president over the next couple of days concerning the India issue . I believe that this is the best way to go.

•regarding the situation at the Texas-Mexico border. The congressman has an interesting problem and an issue. Apparently, people coming from Mexico to the United states who are holding valid visas are not being allowed to come in through land crossings. Most of these people are poor and cannot afford to fly in. However, the wealthier people who can fly into the United states but who are required to have a test before they get on the plane are allowed to come in. This becomes an economic issue for the border towns in the United states such as Laredo. Visa-carrying Mexicans spend about $19 billion per year in the border towns. It becomes a serious economic issue if they are not allowed in. The congressman wants my help since Homeland Security says that this is a medical issue and the congressman points out that it is not a medical issue; but it is an economic issue. I explained to the congressman that I believe that Homeland Security thinks it is a medical issue because the people who come over on land crossings do not have testing readily available to them and so given the possibility that some of them are infected, Homeland Security considers this a medical issue. My suggestion for a solution is to figure out a way to get the United States side of the border to provide rapid testing for the visa-holding Mexicans as they enter the country , and if they are negative, they are allowed to enter. I promised to check with the medical adviser to Homeland Security to see if we can straighten this out. I will have our staffs connect us.
•Two countries that have done things differently from us – **UK and Israel**. They both locked down completely until their number started to come

down sharoply and then they ramped up vaccinations and now their test positivity is 0.1%. See the results below:

The far right continues to accuse me of fostering dangerous gain-of-function research. The letter to the editor of the National Review refutes this:

PRESS: Interview with Press Trust of India Washington Correspondent (print); Seattle NBC TV (on the "Fauci effect" in med schools); Science News interview with Aimee Cunningham; WBAL radio and TV (Baltimore); King TV (Seattle) – interview together with Larry Corey;

Sheryl Stolberg in The New York Times:

May 4, 2021 – Global – 153,200,000/3,200,000; USA - 32,300,000/574,700

Lower numbers – 32,500:

•I did the Governors' call and did the epi update since Rochelle was not able to be on the call. I clarified with Governor Cuomo why we should not get hung up on the "elusive" concept of herd immunity threshold since no one knows what that is. We should just focus on getting as many people vaccinated as quickly as we possibly can and for sure the number f cases will come down.

•I did the briefing for the "TV Docs" in preparation of the POTUS speech on the goal of 70% of adults vaccinated by July 4

•Spoke with Indian Ambassador to the USA (Taranjit Singh Sandhu) about the situation in India.

PRESS: BBC Worldwide Radio (interview on India); MSNBC – "Deadline White House" with Nicole Wallace; CNN – Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer; NBC@Peacock with Mehdi Hasan; ABC - Jimmy Kimmel Live

Financial Times got the story right, but the headline wrong:

May 5, 2021 – Global – 154,000,000/3,200,000; USA – 32,300,000/575,500

•Daily cases today at 41,000

In discussions with the medical team and with the White House comms group, I made it clear but I really do have a problem defending the ultra-conservative approach of the CDC regarding the wearing of masks outdoors. In particular, I was on an interview on the Today show with Savannah Guthrie and she pushed me on how inflexible the guidelines were for children in camp, where we have kids wearing masks all the time in 90 degree weather playing outside. I admitted that the CDC guidelines were "conservative". Savannah try to get me to say that they were excessive but I stuck with my original characterization. We really do need to get the CDC to loosen up on some of their guidelines because our credibility is going to be attacked if we do not do that.

I had a very interesting conversation with Nancy Messonnier last night. I called her up to ask her advice about how we can get some clear metrics from the CDC regarding when cities in states could start relaxing their restrictions. She surprised me by telling me that she was no longer part of the COVID response group and that she has essentially been fired by Rochelle Walensky. Something strange is going on here since it is very difficult to fire anybody in government even when they do something awful , and certainly Nancy has not done anything awful. In fact, she even thought that maybe I was involved in her removal but was very pleased to see that I did not know anything about it.

POTUS announced that the USA would waive the TRIPS and lift patent restrictions!!!

PRESS: NBC "Today" with Savannah Guthrie; Israeli TV; MSNBC with Stephanie Ruhle; Met with the Politico Editorial Board (on the record); Interview with The Hill with Steve Clemons; Israeli Public broadcasting Corporation; Sky News Australian TV;

May 6, 2021 – Global – 154,800,000/3,200,000; USA – 32,400,000/576,200

I had an important conversation this morning with Rochelle Walensky who wanted my input on putting together some specific metrics for when the country can open up and stop wearing masks. I have been encouraging her to do this over the past several weeks since many members of the press and the public have been pushing us to give some sort of a

metric regarding the number of cases as well as the percent of the population that is vaccinated that can be used to allow states, cities, towns, and counties to know when they can open up and stop wearing masks. She showed me a bunch of slides which proposed a color-coded system County by County that would provide some form of metrics. She proposed that if a County gets to less than 50 cases per 100,000 population over seven days and has 70% of its population receiving at least one dose of the vaccine that this could be the metric for opening. I am very pleased to see that they are moving in this direction since this is what I have been encouraging them to do now for several weeks. I believe it would counter the intense criticism that the CDC and I are receiving because of a lack of definitive metrics.

I had a terrific experience today, which is Nurse's Week. A couple of nurses from the different wards had written emails to me asking me to drop by and say hello to nurses on the occasion of Nurse's Week; they felt that the nurses would really appreciate seeing me and being able to take pictures with me. And so, today with the help of the head of nursing at the NIH Gwen Wallen and the various Ward supervisors, I visited every nursing unit in the NIH Clinical Center to congratulate and thank each of the nurses on Nurse's Week and to take literally hundreds of photos both as groups and as individual selfies. The nurses went absolutely wild to see me they were squealing and laughing and clapping. It was something to behold. The hour and a half that I invested in doing that was well worth the time in that it had to have been an extraordinary morale builder for the nurses.

•I did a bunch of ceremonial social things virtually at **Vanderbilt University** where I taped my commencement address today to be given as a taped version next week. The Vanderbilt community was very excited to help me with them even though it was virtual

PRESS: Interview with Joel Achenbach of the Washington Post; CNN Interview from India;

May 6, 2021 – Global USA

Daily cases at 44,000

Incidence and vaccine coverage

•**US** (13/100K) 1st dose 45%| 2nd 33% •**UK** (2/100K) 1st dose 52%| 2nd 24% •**Israel** (0.7/100K) 1st dose 58%| 2nd 54%

The issue of the escape of the virus from the Wuhan Chinese lab is starting to heat up again. The usual cast of characters that had been bugging us about gain of function research or add it again claiming incorrectly that we have funded gain of function research for the Wuhan lab. Somehow or other they're trying to connect funding gain of function with a Chinese investigator getting infected with the spread of COVID-19 throughout the world. They seem to be hung up on the fact that they believe that we have funded gain of function research for the lab when in fact we have not. Nonetheless, they will certainly be up to mischievous behavior. In this regard Francis Collins has received an 11-page letter from right wing Republican Congress person Cathy McMorris Rodgers, cosine by congressman Brett Guthrie Ann Morgan Griffith. They have 29 questions concerning the conspiracy theory that the virus originated from the Wuhan lab. See attachment below. In addition, on March 5th I received a letter from congressman Mike Gallagher (see attachment below) with similar questions about gain of function research and the possibility of an escape of the virus from the Wuhan lab. It is inevitable that they will be hassling me about this for some time.

•Nancy Messonnier resigns (see above)

PRESS: White House press conference; Times Now Indian TV;

May 8, 2021 –

•Weekly (weekend) touch bases with media team (11:00 AM – Saturday) in anticipation of Sunday shows.

May 9, 2021 – Global – 157,300,000/3,300,000; USA – 32,500,000/578,500

Cases still hanging around 30-40,000/day **The anti-Fauci stuff continues with individual articles and FOX news** continually implying that gain of function research funded by NIAID (which never occurred) was related to escape of virus from Wuhan Institute of Virology. Typical conspiracy theory. (see below)

From Jane Whitney: Dear Dr. Fauci, **•Had call with Jeff Zients who (like me) is concerned that the CDC and Rochelle are being too conservative** with regard to not loosening up restrictions for people who have been vaccinated. The CDC is beginning to lose credibility. Jeff realizes this and because of my close relationship with Rochelle, he wants me to get

her to understand that. She is sticking closely with the advice of her career people who are often behind the real world. •Followed up with Rochelle and told her in a fatherly advice that the CDC is loosing credibility by being so rigid with the guidelines for vaccinated people.

Peter Navarro slandering me on his twitter account:

PRESS: NBC "Meet the Press" with Chick Todd; ABC "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos; MSNBC with Joshua Johnson;

May 10, 2021 – Global - 158,000,000/3,300,000; USA – 32,500,000/579,000

•Did 1 hour interview for the Obama Oral History •**Joined President Obama** to chat with professional athletes to encourage them to be trusted messengers to get people vaccinated.

In vitro data suggest that B.1.617 will be at east partially sensitive to vaccine induced antibodies:

bioRxiv: SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617 emergence and sensitivity to vaccine-elicited antibodies https://bit.ly/3y2IYq3

PRESS: The Carlos Watson TV Show (YouTube);

May 11, 2021 – Global – 158,700,000/3,300,000; USA – 32,600,000/579,400

Numbers coming down:

•Senate HELP Hearing today with Kessler, Walensky and Peter Marks. Senators Rand Paul and Roger Marshall came at me regarding gain of function research. They obviously were trying to do the usual connecting me and NIAID with the emergence of COVID-19 from China. The questions were very accusatory and laden with agenda. This is likely a trend that will continue and could be getting more serious.

PRESS: "Clubhouse" with Sanjay Gupta; Politifacts Interview;

May 12, 2021 – Global – 159,300,000/3,300,000; USA – 32,600,000/580,100

•I had an interesting conversation today with Tom Frieden About the possibility of South Korea playing an important role in manufacturing doses of the M RNA vaccine for the rest of the world. Tom feels that we cannot depend upon the pharmaceutical companies Moderna and Pfizer to really

provide doses of vaccine for the rest of the world at a reasonable price. Tom is going to present this proposition to Jeff Zients tonight. I will follow up with Jeff to make sure that he understands that I am very much in favor of this. •Things are really heating up with the GOP against me: • **Republicans propose bill to fire Fauci amid growing discontent with top Biden medical officials • Fauci has been National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director since 1984**

PRESS: Washington Post interview with Yasmeen Abutaleb and Damian Paletta about article about my FOIA'd e-mails; New York Times interview with Jane brody about being 80 years old; MSNBC Town Hall meeting with President Biden, Sec Becerra, and Vivek Murthy;

May 13, 2021 – Global USA

•My conversation with Rochelle the night before the hearing must have worked. She just called me to tell me that she has made a major change in the CDC recommendations.

She will take my advice and change the guidelines to read that a vaccinated person can go without a mask whether or not they are indoors or outdoors. This is a major change and I'm very pleased that she listened to me. The radical right-wing maniacs who blamed me for the rigidity of the CDC recommendations will probably not realize at all that it was me that triggered this change. •Had a productive meeting with David Marchick and his team from the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to determine how they may help to use their financing capability to provide vaccine doses to low and middle income countries. We discussed the multiple ways that this can be done ranging from financing transfer a technology two actually buying doses from companies to distribute to poorer countries. Also want to call besides Francis Collins and I were the teams from DFC and USAID. Also there was John Mascola and Cliff Lane.

•Things continue to heat up regarding the innuendoes about our being responsible for the COVID-19 pandemic because of our grant to EcoHealth. Amazing!!! All the right wing conspiracy theorists are piling on with no data at all.

PRESS: CBS "This Morning" with Gayle King; CNN with Jake Tapper; NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt;

May 14, 2021 – Global – 160,800,000/3,300,000; USA – 32,700,000/581,600

In The Onion sarcastically spoofing the recent relaxation of mask mandates from CDC:

PRESS: MSNBC – "Morning Joe" with Joe Scarborough; MSNBC with Andrea Mitchell; Black News Channel (TV);

May 15, 2021 – Global – 161,500,000/3,400,000; USA – 32,7600,000/582,300

Cases coming down, but not precipitously:

It is a really tough world that we're living in. **In a commentary about my commencement address** at Vanderbilt one of the newspapers (The Tennessean) reported that as I was giving the speech → While he was speaking on YouTube, trolls were calling him a liar.

•Cliff Lane and I together with Francis Collins have always been skeptical about the efficacy of convalescent plasma for the treatment of COVID-19. Accumulating data over the past few months have made it clear that despite the claims of people such as Arturo Casadevall and others that convalescent plasma works and is beneficial , it is clear that Cliff and I and Francis were correct all along. •In a situation very similar to what I had faced multiple times such as when I picked up food at Chef Geoff's tonight I went with Chris to pick up carry out from **Raku restaurant** on Wisconsin Ave. As soon as people recognized me there was **a wave of applause and squealing and screaming and clapping** and thanking me with multiple people coming and asking for selfies . It was a little bit embarrassing, but it was just a manifestation of how people need a symbol of integrity and truth. **•Joan Baez texted me tonight** asking me about what she should wear for the State Department dinner since she heard that it was going to be 90 plus degrees in Washington on Friday and she anticipated that the air conditioning in the state Department would be freezing.

Rand Paul continues to act disrespectful to me and like a complete idiot. Here is what he said on FOX news: Rand Paul: 'Little Dictator' Fauci 'acts like an ignoramus every day' over masks By Samuel Chamberlain

May 16, 2021 – Global - USA

Numbers still coming down:

Kate McKinnon played me again last night on "Saturday Night Live" in the context of the new CDC guidelines (see above). **The CDC (Rochelle) got slammed on all the Sunday Shows** for the abruptness of the announcement without planning for it or alerting people. People are confused as to what to do in certain settings such as businesses, shops, etc. I tried to clarify this on Sunday TV shows (see below).

•Chris and I (with the detail) went for our **Sunday walk on the Mall** as opposed to the Canal. Just as with Raku last night restaurant, we ran into groups of students who had just had their graduation ceremony from George Washington University on the Mall. A few recognized me and started squealing and laughing as asking for selfies, which I gave them. Then more and more people gathered around and soon we had the same sort of **crowd around me** as has happened at AU, Chef Geoff's, and Raku. It looks like for at least a while this is what is going to happen.

PRESS: CBS "Face the Nation" with John Dickerson; MSNBC "The Sunday Show" with Jonathan Capehart; Che Tempo Che Fa (Italian TV);

May 17, 2021 – Global – 162,800,000/3,400,000; USA – 32,800,000/583,100

May be just the weekend decrease, but the numbers are very low today – 17,700:

•**Had a good and interesting day at the White House today**. president Biden and I teamed up to do some PSAs on vaccines. We were questioned by a number of online celebrities such as Manny MUA and "Brave Wilderness" and Jackie Aina I had a good time with the president as we joked around about a number of things. He teased me then I have my own television show since I am on TV almost all the time. Then he sincerely thanked me for everything that I have been doing with regards to COVID-19.

•Fringe press such as "Pulse Nation" starting to scale up on conspiracy theory rhetoric about GOF.

•**Anne Schuchat announced her retirement from CDC today.** As expected, the press are trying to make something out of this that it may not be. They are suggesting that there was a rift between Rochelle and Anne and

Nancy, and that is why Ann and Nancy are leaving. This is almost certainly not the case since both and Nancy have good reasons to want to leave. Both of them have been there for decades and clearly and clearly Anne wants to retire. Nancy may just be burned out.

PRESS: Black New Channel (TV) with Charles Blow; Did White House PSAs with President Biden; MSNBC with Chris Hayes; PodSave America Podcast

May 18, 2021 – Global USA

2nd day in a row that numbers are way down – 19,500:

We are having a serious problem here in that the Public Affairs people at HHS are refusing to allow Francis to put on the NIH website an explanation about what we did with the grant associated with the Wuhan laboratory. The HHS people are misguided thinking that by explaining the grant as well as what gain of function really means we will be calling attention to the issue. They completely fail to realize that there is already intense attention paid to this issue and the legitimate press including the Washington Post and the Atlantic are asking legitimate questions and wanting to know why we are not responding. We are going to put more pressure on HHS to allow us to be able to develop a statement for the NIH website as well as provide talking points and Qs and As. It is clear that the far right has stirred this up enough that now the legitimate press is beginning to ask questions.

•Received this evening at the home (Villa Firenze) of the Italian Ambassador to the USA (Armando Varricchio) the **Cavaliere di Gran Croce Ordino al Merito della Repubblica Italiana** – Knight Grand Cross of Order of Merit of the Italian Republic conferred (in absentia) by Italian President Sergio Matarella

We have a long and difficult conversation with the HHS people over the phone last night. Francis, Larry and I along with others on the NIH team discussed with the HHS team led by the new ASPA Sarah Lovenheim and Ian Sams among others. They were very reluctant to have us put a statement on the NIH director's website concerning the gain of function issue. This is completely ridiculous since if we do not respond to the many misleading statements that are being made then it will look like we're covering things up. The HHS people do not seem to understand that. They also are reluctant for us to directly answer letters of inquiry from the

GOP members of Congress who are probing around the Wuhan issue. They are a new group and very inexperienced but they can really mess things up if we don't hold our ground. We finally got them to agree to put Francis's statement on the NIH webpage; however, they're still not allowing us to proactively put out the talking points and will only allow us to do that in specific answer to questions that come in. In another amazing aspect of the discussion they were actually claiming that we should not answer the letters that we get from Congress. More later on this struggle.

PRESS: Good Morning America with George Stephanopoulos; White House Press conference (I spoke on variants and vaccines); Axios Online interview; NBC News Snapchat; multiple interviews at the Villa Firenze by the Italian press in association with my "Knighthood".

May 19, 2021 – Global – 163,900,000/3,400,000; USA – 32,800,000/584,300

COVID-19 cases in USA <30,000 for 4th day in a row

The "buzz" about the origins of the virus continue with multiple inquiries from the press. One of the real problems is that **people are conflating whether or not we approved gain of function research for Wuhan and the possibility that the Chinese created SARS-C0V-2 in the laboratory.** Whether or not one agrees as to the conduct of gain of function research, when you look at the bat viruses that was studied under the grant and compare the genetic sequences with SARS-CoV-2 it becomes clear that SARS-C0V-2 could not have come from the bat viruses associated with the grant that was funded. This obvious fact appears to get lost in the zeal of some to point fingers at us to be the cause of the problem.

PRESS: Interview with The Advocate; NBC Today Show (40 years of HIV); WTOP Radio; Life Out Loud Podcast; CBS Evening News; Bowdoin University Fireside Chat; CNN "Prime Time" with Chris Cuomo

May 20, 2021 Global – 164,500,000/3,400,000; USA – 32,900,000/585,000

The White House and HHS want me to do them a favor. There is a Washington Post reporter (Annie Linskey) who is trying to write a story that the CDC is taking on a much broader role of making policy and giving

guidelines when in the past they have been more of an advisory group. The White House and HHS want me to disabuse the reporter of this story since as a matter of fact it was only in the last administration with Trump that the CDC was diminished to just being advisory. In every other administration with which I have been involved, the CDC has always made policy and guidelines . The outlier is what happened during the Trump administration. I will try to set the record straight in discussing with a Reporter.

There is really an organizer effort to discredit me. This truck was seen on the streets of DC:

Eric Lander confirmed as Head of OSTP

Cases starting to come down in India:

•I had a very interesting day today in that I **accompanied first lady Jill Biden to Children's Hospital National Medical Center in Washington DC** where we both visited the clinics that were vaccinating children from 12 to 15 years old. Doctor Biden specifically asked that I accompany her. After we toured the clinic, Doctor Biden and I gave a joint press briefing. Interestingly, most of the questions were directed to me •The inappropriate trolling continues. The most recent of which is **someone tweeting that Christine Grady is responsible for pushing through the vaccines towards an EUA** They are saying that she bypassed all the appropriate procedures to rush the vaccines through approval. This is getting really ridiculous as they are now involving Christine in something that she has nothing to do with. Totally shameful behavior together with the truck situation as described above.

This is the slanderous inuendo:

•Terrific profile of me in Time Magazine: https://time.com/5960529/anthony-fauci-profile/ • **Jill Biden calls Dr. Fauci 'our American hero' during visit to D.C. children's hospital after he said Americans should NOT completely ditch masks**

PRESS: Virtual Interview with Damian Denys for the John Adams Institute (Center for American Culture in Amsterdam); Washington Post Live – with Yasmeen Abulateb; The Bloomberg Business Week; White House organized interaction with Black Press – Blavity; Black Girl Nerds; The Root; Huff Post Black Voices; The Grio with April Ryan; CNBC with Shepherd Smith

May 21, 2021 – Global USA

Cases continue to decline with 28,000 today

More crazy stuff – An article appears online in RealRawNews that I was planning to flee

the country since there was an arrest warrant out for me for crimes against the world: Dr. Fauci Prepping to Flee Country

PRESS: The Hill: Jill Biden recognizes Fauci as an 'American hero'; CBS "This Morning" with Gayle King; The Hindu Newspaper interview; NBC – LX interview; WGBH Public Radio – The World.

May 22, 2021 – Global – 165,800,000/3,400,000; USA – 32,900,000/586,300

Joan Baez - I had a most extraordinary and memorable evening last night at the **Kennedy Center**. Joan Baez invited me to be her escort on the occasion of her receiving the Kennedy Center medallion for lifetime performance as a performing artist. Other awardees included Dick Van Dyke, Garth Brooks, Debbie Allen, and Midori Goto. Finally, I got to meet her in person after the year-long building up of our friendship via texts and phone calls. She is an absolutely amazing, warm an endearing person, and our friendship was cemented last night as it became clear that we really were, as I said, "meant for each other ". I got to meet her family including her son Gabe and her granddaughter Jasmine, who is an absolutely beautiful 17 year old girl, aspiring songwriter who will be entering college in Miami in September. Also present was Irwin Redlener who is the one who introduced me to Joan about a year ago. I was somewhat taken aback by the attention that was paid to me by all the celebrities who were there who are gushing to have their picture taken with me and to tell me how much they were appreciative of what I had been doing. A typical example was Garth Brooks's wife Trisha Yearwood who was just gushing to meet me. The same was true for many other people including co-award winner Debbie Allen and Broadway legend Chita Rivera, as well as Dick Van Dyke, another award winner. I got to escort Joan up to the stage to receive her award and I sat with her as she waited to go on the stage. after the awards ceremony we all went out to the outside deck of the Kennedy Center and had champagne and snacks. All in all, it was a spectacular evening

PRESS: ABC - Good Morning America (Weekend Edition); New York Times: Jane Brody and Dr. Anthony Fauci on Staying Fit and Focused at 80.

May 23, 2021 - Global – 166,300,000/3,400,000; USA – 32,900,000/586,800

Cases continue to come down. All 50 states have decreases:

Appropriations Hearing (Senate and House) coming up next week. Interesting to see if they fixate on the lab. Escape theory. **I had a very interesting and helpful conversation today with Christian Andersen of Scripps Research Institute.** He was very emphatic that the work that was done at the Wu Han Institute in Association with our grant was not gain of function . In addition he confirmed that if you match the chimeric viruses that were made in the context of the NIH grant in Wuhan, they are not even close sequence wise to the SARS-CoV-2. Christian will be writing a letter together with some data on this topic; however, I feel much better now that he is in total support of what I have been saying.

May 24, 2021 - Global – 166,900,000/3,500,000; USA – 32,900,000/587,300

Numbers continuing to come down:

Had typical White House press conference; briefing of "Principals"; and briefing of Sec. Becerra – Busy day

Had conversation with Jon Avnet, famous filmmaker who wants to make a film about the development of the COVID-19 vaccine featuring Corbett, Graham and others. He wants my advice and help in convincing these people to cooperate in the film.

Also did fireside chat with Northwest Indian federation

Cases coming down now in India:

PRESS: Interview with "The Monocle" – a Canadian publication; Sirius XM Radio with Marc Siegel; Interview with Ben Ryan for The Guardian.

Great Opinion piece by Mike Gerson blasting the far right for slanderous attacks on me:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/05/24/right-is-dwelling-slanderous-myths-about-origins-covid-19/

May 25, 2021 – Global – 167,000,000/3,500,000; USA – 33,000,000/587,800

•We had the **House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing today** (virtually). it went well except for some snarky comments by Congressman Andy Harris concerning the origin of the virus. He maintains we should never be doing any research involving China and is part of the conspiracy theory. Rosa DeLauro chaired and was wonderful. Tom Cole is Ranking Minority and was also a gentleman.

Cases continue coming down:

I did a Town Hall with POTUS last night: **Biden and Fauci field questions on vaccine hesitancy from YouTube influencers.**

•FOX News on a rampage against me on every show and pushing the lab leak origin

PRESS: Tucker Carlson continues with his slanderous attacks: **Tucker Carlson: Fauci, the WHO, and mainstream media lied about COVID origins for more than a year.**

This just does not make any sense since why would someone want to make an agent that could equally infect your own population. Something is wrong with this report . I will have to follow up on it. In the meantime, senator **Rand Paul** has introduced an amendment to ban gain of function research in China. In the statement they say that I am a strong advocate of gain of function research, which in fact I am not. I have been very clear that it should only be done on the very special circumstances when the public health need requires it and that it needs to be done on the very restricted conditions. The complete distortion of what I have been saying continues on the part of the radical right.

May 26, 2021 – Global – 167,500,000/3,500,000; USA – 33,000,000/588,400

The situation continues to get "out of control" with regard to the press reports concerning my "flip flopping" concerning the theory of the origin of the virus. I had always said that the very highly likelihood is that the virus originated naturally from an animal reservoir jumping to a human. However, over the past couple of days given the amount of speculation about the possibility of a lab leak I have been saying that no one is 100% certain of the origin including me and so I am calling for a thorough

investigation. This is backed by Andy Slavitt as well as a number of other government officials. Calling for an investigation is merely to put to rest the extraordinary amount of speculation and conspiracy theories. However, this is being interpreted as Fauci flip flopping again. The far right is really amazing in their distortion of reality.

•We had our Hearing today before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee chaired by

senator Patty Murray with ranking minority Roy Blount. As expected, several Republican senators got a bit snarky with me asking questions about the origins of COVID-19. In particular senator Kennedy (R-LA). In addition, Sens. Braun, Rubio and Lindsey Graham all asked questions with a hint of the conspiracy theory that somehow the Chinese let the virus escape from a lab and possibly the NIH inadvertently contributed to this by funding the lab to do research on coronavirus. This type of conspiracy theory is getting very hot and heavy of late with multiple publications promoting all sorts of theories.

•One of the most recent theories is that President Biden suppressed the investigation of the •The Chinese are now upset with me about my saying that there should be an investigation: • **Chinese state media is turning on Fauci amid Wuhan lab controversy** •By Nectar Gan and James Griffiths, CNN

May 27, 2021 – Global – 168,000,000/3,500,000; USA – 33,000,000/589,500

The onslaught of far-right Republican venom against me continues. We're being bombarded with letters asking dozens of questions regarding our role in research at the Wuhan institute of virology. In addition, Rand Paul continues with other senators to call for my dismissal because I have "misled the American public".

Funny satire about FOX News and me: https://www.theonion.com/new-evidence-shows-fauci-may-have-been-created-in-chine-1846984205

PRESS:Sirius Radio – Joe Madison Show (Concerning my Emory University Commencement Address); Interview with The Guardian

May 28, 2021 –

•The secretary of HHS we'll ask the Inspector General to do an audit of EcoHealth and its oversight up the subaward to the Wuhan institute of virology. I am certain that there will be some deficiencies that the IG will find as is always the case with IG audits. Certainly, whatever they find it will be misconstrued by those who want to make a case for our involvement in the outbreak. I am starting to feel that it is important for me to write an editorial or an opinion piece giving our side of the story.

PRESS: FOX got hold of An article that I wrote in 2012 in mBio where I spoke about the moratorium on gain of function. They completely misconstrued it to say that I was in favor of gain of function research even if it meant the risk of a pandemic. The New York Post picked it up and their headline is :

This is truly outrageous. I contemplated writing a response to fox news, but they only gave me about an hour to do so comma and when I thought about the situation, it became clear to me that they would cherry pick words from my response and turn it against me. And so I decided to do nothing. Hopefully the intensity of this will diminish somewhat over the next few days.

May 29, 2021 – Global USA

•Received honorary doctor of science from Bowdoin live, but virtual. I was in my home office dressed in the commencement regalia and waved to the graduates at the ceremony as I was conferred the honorary degree.

PRESS: Great article in Wired about the whole controversy:

May 30, 2021 – Global – 169,600,000/3,500,000; USA – 33,100,000/591,300

Cases continue to come down (see below), but Jeff Z, is concerned that the daily vaccinations are also dropping such that the current rate may not get us to 70% of adult population vaccinated by July 4;

May 31, 2021 – Global – 169,600,000/3,500,000; USA – 33,100,000/591,400

Very few cases, probably as a result of holiday weekend:

June 1, 2021 – Global – 170,400,000/3,500,000; USA – 33,100,000/591,500

A couple of interesting things today. Did the governor's call or I spoke about the possible need for boosters. In addition I had an interesting podcast with **Chelsea Clinton** . She is really a very nice person, much sweeter than I anticipated. Also had our usual weekly meeting with secretary Becerra. Also, we had an important **meeting with the deputies in the SCIF** to discuss the broad plans for the government's response to COVID-19 including sharing vaccines with other nations.

•I am absolutely furious today because the print version people of the National Geographic film group has published the list of my statements and words of wisdom in a book which they are claiming was written by me. It is listed in Amazon and Borders Books as a book "by" Anthony Fauci. This has triggered the usual frenzy from the far right crazies on social media saying that I am a hypocrite making a lot of money on the pandemic. Many of ask how much royalties I am making from the book. I have gone ballistic big demanding of the Nat Geo people that they correct this publicly and make it very clear that I did not write this book nor am I getting any royalties from it. When I allowed them to use my words from former speeches and commencement addresses, I assumed that they were going to use this merely as promotional material for the documentary. The fact that they made this into a book that they are selling in my mind isn't egregious violation of trust and collegiality. I am not going to cooperate at all in the promoting of this film. **•In a Buzzfeed analysis of emails of mine that were FOIA'd, there is an email from me to Morgan Fairchild which clearly demonstrates that in February I was warning about the possibility of a global pandemic in contrast to what people are accusing me of, namely, saying that there was no risk to us.** This is a very important email:

> From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] Sent: Thu, 27 Feb 2020 04:06:03 +0000 To: Morgan Fairchild Ce: Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] Subject: RE: Covic-19

Morgan: Thanks for the note and the offer to help. It would be great if you could tweet to your many Twitter followers that although the current risk of coronavirus to the American public is low, the fact that there is community spread of virus in a number of countries besides China and including South Korea, Japan, Italy, Iran among others poses a risk that we may progress to a global pandemic of COVID-19. If that occurs we will surely have many more cases in the USA. And so for that reason, the American public should not be frightened, but should be prepared to

mitigate an outbreak in this country by measures that include social distancing, teleworking, temporary closure of schools, etc. There is nothing to be done right now since there are so few cases in this country and these cases are being properly isolated, and so go about your daily business. However, be aware that behavioral adjustments may need to be made if a pandemic occurs, Best regards, Tony **PRESS: Jasmeen Abutaleb and Damien Paletta's Washington Post article about my e-mails:** https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/interactive/2021/tony-fauci-emails/?no_nav=true&tid=a_classic-iphone

CNN with Elizabeth Cohen; Wisconsin NPR radio;

June 2, 2021 – Global – 170,800,000/3,600,000; USA – 33,100,000/592,200

•I gave a **taped speech today to the opening session of the G7 meeting taking place in England**. I spoke about the similarities between the COVID-19 pandemic and the HIV aids pandemic. I called upon all partners to collaborate and to continue to support science. Secretary Becerra is representing the United states at the health component of the G7 meeting.

Also, in line with my participation virtually in the G7 meeting , I took part in a discussion on the G7 global vaccine confidence summit. It was a **discussion together with John Nkengasong**, the director of the African CDC moderated by Vivienne Parry. We discussed the issue of vaccine hesitancy in various countries throughout the world particularly in the United states and in southern Africa.

Nat Geo film people are also very upset about the shit storm caused by the book people and have come out with a statement that it is their book, not mine and I have not received any royalties or other payments from the book or the documentary. Unfortunately, the damage is already done.

•Met with POTUS and VPOTUS in Oval with Jeff Zients and Natalie Quillian. I discussed with him the mechanisms and implications for the mRNA vaccine platform technology. He was very grateful for the discussion and as usual vice president Harris asked excellent questions. He told the story that when he was at Rehobeth beach in Delaware with his family, three burly MAGA-type men approached him and started trash talking him. The Secret Service were very discreet and did not want to make a scene; however his daughter Ashley jumped in front of them and started

screaming at them to stay away from her father. The lesson of the story was that young women have more guts and fire then certain Secret Service agents.

PRESS:The story on my emails is in the print version of the Washington Post this morning; Month of Action (promo video); Podcast with the George Bush Foundation – All the Best with Sam LeBlond; WGN Donilon Report (Leland Vittert) – was not the original person to interview me and attacked me about e-mails and Wuhan; NPRE "Science Friday" with Ira Flatow; Time Health Summit Interview by Alice Park with Stephjane Bancel; Time Children's Interview; NBC Nightly News; MSNBC with Nicole Wallace; CNN defends me on the e-mails issue:

June 3, 2021 – Global – 171,300,000/3,700,000; USA – 33,100,000/592,800

Numbers continue to come down:

•Writeups by CNN and Washington Post regarding my emails are making me look very good. They show that I never criticize president trump and that I am always very courteous and measured in my responses. Even with that the crazies such as senator Rand Paul are saying things like "I told you so ", implying that my emails are validating what they have been saying about me. Total nut cakes! **The right-wing fringe social media are ablaze with anti-Fauci stuff •**while all this is going on, incredibly the far right maniacs in certain states such as Arizona are trying to yet again force an unvalidated recount in an attempt to still overthrow the election and reinstate Trump. What is happening to our country ????

PRESS: CNN "New Day" with John Berman; MSNBC – Morning Joe;

June 4, 2021 – Global 171,800,000/3,700,000; USA – 33,100,000/593,400

•I had my usual every two-week meeting with my English colleagues doctor Chris Whitty and Patrick Valance. The discussion was somewhat disturbing since they seem to be having 2 issues simultaneously in the UK. They were controlling the B.117 variants very well and were preparing to open up. however, the B.1. 617variant appears to be much more effective in transmitting than the B.117. and so they are experiencing a surge of the B

617. They were planning to open up the country , but now they are having second thoughts since they are afraid that the new variant will create a second major surge for them. I will bring this up to our own medical team since we do have a low level of B.1.617 in our own country and if a certain proportion of people (mostly in the red states)do not get vaccinated, we may be faced with the same problem that the Brits are facing.

•**The onslaught against me but the radical right continues**. The right wing press is intensifying their attacks on me as well as the right wing congressman and senators. some of the valid press such as the Washington Post , the LA Times , and others are calling out the lies of the far right.

POTUS defends me:

•I did a kickoff event for the month of action – "We can do this". I did it together with congressman Cedric Richmond who is director of the office of public engagement. We address the people who will be the trusted messengers going out into the community to try and encourage people to get vaccinated.

Very important and very strange briefing of me by the CIA in the NIH SCIF this afternoon (5:00 PM). I received an extremely strange an unexpected briefing today by the CIA related to the origin of the virus. Beth Cameron from NSC was listening in on one of the other screens. And as it turns out she was as baffled as I was by the briefing. It was very similar to some of the very disappointing briefings that I had previously received in prior years from the CIA. A young woman whose name was Camille Hartman gave most of the briefing. She was accompanied by what was probably the senior male CIA person and another young woman. Camille in my mind was almost pathetic in her naivety an obvious lack of appreciation of any of the science of what she was talking about. She gave instances of things that she said were gotten by CIA intercepts of conversations in China, particularly in Wuhan. her major point was that she feels but the Chinese have not been transparent about what was going on in their labs since there were no reports publicly of what they found out from intercepts. This included the transfer of Pangolin viruses from a group in Beijing two Wu Han. They felt that this was being used in a study using transgenic mice. I have no idea why this was any great concern to them since it would be perfectly natural for a lab that studies coronavirus to look at Pangolins. In addition, she spoke about the observation that WIV was sampling Pangolins

and several members of WIV took a trip to obtain Pangolins. They also spoke about the fact that they have information from sources that unknown experiments well conducted by the military in Wu Han. The thing that blew me away about how naive and uninformed they are was the fact that they mentioned that they had word that in July of 2020 there was a super spreading event in China related to passage of virus in the laboratory. This astounded Beth and I for the same reason. Why would they suspect that a super spreading event that occur in the middle of a major outbreak in China was related to the passage of virus in the laboratory? The naivete of the briefing stunned both Beth and me. Also, in the matter in which she was asking me questions almost made me believe she was grilling me prompting me to say somewhat tongue in cheek whether I should have a lawyer with me. I got on the phone with Beth immediately after the briefing and she was very upset saying that she was going to check up the chain who and why this briefing was called and why there was no forwarding material to prepare us for what they were doing. There is something very fishy about all of this.

PRESS: BBC Radio; White House regional press (3 stations); Mediaite: Chris Wallace Defends Fauci From 'Highly Political' Attacks: His Lab Leak Emails Contain 'No Smoking Gun' https://bit.ly/3ciVYik

June 5, 2021 Global – 172,200,000/3,700,000; USA – 33,200,000/594.,000

40th anniversary of the first cases of AIDS reported in MMWR - a lot of appropriate attention is being paid to the 40th anniversary. There were several articles in the press recounting the early days and focusing on my role . I did a number of print and TV and radio interviews.

The attacks on me continue to ramp up. Trump planning on blasting me during his speech tonight at a Republican party gathering.

PRESS: Caught in crosshairs, Fauci calls GOP descriptions of his emails 'profoundly misleading'

June 6, 2021 - Global - USA

Today I fly up to New York City with first lady doctor Jill Biden to promote vaccinations among the African American community. We will be visiting the Abyssinian church in Harlem.

The vicious assault on me continues . Most recently House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy has called for me to be fired. What an amazing coward he is. The entire extreme right wing republican group in the House and Senate have completely sold their soul to the infinitely lying ex president trump.

•I spoke with Jeff Zients this morning and he told me that Ron Klain told him that President Biden is 100% behind me (see above).

June 7, 2021 – Global – 173,000,000/3,700,000; USA – 33,200,000/594,800

•Eventful day - I went to New York today with first lady doctor Jill Biden for two reasons: 1st)to visit the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem in order to thank them for setting up a vaccine clinic and to encourage them to continue to advocate for young people to get vaccinated. I flew up with the first lady on one of the Air Force planes assigned to the White House and had a great conversation with her on the plane up as well as on the plane down. She is an amazingly natural and one person with whom I believe we have now started a good friendship. The people at the Abyssinian church or extremely kind to me in saying how much they appreciated that I was there and all of them wanting to take selfies with me. We stayed at the Bowery hotel at the interface between Chinatown and the Bowery. i was surprised that we picked the hotel Since where we want to go for the TV hit the following morning was way Uptown. Brett Rowland and I had a great Italian dinner at the Primi restaurant in the Bowery. The following day the first lady and I appeared together on the Kelly Ripa and Ryan Seacrest Show (KABC). It was very lighthearted and enjoyable. **Another very important aspect of the day** is that as I was getting ready to take off with the motorcade from the White House on the way to Andrews Air Force Base, the president came walking down the back alley , the Secret Service called me out of the car , and the president put both his hands on both my shoulders and said "I just want to tell you that I am behind you 1000%"; and he repeated again "I am behind you 1000%." He said "those people are crazy they have no idea what they're talking about and just don't pay any attention to them." **•Back to the dark side**. Scott Gottlieb had appeared on Face the Nation and mentioned in an attempt to help me then I had actually gone to Europe in Jan/Feb. 2020 to brief health ministers about the possibility that the virus could have been constructed an escape from the laboratory. He did

this to indicate that I was not hiding anything because I already knew that this was a possibility and so I didn't change my mind currently by saying that a lab leak is a possibility since I was talking about it openly back then. As it turns out, he was a little bit mixed up because on January 31st, 2020 I received a call from Jeremy Farrar who conferenced in Christian Andersen to tell me that Ed Holmes and Christian had seen a copy of the sequence of the virus and felt that there was a possibility that because of the unusual furin cleavage site that this could possibly have been a constructed virus. as indicated in my notes of January 31st and February 1st , 2020, since I am not an evolutionary biologist I called together by phone a group knowledgeable scientist together with Francis Collins and a few other people to discuss this. After a considerable amount of discussion about half of the people felt that this was possibly a constructed virus and the other half were convinced that this was a natural occurrence. A few weeks later Christian Andersen got together with Bob Garry and Andrew Rambaut to examine this more carefully and they came to the conclusion that they were convinced that this. was a natural occurrence and a jump from the animal reservoir. They published their data in a preprint server in February followed by a nature paper in March of 2020 . That is the reason why it appears that a I briefed people which I did not . I was briefed by them . Scott had said that I had briefed a group of international health people he seemed to have gotten some of the story wrong , but overall he was correct.

Cases continue to come down:

June 8, 2021 – Global – 173,3000,000/3,700,000; USA – 33,200,000/595,300

Cases continue to come down:

Far right still slamming away. It is very clear that this is a well-organized effort.

PRESS: Interview with Dutch newspaper NRC Handelsbad – Bas Blokker interviewer; Smithsonian Channel TV Documentary (Israel) – "Vaxxed Nation"; Harvard Nieman Foundation of Journalism – Fireside Chat – with Jeneen Interlandi (NY Times); White House Pressor (I discussed Delta variant in UK and danger to USA)

This is report from Lawrence Livermore Lab that supposed lent credence to the lab leak hypothesis, which it did not. Blinken got it right here by saying the report was flawed.

Terrific article in the LA Times strongly defending me: Column: The right's attack on Fauci shows it has nothing in its policy tank but slogans By MICHAEL HILTZIK BUSINESS COLUMNIST

Another great article in the Miami Herald defending me:

LA TIMES – MICHAEL HILTZIK:

June 9, 2021 – Global – 173,700,000/3,700,000; USA – 33,200,000/595,600

Today the president went to England on the first leg of the trip involving the G7 summit. With regard to COVID-19, he has a very important message to deliver which I am very pleased about. He will announce that the United States will give away 500 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine to countries that do not have the capability of getting their own vaccine. I have been pushing for this for some time with Jeff and I have even spoken to the President and VP about the need to take a leadership role in getting vaccines to the lower and middle income countries. This is a first step towards vaccinating the world and to having the United States resume our leadership role throughout the world. I will continue to push to have technology transfer to the developing world so that ultimately they may be able to make their own vaccine. But for now, the role of the United states as a world leader has been clearly affirmed by the President's action

PRESS: CNN with Erika Hill; Podcast with former Congressman Pete Sessions; MSNBC "Meet the Press Daily" with Chuck Todd; Wall Street Journal Tech Summit; My picture was on the 1st page of the Style Section of the Washington Post together with Jill Biden and Debra Frazier-Howse

Washington Post:

June 10, 2021 – Global – 174,000,000/3,800,000; USA – 33,200,000/596,000

Cases still low:

•**I had a really nice conversation with Chuck Todd** this morning. He had texted me to ask what I thought of the interview yesterday. I told him that I thought it was absolutely terrific, but I wanted some advice from him . I asked him whether he thought that I should pull back from publicly defending myself against the slanderous attacks since that might call more

attention to them. He completely agreed and said that Fox News and people like Tucker Carlson would use anything I say as the theme for their next show. Chuck is really an excellent journalist and although he must maintain his objectivity and reporting it is very clear that he is really being a friend in understanding the difficult position that I am in.

•Did Fireside chats with Irini Sereti; Bio Annual Meeting Fireside chat with Julie Gerbelding; "Reaching adolescents" interview with Vivek Murthy

PRESS: Univision Interview with Ilia Calderone; Washington Post - Only in our anti-truth hellscape could Anthony Fauci become a supervillain

June 11, 2021 – Global – 174,500,000/3,800,000; USA – 33,300,000/597,000

Press are beginning to push back and point out how ridiculous the criticism of me is (see below in Vanity Fair)

•Did multiple outreach chats today with mayor Muriel Bowser, with the college challenge event and with two White House arranged interactions with young "influencers " •Also have a zoom meeting with David Kessler , Peter Staley, and James Krellenstein. Peter and James have been pushing to have the United States government make a major investment in Lanza, which is the company that produces the doses for Moderna. David explained to them that there is enormous capacity with the mRNA companies themselves and so was not particularly amenable to going straight to Lanza. I have been trying to broker an understanding between Peter and James and David , but I'm not so sure how successful I would be •. The data were extremely exciting with a 90.4% vaccine efficacy and 100% efficacy against severe disease. We are becoming almost complacent with these spectacular results about vaccine efficacy . However, this result will add an important component to our armamentarium

PRESS: NDTV New Delhi, India;

June 12, 2021 – Global USA

•had our usual medical team meeting with Jeff this AM (Sat). The important good news is that the president's announcement a 500 million doses of vaccine going to low and middle income countries is going across very well throughout the world. As the president has said, "America is back " in our rightful leadership role. **•Had a very good conversation today**

with Hugo Crosthwaite and Taina Caragol. Hugo is a famous artist who will be doing a commissioned "motion" portrait of me for the National Portrait Gallery. Taina works for the NPG. The theme of the portrait is the show that I have been the symbol of truth and science and have been attacked by the forces of untruth and evil. His prior work is in an unusual medium where he those pencil drawings of a person Anne photographs them to look like a mini movie picture. I have seen some of his work and it is extraordinary and spectacular. I am looking forward to seeing what the result will be. The results should be sometime at the end of the year.

PRESS: New York Times (Davey Alba) - No, Fauci is not profiting from a coming book on lessons he's learned from his public service.

The above article points out the fact that despite Nat Geo making it very clear that I received no money from their book the far right including many GOP congressman I still insisting that I was profiting while people were dying. The extraordinary crazyness continues.

June 17, 2021 – Global USA

Participated in Faith Vaccine Roundtable – young Muslim messengers

PRESS: NPR "Morning Edition" with Leila Fadel; did the White House Press Conference – I announced the new $3.2 billion Antiviral Program for Pandemics, which a 2 pillar program for Development and Discovery of antivirals for COVID-19 and other viruses of pandemic potential;

Great Article in Politico that describes the lies of the Trump people about the "lab leak" theory:

Really good article in Politico:

From "the Sun"

June 18, 2021 – Global – 177,000,000/3,800,000; USA – 33,300,000/600,000

Received important e-mail with attachment from Jesse Bloom:

I believe that it was somewhat imprudent on the part of Jesse bloom to make statements such as he has that indicate nefarious motives on the part of the Chinese when we have no idea why they deleted the sequences. He used words such as "obscure" and "surreptitious" which will certainly create a

firestorm when conspiracy theorists read it. The best thing to do is to have Frances and I again convene a group of evolutionary virologists to discuss the potential meaning of this . We will do this two days from now on Sunday June 20. See below.

June 19, 2021 - Global USA

[redacted] ei7_ Horrible roller coaster day [redacted]

•Chris and I viewed the "FAUCI" documentary doe by Nat/Geo together with the leadership of Nat/Geo films at the national geographic headquarters on 17th Street, NW. Very impressive fli m. •At the request of the White House I did a walking tour of the Anacostia neighborhood Of Washington DC together with Mayor Muriel Bowser. we started off at anacostia high school where we thanked the volunteers in the basketball gym who were administering vaccines to people in the neighborhood . We then went on and addressed the volunteers in the schoolyard of Kramer Middle School. After that, the mayor and I went door to door knocking on the doors and encouraging people in the neighborhood to get vaccinated. We did that for about an hour and 15 minutes. it got written up the next day in the Washington Post (see below).

PRESS: Washington Post: "For Ward 8 residents, coronavirus vaccine appeal comes with a touch of celebrity: 'It's Fauci!"https://wapo.st/3vFzhLZ

June 20, 2021 – Global USA

Uneventful and somewhat relaxing day . Still trying to process the news from yesterday. Will have to live with uncertainty for the next three months.

As indicated above, Francis Collins organized a zoom call for today with a group of evolutionary biologists as well as Steve Sherry from the NIH databank in order to discuss this issue. Jesse bloom was also on the call. See email below from Francis having organized the meeting:

Please see the people copied on the above email for a list of those who were present at the zoom call. The only person on the list who was not there was Trevor Bedford who could not make the zoom connection. After considerable discussion among the group, it became clear that Jesse Bloom had really jumped the gun and made assumptions that the Chinese were surreptitiously hiding sequences by deleting them. Several of the scientists including Sergei Pond and Rasmus Nielsen felt that the sequences that were deleted and ultimately recovered partially were not of any particular consequence in shedding any light on the origin of SARS Co V2. The entire group felt that this was an inappropriate move on the part of Jesse to publish a single author paper making serious innuendos without running it by anyone else. As it turns out after discussion with Steve Sherry who is in charge of the NIH Sequence Read Archive (SRA) from which the sequences were deleted, it became clear that this is not an unusual occurrence for scientists to delete sequences if they are found to be either inaccurate , not up to date, or listed on another databank. He went back and looked at the required email to have the Wuhan sequences deleted, and the Chinese had indicated that they were removing it because they were putting it on their own separate database. According to Steve this would be a perfectly valid reason to remove a sequence. This obviously is going to cause us a lot of difficulty since those who feel that the Chinese are trying to cover up a lab leak will certainly say that this deletion of sequences proves that that is the case. It is really a shame that Jesse acted really in my opinion somewhat immaturely in making inflammatory statements in a preprint without further investigating the reasons behind the deletions.

The NIH came out with the following statement in response to press inquiries regarding the Bloom preprint:

June 21, 2021 – Global -178,000,000/3,900,000; USA – 33,400,000/600,000

Did an Instagam live with FGOTUS Doug Emhoff and Dikembe Mutombo to encourage people to get vaccinated. We are putting a full-court press in encouraging people to get vaccinated.

Did TIKTOK interviews (rapid fire questions) from 8 young TIKTOK "influencers who amazingly have millions of followers

FOX News is blasting me for saying that an attack on md is an attack on science. I am going to go on the offensive against them. To me, it is a badge of honor to be criticized by FOX.

Important article in the Post today by Joel Achenbach (see below)

PRESS: NY Times by Carl Zimmer and James Gorman:

Excerpt from above NY Times article:

Peter Hotez writing in the Daily Beast:

CNN: 'Let me give you a flash': Hear Dr. Fauci fire back at critics https://cnn.it/35FZOy9

June 22, 2021 – Global USA

•Had podcast with the Conference of Mayors

Vaccinations coming along very well:

PRESS: BBCTV with Katty Kay; CNN "The Lead" with Jake Tapper; MSNBC "All In" with Chris Hayes

Very good interview on New York Times "Sway" with Cara Swisher:

NYT/Sway: Anthony Fauci on the Lab Leak Theory and Emailing Mark Zuckerberg https://nyti.ms/2UfIr4K

The Hill: Poll: 61 percent say Fauci has been truthful to the best of his knowledge on COVID-19 origins; NPR Radio – 1A;

The New Yorker:

June 24, 2021 – Global – 179,000,000/3,900,000; USA – 33,400,000/600,000

I had another terrific day with First Lady Dr. Jill Biden. We flew to Florida from Andrews with all the bells and whistles of motorcades to visit two cities: Osceola County near Orlando and Tampa Bay. We have become somewhat of a good team together in visiting with the sites that were

administering the vaccine, mingling with both the people who are being vaccinated as well as the staff who were doing the vaccinating. At each stop both doctor Biden and I made remarks and spoke with the press. Of particular note was the visit to Tampa Bay where we met with Mr. Jeff Vinik, the owner of the Tampa Bay Lightning , the hockey team that would be playing the 7th game of the semifinals for the Stanley Cup finals the following day. They gave both Jill and I our own jerseys with our names on them. We gave our speech on the ice of the arena where the Tampa Bay Lightning plays. I am getting to be quite good friends with Jill and I think that our relationship will strengthen as we continue working together.

June 23, 2021 – Global – 179,000,000/3,900,000; USA – 33,400,000/600,000

Did an Instagram with Jennifer Garner on vaccines. She was wonderful as she was last time. We spoke of the vaccination of her 3 children.

Cong. Stephen Scalise wants to hold a panel on the originals that would be a "set-up" to attack Francis Collins and me:

Here is the announcement of the "set-up" hearing. We would be crazy to honor it. The Panel 1 are a bunch of wackos:

PRESS: WSJ: Dr. Fauci and the Mask Disaster; CBS "This Morning" with Anthony Mason; NBC "Today" with Savannah Guthrie; Month of Action interviews with influencers on TikTok and Instagram (one with Jennifer Garner)

June 24, 2021 –

Had a great day with FLOTUS Dr. Jill Biden - I flew on one of the presidential planes with Dr. Jill Biden, assembling at the White House for the motorcade to Andrews Air Force Base. Brett Rowland came with me. We went to Florida for a two city stop to promote vaccines. The first stop was at Osceola County near Orlando. The next stop was at Tampa Bay where we did a vaccine promotion event right on the ice in the arena that is used by the Tampa Bay Lightning team. Of note, tomorrow the team plays the 7th game of a seven game semifinal before the Stanley Cup finals . They will be playing the New York Islanders. We had a nice conversation with Jeff Vinik and his family. Jeff is the owner of the hockey team and he gave me a team jersey with my name on it as well as a team jersey to Jill with her name on it. It was a very productive day as both Jill and I gave speeches at each of

the locations and encourage the workers there and the people lined up to get vaccinated. No doubt Jill and I are now developing a very strong relationship, as we really have developed a comfortable and warm rapport with each other.

June 25, 2021 - Global – 180,000,000/3,900,000; USA – 33,400,000/601,000

I **did something this morning that I feel very good about.** I went over to the clinical center and participated in the "graduation ceremony" of the people in project search who are a group of handicapped individuals who underwent a training program here at NIH and were then given jobs here. I did selfies with each and every one of them, took a group photo, and gave them a pep talk about why their work is so important. I have such empathy for people who through no fault of their own were dealt a difficult hand in life.

As a bit of background, **Mayor Bill Di Blasio of New York City had invited me to be the Grand Marshal of the parade of heroes for the 4th of July weekend in New York City** . It would be similar to the ticket tape parades that honored returning war generals. The purpose of the parade was to honor health care workers and first responders to the outbreak in New York City period, and since I am a well-known New Yorker, he wanted to make me the Grand Marshall of the parade. I did not think that this would be appropriate since we have not yet controlled the outbreak and since those people (far right radical GOP) who have been attacking me viciously over the last several weeks would probably have a field day if I did that , I decided that I would express my gratitude for the invitation but would decline. On my way in the motorcade between airports in Florida yesterday (Friday) Bill called me up on my cell phone to see what my decision was about the invitation. I explained to him my reason for declining, and thankfully he was extremely gracious and understood . He promised me that he would get another chance to honor me for what I have done for New York City and for the country.

Had meeting in my office with **Dr. Jeff Lehman**, former president of Cornell University and now current American President and Vice Chancellor of NYU in Shanghai. Jeff has been in Shanghai for the last nine years and has considerable insight into the Chinese culture. He asked to visit me to explain to me what his take is on the tension between the United

States and China around the Wuhan laboratory and COVID-19. I believe that he got everything about right in that it is extremely unlikely at the Chinese are truly hiding anything substantive. Because of their suspicious and somewhat paranoid nature it is likely that they were in denial about the outbreak in the early months and we're not really trying to hide anything but we're trying with almost wishful thinking that it would go away without anybody knowing about it. However, they did quickly come around identify the virus and make the sequence publicly known. This argues against any attempt to truly hide anything. All of the other stuff is a reflection of their suspicious nature. He also feels that there was no way that they would allow an outside investigative group into their labs anymore then we would allow a Chinese-led international group to come to the Fredrick lab. Jeff believes as I do that the only way to make any headway in all of this is to have a good faith collaboration between Chinese and other international scientists including United States scientists in order to cooperatively try to find the source of the origin of SARS Cov-2. Also, as a result of his in depth understanding of Chinese culture , he feels strongly that the Wuhan lab would not have been used for any deleterious research such as bio warfare. He confirmed the doctor Shi is a highly respected scientist and her reputation would argue against her being involved in anything outside of the realm of science. I expressed to Jeff that I agree with much of what he says , but the environment in the United states is so toxic with regard to China and the delusions of the far right radicals, that it is unlikely that we could come to a collaborative approach with the Chinese to come to a better understanding of the origin of COVID-19.

Just got an email now from Ian Lipkin asking if he could arrange a phone call between him, me ,and Nancy Messonnier. I wonder what this is going to be all about ?

PRESS: WINS Radio NYC 1010; Podcast on Progressive Voices Network – "Before you know it...." with David Bender; important defense of me by "The Times Leader" - https://www.timesleaderonline.com/uncategorized/2021/06/envy-is-the-rights-real-problem-with-dr-fauci/

June 26, 2021 – Global - USA – 33,400,000/601,000

I had a very interesting evening last night**.** Christine and I had dinner over the home of Sally Quinn. Other guests were Bob Woodward and Elsa

Walsh as well as Rick and Jane Atkinson. We had a lot of inside the Beltway discussions about Bob's books and Rick's books and the experience that I had with Trump during the last year of his presidency. In addition, I had the opportunity to see Quinn Bradlee and who I believe is his wife or girlfriend. Sally was very pleased that I had done a podcast with her son Quinn.

Fox News continues to come after me by making false accusations that I have misled congressional committees during questioning under oath. they just do not want to stop harassing me, but that is going to go nowhere.

June 27, 2021 -

Cases continue to slowly come down:

PRESS: Latest thing on Fox News over the last couple of days is that they are accusing me a lying under oath at a house and energy subcommittee hearing when I said That I did not know the precise reason why the president told us to cancel the WuHan grant. The fact is that we were told via mark meadows that we need to cancel the grant and when we told them that there has to be a specific reason the White House said we don't need a reason , just cancel the grant. When doctor Collins and doctor Tabak and indirectly when I said that it was illegal if we didn't have a specific reason , the White House came back and said make up a reason. Therefore, what I said under oath at the hearing is absolutely true.

From a review of Jasmeen Abutaleb's and Damian Paletta's book by William Hanage of the Washington Post:

I received a call today from David Wilman, who I thought was a friend and who has been having a conversation with me regularly every Sunday for the last several months in order for me to keep him up to date on what is going on with COVID. He was hinting early on that he was working on a story on gain of function research. He never interviewed me at all on the details of this but today he calls me up telling me how much he respects me, but he has a heads up for me that he is doing a story on gain of function and that I am in the story. He then went on to describe how much he respects me and that my favorite saying "precision of thought, economy of expression " is one that he lives by and has it pasted on his computer. This looks to me like a hatchet job on me is coming and he is telling me what a great person I am before he drops the bomb. We shall see.

June 28, 2021 – Global – 181, 000,000/3,900,000; USA – 33,500,000/602,000

PRESS: BET Instagram with Mark Tallman and Ronreaco Lee; Month of Action Zoom with Partner organizations;

June 29, 2021

Delta variant swarming globally. It definitely is a more efficient transmitter. WHO is now recommending that even vaccinated people wear masks. Vaccinated people are getting infected, but without serious disease.

FLOTUS sent Chris and me and the family a beautiful basket of vegetables grown in the White House Garden:

PRESS: Constituency Hispanic TV (x3); NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt; ABC World

News Tonight; PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff; PSAs; CNN with Don Lemon;

See below: This is the Hearing that the GOP called with crazy witnesses and they wanted Francis Collins and I to testify. Pelosi and WH said no way Kate Messner's Children's Book – "Dr. Fauci" has come out. It is beautifully done and obviously well-researched.

June 30, 2021 – Global 182,000,000/3,900,000; USA – 33,500,000;602,000

I just received an assembly concurrent resolution number 195 of the 219th legislature of the State of New Jersey it is a concurrent resolution **honoring the life and the work of Dr. Anthony Fauci. (see below)**

Parting note to me from General Gus Perna upon his retirement:

PRESS: MSNBC "Morning Joe" with Joe Scarborough; WTOP Radio;

July 1, 2021

It is becoming very clear that the extreme far right in the press with Fox News, in social media but the far right crazies, and especially in the Congress with the senators and congressmen who are frightened of former president Trump and who are using attacks on me to show their loyalty to Trump. The issue that they are focusing on mostly in recent days is saying that I perjured myself in front of the

House and Energy Subcommittee Hearing by saying I did not know why we were asked to cancel the Wuhan subgrant. In fact, I had checked with Francis Collins and Larry Tabak just to be sure , and there is no doubt that we were told by the White House to cancel the grant and not ask any questions about it. When we said that we had to have a specific reason for canceling the grant since it would be illegal for us to cancel it without a specific reason , the word came down from the White House predominantly via Mark Meadows that we should just go ahead and make up a reason but we definitely had to cancel the grant or else. The general counsel of HHS under Bob Charrow agreed that we had no specific reason to cancel the grant and so we had to reinstitute the grant but withhold funding until they met certain conditions which would be very difficult for them to meet anyway. It really was a work around to prevent us from funding the grant. Therefore, I was completely honest in saying that I did not know why the grant was asked to be cancelled since they never gave us a specific reason to do so.

The pressure on me is extreme!!! They "bad guys" are taking everything I say and quoting it out of context. Really trying to destroy my credibility.

Cases starting to go up a bit in the unvaccinated areas. Must watch closely PRESS: Axios - Fauci: Divergent vaccination rates could create "two Americas"

I taped the Sunday "Meet the Press". It will be a 4th of July Special.

July 2, 2021 – Global USA

COVID-19 cases in UK increase 67%, but hospitalizations are not going up indicating that vaccines are preventing severe disease.

PRESS: Regional media TV with: WRAL NBC Raleigh-Durham; WSB-TV – ABC Atlanta; WREG-TV – CBS Memphis;

July 4, 2021

Today is the celebration of the independence from the virus. There was the most beautiful display of fireworks on the mall that I have ever seen. Let us hope that the congregation of people at the celebration does not lead to a discernible surge in cases . As I have said on various TV shows including on Meet the Press this morning, there is a possibility of being two Americas,

one that is vaccinated without any surge of infections and one that is unvaccinated leading to regional surges such as in those southern states with 35% or less of their population vaccinated. This includes places like Missouri , Alabama , Mississippi , Louisiana, Wyoming , among others.

PRESS: appeared on NBC "Meet the Press" 4th of July Special with Chuck Todd

July 5, 2021 - Global USA

Cases increasing in certain regions. Will watch carefully to determine whether this has impact on hospitalizations. We will brief the president tomorrow about the role of Delta variants with regard to vaccine protection.

July 6, 2021 - Global USA **A considerable amount of concern about the fact that reports from Israel indicate that the Pfizer vaccine is less protective against infection** since the protection a few weeks ago prior to the emergence of the Delta variant was about 94%, whereas now that the Delta variant has emerged, protection against any infection is down to 64%. However, the good news is that the Pfizer vaccine is still more than 90% effective against serious diseases including hospitalization. It is conceivable that this discrepancy about the efficacy against the initial infection is due to the fact that the Israelis are doing a lot more testing of asymptomatic people than other countries including the United States. This needs to be followed closely.

•I participated as I do most of the time in the weekly Governors' briefing. I explained to them the situation of the threat of the Delta variant.

I had my weekly **briefing of the President** today. This time I did it **in person** in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. We discussed the situation of the degree of protection afforded by our vaccines against the Delta variant. I also explained to him the situation regarding the Israeli data (see above). The president remarked how much Jill enjoyed traveling with me and he thanked me for that saying that it means a lot to them.

PRESS: I did YouTube interview with two African American physicians from California: Doctor Jamie Rutland and doctor Italo brown. We discussed how we handle vaccine hesitancy among African Americans and how we can use the barbershop environment to convince them to get vaccinated.

July 7, 2021 – Global – 184,000,000/4,000,000; USA – 33,600,000/604,000

We are stuck at ~12,000 to 14,000 cases per day:

See below. It is very clear that the Israelis are increasing greatly their testing that could explain their results on asymptomatic infections in vaccinated people (see above and figure below):

I had a very important meeting today with the NSC led by Beth Cameron and Maher Bitar who is the senior director for intelligence programs at NSC. We met in the EEOB SCIF and discussed the briefing document that the NSC had presented to the President a week or so ago. Beth wanted me to have an official briefing because of the catastrophic briefing that the amateurs from the CIA gave me several weeks ago. There were no new surprises for me in the briefing except that it became clear that the FBI has no idea what they're talking about since they are convinced that the origin of COVID-19 is from a laboratory leak. The reasons that they give do not make any sense. In contrast the NSA gave some reasonable hypotheses leaning heavily towards a natural jump of species in the environment. I spent some time explaining to Maher and Beth my own theories that the Chinese act like they're covering up something even when they have nothing to cover up. They manifested this in their response to the original SARS-CoV-1 when they insisted this was just an atypical influenza when in fact it was the beginning of a coronavirus pandemic. In addition, they likely shot themselves in the foot when they denied the presence of wild animals in the market when we know they were present and the Chinese cleaned out the market before adequate testing of animals could occur. In essence, they clouded the possibility of proving a natural emergence. I urged the NSC folks to work closely with qualified card-carrying evolutionary virologists such as Kristian Andersen, Eddie Holmes, Bob Garry, Andy Rambaut, among others. I also explained to them the multiple reasons epidemiologically and molecularly why it is almost certain that the virus evolved naturally from a species jump, even though I emphasized that I keep an open mind about the possibility of a lab leak . However, in this regard , I emphasized that just because two alternatives are possible that does not mean that they are equally probable. I believe that they understood where I was coming from and that it turned out to be a very good meeting.

PRESS: Interview with Frank Bruni for his book on aging; interview with Betsy McKay of WSJ on GoF; Sirius XM Radio with Marc Siegel; MSNBC with Chris Hayes;

July 8, 2021 -

Kristian Andersen, Bob Garry and many others came out yesterday with on a preprint server a paper strongly arguing with good evidence for a natural emergence of SARS-CoV-2 rather thsan a lab leak: **The Origins of SARS-CoV-2: A Critical Review**https://bit.ly/3jSK1Ep

CNN: "Coronavirus almost certainly came from an animal, not a lab leak, top scientists argue"

I had a very useful and enjoyable conversation with the President of Chile – President Sebastian Pinera. He was very gracious and wanted advice from me about how to handle the outbreak in Chile looking forward. He was very complimentary to me in many waves and asked a number of very intelligent and important questions relevant to his country. He seems like an extremely engaging person and it was an enjoyable half an hour that I spent speaking with him via zoom.

PRESS: NPR – "All Things Considered" with May Louise Kelly;

July 9, 2021 – Global – 185,000,000/4,000,000; USA – 33,600,000/604,000

is waning after a period of several months. This created a lot of confusion and we all gathered on multiple phone calls yesterday evening in order to come out with a statement jointly from the CDC and FDA indicating that at this time if you are fully vaccinated you do not need a booster shot. In the middle of all of this I called up **Mikael Dolstein** and try to find out what was going on. He said that their statement was based on the Israeli data as well as data from their original phase three study which showed a modest degree of waning immunity after several months. Later in the evening **I received a phone call from Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla** who was very sorry and apologetic that he did not Alert me about the Pfizer announcement ahead of time. We will be arranging a meeting next week likely on Monday July 12 to discuss all of this with the visor people.

PRESS: Instagram with Ana Navarro; NBC Evening News; CNN "Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer

July 10, 2021

Wasting a lot of time responding to letters from Congress and Senate about Wuhan. Egregious waste of time!!

Much concern about the Delta variant.

Cases coming up in USA:

July 11, 2021 –

33,000 cases yesterday. Clearly the unvaccinated are getting infected **PRESS: ABC "This Week with George Stephanopoulos"; CBS "Face the Nation" with John Dickerson; CNN State of the Union" with Jake Tapper;**

July 12, 2021 - Global USA

It is important to point out **how many hours we are all wasting** in responding to the multiple letters from senators and congressmen fundamentally driven by conspiracy theories that the NIH has funded work at Wuhan institute of virology that lead to SARS-CoV-2. For example, over the weekend I was on multiple zoom calls with my staff fine tuning the letters in response to the multiple questions from people like senators Rand Paul, Marshall, Burr. I am somewhat surprised that's senator Burr was part of this since he generally is a friendly person to me.

We had a very important meeting today by zoom with Mikael Dolsten and others from Pfizer with members of HHS including myself, Rochelle Walensky, David Kessler, Francis Collins, Janet Woodcock, all of the people from ASPR such as Dawn O'Connor. The Pfizer people present the data from the Israeli study which we already knew showed a decrease of efficacy against all infection down to 64%. In addition they showed some of the follow-up data from their phase 3 trial which showed a decrease in efficacy down to 83%. Clearly, Pfizer is intending to suggest boosts particularly for those who are elderly and with underlying conditions . In Israel they are already boosting some of the elderly and those with underlying conditions. There was a big debate in our own country and worldwide about giving a third shot to fully vaccinated people when most of the world is completely unvaccinated. This is a debate that will intensify. I believe we need to go ahead and explore the possibility of needing a boost at the same time as we provide vaccines for people in low and middle income countries. I have been emphasizing in my public appearances that the

requirement for a boost does not mean that the vaccines are not highly effective. **A boost relates to the durability of the protection not to the effectiveness of the protection. This is a concept that is often missed by the public.**

PRESS: CBS "This Morning" with Gayle King; NPR Baltimore – WYPR with Tom Hall; CNN with Chris Cuomo

July 13, 2021 - Global – 187,000,000/4,000,000; USA – 33,700,000/605,000

New cases are increasing in at least 41 states. This is particularly true among seven states in the South where the percentage of people who are vaccinated is very low. It is clear that we are entering into a period where the steady decline in cases has now stopped and we are seeing an increase in cases with daily cases hovering around 33,000. There is a war of words going on between the Fox News TV hosts and democratic senators such as Richard Durbin. **The attacks on me by the far right and Fox News (Tucker Calrson and Laura Ingraham) are relentless and occur on a daily basis**. Marsha Blackburn, Marjorie Taylor Green, and all of the other nut cakes attack me on a daily basis .

PRESS: CNBC "Squawk Box"; NPR "Here and Now"; MSNBC "Andrea Mitchell Report"

July 14, 2021

I had a very pleasant experience today down at the **White House** where I engaged in a number of Instagrams, PSAs, and YouTube videos with the new sensational young entertainer **Olivia Rodrigo.** The purpose of the interaction was to encourage young people who are followers of Olivia to go out and get vaccinated. I was amazed to learn that with all her social media Olivia has 25 million followers. She is a very down to earth sweet 18 year old woman. The White House comms team for digital we're delighted with the interaction.

•I'm spending a lot of time with the team in preparing for the July 20 HELP Senate hearing. This is all a colossal waste of time in which the far right is trying to link the COVID pandemic with work supported by NIAID In a sub award to the Wuhan institute of virology. I would likely get attacked by Senators Rand Paul , Marshall, Kennedy come on and Rubio among others. We shall see.

July 15, 2021 – Global USA

The republican Party has gone completely crazy. See letter below where Congressmen are accusing me of collaborating with the Chinese Communist Party:

Follow Up NIH Re. Emails 71521 (2).pdf **There are a few things to point out.** For example, tonight we had a meeting that we generally have prior to briefing the president . Tomorrow we will be briefing the president and tonight at 9:00 PM we had a zoom meeting with me, Rochelle, Jeff , and Natalie to go over the plans for how we were going to breathe the president tomorrow (Friday). We divided the responsibility between Rochelle and me.

Also, we had another one of the unusual experiences with the United states Congress. A **group of 20 Right Wing Republican Congressman wrote a letter to Francis Collins and me** asking a number of ridiculous questions in an accusatory manner as they have been for the last several weeks. In fact, the letter was first sent to the right wing publication the Daily Caller who then called us up and asked us what our response to the letter was when we had not yet even received the letter. And so, it was quite obvious that they were doing it mostly as a publicity stunt. In any event, one of the most amazing parts of the letter was the part where they made the statement: **"Doctor Fauci was working closely with the CCP (Chinese Communist Party)"**. They gave a reference for that statement that was an email sent to me from George Gao on March 28th 2020. In fact, that email was George apologizing to me for seemingly contradicting me in an article in Science in which he said that the United States was making a mistake by not recommending that people universally wear a mask. He did not want that to be interpreted that he was criticizing me and he apologized. In addition, George was saying how concerned he was about the outbreak and that he was worried about me and hoped that I was doing well. I wrote back to him and said "Thank you for your kind note I hope that all is well with you." If anyone can construe that exchange as my working closely with the Chinese Communist Party, they have to be out of their mind. For that reason, it is clear that these types of letters are nothing but a bunch of unmitigated bullshit.

PRESS: Local print media – Las Vegas Review Journal, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Gannett Missouri;

July 16, 2021

I briefed the President in the Oval Office today about the Delta variant and its impact on our country. Present at the briefing were: Ron Klain, Susan Rice, Natalie Quillian, Jeff Zients, Anita Dunn, Brian Reese, Mike Donilon and Rochelle Walensky virtually. Given the increasing number of cases in the United States, even though the hospitalizations have not increased, the President was concerned that his message that by July 4th we would be seeing an independence from the virus here in the United states might actually be now subject to question. We spoke to him about the importance of emphasizing that vaccinated people do not get severe disease even from the Delta variant . In addition, we pointed out the possibility that we may need to give booster shots , namely a third dose following the two doses of the mRNA vaccine. The President was concerned that people would say that he was giving a mixed message when he asked everyone to get the standard regimen of vaccination and now we are telling them that they may need to get an additional dose. I pointed out to him that most people who are vaccinated would be quite amenable to getting a third dose so long as they thought it would increase the duration of their protection and or make them more highly protected. It is the people who do not want to get vaccinated to begin with who are going to be in trouble because they will get infected and they will need hospitalization. The POTUS and Jeff kept asking whether I thought that it would get as bad as the winter of 2020/2021. I said no since we did not have vaccinated people back then.

Fox News hosts Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham and mocking our attempts to get people vaccinated likely leading to loss of lives.

Rand Paul and Jim Jordan tweeting about me all the time and actually raising money by trying to discredit me

Cases continue to climb:

PRESS: MSNBC – "The Reid Out"; Peacock MSNBC – Joshua Johnson; CBS Evening news; NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt;

July 17, 2021

No change. Cases continue to rise. Gov. DeSantis has made anti-Fauci T-shirts. Amazing!!

PRESS: CNN with Jim Acosta;

July 18, 2021

Cases continue to increase. The question that is being asked is whether fully vaccinated people who have breakthrough infections can transmit the infection to others. Still no direct data either way:

July 19, 2021

Jeff Z. called me early this AM (6:45 AM) concerned about the breakthrough infections of vaccinated people and waned my opinion about moving towards masking of vaccinated people who are in hot zones. I think that we should. **Jeff called again at 10:00 AM** concerned about the time FDA is taking to grant a full BLA for the vaccines. He is acutely aware of the sensitivity of not interfering with or pressuring the FDA, but we need the BLA since many people are not getting vaccinated until the vaccines are "fully approved". Also, Jeff want me to get firm information on how long it will take for the peds (11 years old and younger) approval to come.

Stock Market plunging >700 down due to concerns about the spread of the Delta variant.

Mayor Bill Di Blasio called and ask my opinion about a strategy that he would like to do to try and get more people vaccinated and safe from the delta variant. He is proposing to give the people of New York City two alternatives if they are not vaccinated: 1) get vaccinated or 2) be required to get tested with a nasal swab at least once a week. The mayor feels that people will likely get tired of getting tested every week and my opt to get vaccinated purely for the convenience of it. Even though the requirement for a nasal swab is indeed a mandate, the mayor feels that this is much less intrusive they mandate for a vaccine.

PRESS: CNN with Kate Boldun; Bloomberg TV "Balance of Power" with David Westin; PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff

July 20, 2021 – Global – 191,000,000/4,100,000; USA – 34,000,000/607,000

Testified today before the Senate HELP Subcommittee - There was the expected **big splash** at the hearing today As Senator Rand Paul accused me of lying under oath at a prior hearing and asked me if I wanted to retract my statement when I said that the NIAID has never funded nor does it funds now gain of function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. He referred to the Plos Pathogens paper of 2017 and insisted that there was gain of function in those experiments and said I therefore lied. He quoted Dr.

Richard Ebright as saying that those experiments were definitely gain a function. I exploded right back at Senator Paul and told him that he had no idea what he was talking about. I told him that I did not lie and have never lied certainly not before the Congress and then I would not at all retract anything I previously said before a congressional committee. He then implied that the work that we were doing may have been the cause of thousands of deaths. At this point I blasted back at him that if that is what he is implying he has no idea what he is talking about because the viruses that we were dealing with and that were in the progress reports and that are in the literature in no way could become SARS-CoV-2. I went on to say that it was molecularly impossible for the viruses that we were dealing with to become SARS-CoV-2. **I finished by looking him in the eye and telling him that if anybody is lying here it is he.** Several of the other senators on the democratic side after the discussion between Paul and me was finished made statements saying how confident they are in my integrity and in my service. Senator Marshall later asked questions about the furin cleavage site and the CGG codon. Then he started talking about the S1 segment of the spike protein and had absolutely no idea what he was talking about. He rambled on until I told him that I had no idea what he was saying; it make no sense. He made a fool of himself.

Cases continue to climb:

PRESS: CBS "This Morning"; Multiple stories on TV about my encounter with Senator Paul

July 21, 2021 – Global – 191,000,000/4,100,000; USA – 34,000,000/607,000

Cases continue to climb:

Typical e-mail from a supporter of me after the Rand Paul clash. One of dozens and dozens:

Francis Collins defends me against Rand Paul nonsense on CNN and MSNBC tonight

I visited Eric Lander (Director of OSTP) at the White House today. He asked for the meeting and wanted to do two things. First, he wanted to express his strong support for me in light of what just went down with senator Paul. Second, he wanted my help in trying to nail down the possibility of our getting much of the **$30 billion** that are still available

from the JOBS Act to put together a major program for pandemic preparedness for the future. He wanted to work with Francis Collins and I to make this happen and suggested that we might write an op Ed together.

This evening I got a text from Beth Cameron of NSC. Beth indicated that I was her hero for what I did with Rand Paul and that she had heard from Eric Lander that I was discussing with him the issue of the $30 billion. I texted her back saying that I would push hard for this with Ron Klain and Jeff Zients. I will be seeing the President in the Oval Office today and hopefully Ron will be there so that I can discuss this with him.

It should be pointed out that I have been meeting with the president personally in the Oval Office once a week for the past several weeks. It seems that Jeff prefers that I am there personally during the Presidential briefings. **Also, it is rather strange that it seems that Jeff does not trust the CDC or even Rochelle and always wants me involved when it comes to the President.** This may be a bit unfair to Rochelle, but his skepticism about the CDC historically is justified.

In the meantime, the GOP led by despicable Kevin McCarthy continue to push back on doing an adequate investigation on what led up to the January 6 insurrection against democracy. Thank goodness that Nancy Pelosi has rejected the GOP suggestion of putting Jim Jordan on the panel that would be investigating the January 6 insurrection. Also, the GOP continues to blast me in their social media. It seems like it is an all out war between me and the radical right wing of the GOP

PRESS: Interview with Sentinel Record (Zoom) – Arkansas newspaper with Tyler Wann; NPR "All Things Considered" with Mary Louise Kelly; CNBC "Closing Bell"; MSNBC with Ari Melber

July 22, 2021 – Global – 192,000,000/4,100,000; USA – 34,000,000/608,000

Daily cases continue to climb:

Had my usual weekly meeting with the POTUS today at 1:00 PM in the Oval Office. Also present: Jeff Z., Natalie Quillian, Mike Donilon, Jake Sullivan (NSC). When I walked into the Oval the POTUS put his hands on my shoulder, brought me close and said: **"You did a great job in stuffing that horse's ass" referring to Rand Paul.** He also said that 1st Lady Jill was "cheering for me" as she watched it on TV. As I walked

through the White House, several people thanked me for "my service and for what I do" and a few remarked about Paul and said how proud they were of me.

Briefed the Senate and House by Zoom together with Jeff, Natalie, and Marcella Ninez-Smith

England surging with USA following:

Steve Scalese is now promoting vaccines. It seems that several of the GOP who were originally against vaccines are now realizing that they are on the wrong side of history.

PRESS: CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell; Twitch Livestream;

July 23, 2021

I had a very productive conversation in my regular every two week call with our UK colleagues – Chris Whitty and Patrick Vallance, this time accompanied by Thomas Waite. I explained to them the situation that we have here in the United states with the delta variant. The UK seems to be a couple of weeks ahead of us in every way. They have vaccinated a slightly larger proportion of their population than we have and the surge in delta that they are experiencing is much steeper then what we have at this time. The efficacy of the vaccine against hospitalization and death continues to hold. They are a skeptical about the Israeli vaccine efficacy data for asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic disease as we are here in the United States. The UK has made the decision similar to us that they will try to get all the children back to school in person by the fall. However unlike us, the unvaccinated children will not be required to wear masks when they go back to school. They have essentially decided that since you cannot vaccinate the younger children yet and since they generally have very mild disease, that you should accept the fact that sooner or later these young children are going to get infected and so be it. They do not want to close the schools or go to virtual learning. I will continue to follow the situation with them since it is very helpful to us here to learn what the UK is doing. **Of note, both Chris and Patrick wanted me to know that I am held in extremely high regard in the UK by virtually everyone on the basis of my standing up to Rand Paul and his nonsense in the Senate**

Right-wing attacks on me intensify – North Carolina GOP Congressman Madison Cawthorn - "I thank Rand Paul for bringing it up and I will tell you right

now Anthony Fauci does not have the best interests of the American people at his heart," he said. "I believe he is a pawn for the Chinese government by giving them funding to do militaristic funding to try and figure out how they can make an animal virus more transmissible to humans. It's disgusting, it's wrong, and 4 million people are dead all around the world because of it."

Did my usual weekly briefing of the Cabinet ("Principals") together with Rochelle, Natalie, Jeff, and Vivek. Brought them up to date on Delta variant becoming dominant.

PRESS: CBC (Canadian) "Power and Politics; FOX with Neil Caputo;

July 24, 2021-— Global USA

Cases continue to surge:

PRESS: Very good article in the LA Times by Melissa Healy:

LA Times: Fauci: 'There's no way' the coronavirus was made with U.S. research funds. Here's why https://lat.ms/3ruPOC6

July 25, 2021 – Global USA

The USA is not doing so great in vaccinations compared to other developed countries:

Fully vaccinated people:

PRESS: CNN "State of the Union" with Jake Tapper; MSNBC "Sunday Show" with Jonathan Capehart;

July 26, 2021

Humor:

Important stuff going on!!We had at least two zoom meetings today with Jeff, Rochelle, Vivek, and Bechara to discuss the upcoming change in masking guidelines that the CDC will be proposing. It relates to the fact that data or showing that the level of virus in the nasopharynx of vaccinated people with asymptomatic breakthrough infections is similar according to

CT values to that in individuals who are infected asymptomatically and who have not been vaccinated. These data are strongly suggestive that individuals who are vaccinated and who get infected can't transmit the virus two others as easily ask an unvaccinated people. This is triggering the need to tell vaccinated people that when they go to situations that are indoors that now they have to wear a mask or should at least seriously consider wearing a mask depending on the level of infection in the community where they are living. Rochelle is really having a very tough time in negotiating this with Jeff in the context of "her team" at CDC that seems to be operating in their usual manner independently of running things by the White House. For example at the end of a long and tortuous discussion about getting the wording correct in the new guideline, Rochelle let us know that two days from now (Wednesday) the CDC will be coming out with an MMWR that will overlap with what we have been wordsmithing for the guideline. Jeff and everyone else was blown away that these two parallel things were going on and we did not even know about it. I feel badly for Rochelle since she is dealing with an ingrained CDC system that has been that way for the decades that I have been dealing with them. Jeff and the White House Comms people (Courtney Rowe) are very concerned about mixed messaging. We decided that we would sleep on this and address it again in the morning.

July 27, 2021 – Global – 194,600,000/4,200,000; USA – 34,500,000/609,000

Just got a call from Jeff that he wants me to brief the President today about the issues discussed above. It is very clear and unfortunate that confidencein Rochelle is very low within the White House team of Jeff, Courtney Rowe, and others. STAY TUNED

Had a good conversation with the President in the Oval Office this afternoon at 12:30. I explained to him the new CDC guidelines for wearing masks indoors even if you are vaccinated given the fact that the delta variant is causing breakthrough infections in vaccinated individuals and vaccinated individuals with breakthrough infections can transmit the virus two uninfected individuals. In addition, I explained to him the data that the level of virus in the nasopharynx of vaccinated people with breakthrough infections is similar to the level of virus in the nasopharynx of unvaccinated infected people. We had a good conversation; he asked a lot of good

questions. Right before the discussion he was on the phone with former senator Barbara Boxer who had just been mugged outside of her house. She asked to talk to me when she heard that the president would be meeting with me and we had a good conversation. She relayed that she felt very badly that idiots are attacking me and that she always has had the highest degree of regard for me. She recalled back in the days when we were fighting HIV together. I asked the president if Jill had come back from the Olympics in Tokyo. The President informed me that she had and so I sent her my regards through him.

As Jeff , Natalie Quillian, and I were sitting in front of the Resolute Desk, I had a very strange, almost out of body experience. I just **recalled at that time so clearly the bizarre situations that I had been through in the past when I sat in front of the desk trying to brief President trump**. I recalled his incredible lack of concentration ability where his attention span was measured in seconds rather than minutes. This is in stark contrast to the seriousness, dignity, and integrity that now permeates the entire White House, particularly the Oval Office. Only now in retrospect do I fully appreciate what a disaster Trump was as President. This applies not only to his policies, but to the fact that he diminished the dignity of the presidency enormously. The feeling in the Oval Office now is very similar to what I experienced when I was in the Oval Office with presidents George HW Bush, George W Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama. This is such an entirely different feeling and vibration that I have when I enter the room and sit down either on the couch or in front of the desk. There was always that feeling of anxiety with Trump where I was anticipating that he would say or do something outlandish.

PRESS: Big announcement from CDC about masking for vaccinated people indoors attracting much media – Print interviews with NY Times and Washington Post.

The Intercept: Rand Paul's Attack on Anthony Fauci Chills Scientific Debate Over Gain-of-Function Research https://bit.ly/3iR7zHP

The Black News Channel "The World Tonight"; NBC "Nightly News" with Lester Holt; NPR "All Things Considered" with Ari Shapiro; PBS "NewsHour" with Judy Woodruff; Univision National TV; Telemundo TV; CNN with Chris Cuomo; MSNBC with Chris

Hayes; Story also covered in other media – New York Post, Axios, Forbes, Newsweek, CNN, The Hill

July 28, 2021 – Global USA

Cases continue to surge:

PRESS: MSNBC – "Morning Joe" with Joe Scarborough; Joe Madison Radio Show; Morning Hustle Radio Show;

July 29, 2021

There are a lot of important things going on that I do not have a chance to comment on in my daily diary. Some of these are the continual conversations that I have been having with Jeff about who should be the **FDA Commissioner**. Jeff and Ron Klain continue to run by me names of potential candidates. Today for example, **David Kessler** came to me with a surprising request that I float his name to Ron as a possible candidate. David is currently the head of the countermeasure acceleration group (CAG) of HHS. He is a former FDA commissioner and would likely do a very good job. I will float his name and see what happens.

In another vein, I continue to get **harassed by letters from far-right congressmen and senators** who are cherry picking my FOIA'd emails and trying to establish that I have lied under oath when I said that the NIH has never done gain of function research at the Wuhan institute of virology. In addition, Tucker Carlson and others at Fox News continue to attack me virtually every night. Carlson saying multiple times that I created the virus. This is an extremely stressful situation but I will have to push on with the job that I have as director of NIAID and as chief medical advisor to President Biden.

Another issue that is percolating it's a **growing discontent with the CDC** and with Rochelle's difficulty in clearly articulating their somewhat shifting positions such as that of masking indoors. I do not believe that it is Rochelle's fault but it is a fundamental lesion in the CDC. One of the problems is the typical CDC mentality that antedated Rochelle. Rochelle and the CDC are hesitant to show anyone data that backs up their policy because it is supposedly "embargoed. The problem is that the embargo relates to the MMWR, which is the CDC's own publication. Therefore it seems that if they wanted to break the embargo they could easily do it.

Again, this is a recurrent problem with the CDC keeping data close to their vest and making policy without allowing outside experts to weigh in.

It was an evolving situation here. Got a call from **Jeff just now reading a sentence from the President's speech that he will give today** in which he said that children do get infected, but a serious outcome is "extremely, extremely rare". In my meeting with my office team this morning someone pointed out that in Arkansas on Wednesday there were 24 infections in children; seven of them wound up in the ICU and two of them are on respirators. I had originally told Jeff to get rid of one of the "extremelies" and just say "extremely rare". After hearing about the infections in Arkansas I called back Jeff and told him to get rid of both "extremelies" and just say "rare ". We actually do not know the full impact of this virus on children at this point and so we really need to be careful about what we say and what we allow the POTUS to say.

We are on a similar track as UK but a few weeks behind (as is usually the case):

Very important essay by Peter Hotez:

PLoS Biol/Hotez: Mounting antiscience aggression in the United States https://bit.ly/3lbsKXF

We had a briefing today from the house Select Committee on COVID-19 chared by representative Clyburn. It was supposed to be limited to a discussion on the delta variant. However, it was clear that when the **Republicans** were allowed to ask questions they went off the subject and started to ask questions about infections coming over the border from Mexico. In typical fashion **Jim Jordan** asked me if I was a member of the P3CO oversight committee when in fact there is no such a thing as a P3 CO oversight committee. We have an executive committee of which I am not a member. Fortunately, even though I did not know what he was talking about, I said that I was not a member. He then asked for a list of the members. Since I really didn't know what he was talking about I said that I would get him that list. As it turns out, this is a list that HHS does not want to make public. HHS will get back to him and explain that to him. Obviously, he will make a big deal about this publicly.

The Republicans in the Congress as well as Fox News continue to attack me viciously. I was particularly disappointed today to read **Newt Gingrich** whom I have always liked and respected came out and said that it

was time for me to retire. He said that although I have had an illustrious career, I am trying to defend the indefensible. I am really not sure what he meant by that. Did he mean that I was defending gain of function research or did he mean that I was defending the CDC's masking guideline? As Peter Hotez said in the article above, no one is stepping up in the scientific community to defend me since they are afraid of being threatened by this extreme group that seems to be very well organized.

Went to a book signing party add the home of Adrienne Arsh. The book is "I alone can fix it " bye Phil Rucker and Carol Leonnig. The Super a list from Washington DC was there. It was a little bit uncomfortable since I was wearing a mask with the new guidance from the CDC and almost everyone else was without a mask. When they saw me with a mask , several of them put a mask on.

One of the things for discussion in the book for this time frame is the **extraordinary confidence that the president, Ron Klain, and especially Jeff is placing in me.** When I briefed the president before his speech a couple of days ago , Jeff did not want Rochelle to brief the president even though the discussion was strictly about CDC guidelines.

PRESS: South African TV – Bhekisisa Center for Health Journalism with Mia Malan; Ken Jeong Instagram; WTOP Radio; NBC LX TV;

July 30, 2021 – Global USA

There is growing frustration fall apart of Jeff with the CDC and particularly with Rochelle. I love her but she does not seem to have control over organization. We were being briefed the other night about what we were going to be saying about boosters and about the effect of the delta variant. In the middle of the conversation we found out that an MMWR was already written that could possibly be in conflict with what we were discussing. (see above). Now we have a situation where a slide set that was for internal discussion within the CDC was leaked by the CDC to the Washington Post including a discussion of things that we had not vetted out with the Medical Group. Jeff was extremely concerned that we are now on the defense trying to explain or defend things in an internal document that is now public. He called a special zoom meeting with himself , me , and Rochelle to try and sort this out. It became clear during the discussion that Rochelle herself was somewhat unaware of what her own CDC people were

doing. I felt very bad for her because she is clearly very competent. we will have another zoom meeting later today since Jeff tasked me to review the papers upon which the CDC conclusion that the delta variant causes more severe disease was based. I will have myself, Andrea Lerner, Cliff lane, and Dean Follmann review the papers. After review by my "team" we found that the Singapore data was very weak but that the Scotland and Canada data suggest that there is an increase in severity with the delta variant. I communicated this both to Jeff and to Rochelle.

I had a very interesting conversation with the Prime Minister of Israel, Naftali Bennett, who requested a zoom call with me. Based on the diminishing efficacy of the Pfizer vaccine in Israel, the Prime Minister together with his health ministers have decided that they will give a third booster shot to individuals older than 60 years old. They are already giving a booster to people who are immunosuppressed. the Prime Minister wanted to get my opinion and ultimate support of what he is doing. with my permission he taped our discussion so that he could put it on his Instagram to show to the people of Israel. I pointed out to him that there will be some concern that he is boosting people in his own population while much of the world has not yet received their first dose. He understands that but pointed out to me that is real is a country of almost 9 million people and they have just enough doses to take care of their own people , and unlike the United states, they do not have the resources to supply the rest of the world. He asked for my cell phone number so that he might intermittently call me for advice. With the approval of the State Department I gave it to him. It seems that we have developed a very good rapport on the basis of this first meeting. It turns out that the Prime Minister is an extremely interesting man who was a combat commander (Major) in the Israeli Defense Forces in a Special Forces unit. He led many Special Forces operations. In addition, he has spent many years in the United States and has made millions of dollars as a software entrepreneur.

PRESS: Global National TV – Canada; Spectrum News TV – California; NPR – "All Things Considered" with Ailsa Chang

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Instagram from Israeli PM Bennett:

August 1. 2021 – Global USA – 34,900,000/611,000

I got involved in an interesting situation regarding the **expiration of the moratorium on evictions with the CDC in the middle of it.** Apparently, the CDC has the authority to block evictions during a public health emergency. The moratorium expired and the Supreme Court ruled that they could not reinstitute it. Now Nancy Pelosi is furious because the public is blaming the Congress for not solving the problem. Pelosi is asking the White House to do it and the White House is turfing it to the CDC. The CDC does not have the authority to overrule the courts and so there's a lot of tension going on. Larry Horowitz who works with Pelosi called me to ask me to try and convince Rochelle to reinstitute the moratorium, get sued (which she will lose), and thus give enough time to get money to the people who are being evicted to prevent their eviction. I got on the phone with Rochelle and offered to help her by giving her encouragement and support. It all worked out when Jeff Zientz worked with Ron Klain to have Rochelle write a letter to the president saying that she would love to keep the moratorium but it is legally out of her hands. In this way the good intention of the administration would be displayed , but they would not get into legal difficulty.

PRESS: ABC "This Week" with Jonathan Karl; CBS "Face the Nation" with John Dickerson

August 2, 2021 – Global USA

I briefed the President today in the Oval Office. It was part of the weekly briefing that we do where Rochelle and Vivek and Marcella were on the zoom screen and I was in the office with the President and the Vice President. I briefed him on the efficacy of the vaccine against the delta variant as well as on the issue of breakthrough infections and the possibility of our need for boosters. The President was his usual pleasant and calm self; however, he seemed a bit troubled about two issues: first, he is aware that everyone is waiting for the FDA to give final approval to the vaccines and that this would go a long way to getting more people vaccinated. He clearly does not want to interfere with the FDA; however, he is growing impatient with the length of time that is taking for them to come across with a full approval. Second, he is concerned about the fact that the moratorium on evictions of people from their homes has expired and the Supreme Court has voted five to four that the moratorium cannot be extended. He has the power to call together constitutional scholars and claim that they have given

him enough reason to overrule the opinion of the Supreme Court and order the CDC to continue with the moratorium on evictions. He is hesitant to do that since although he believes it is the right thing to do from a humanitarian standpoint, he does not want to set a precedent for a President to use his or her Presidential authority to overrule a Supreme Court ruling. He is afraid that if we get another President similar to Trump, that a lot of mischief and bad acting could occur if such a precedent were set. And so, he has to live with the uncomfortable situation of Nancy Pelosi essentially yelling at him on the phone to do something about the eviction situation when in some respects he is powerless to do so. I feel for him and I am more appreciative close and personal of the weight of the Presidency.

As it turns out, the President did get an opinion from some constitutional scholars and made the decision to ask the CDC to extend the moratorium for 30 days. As Ron Klain said in the White House , it is likely that the courts will overturn this extended moratorium pretty quickly . We shall see. The general spin is that the president did this because of extensive pressure from Nancy Pelosi and the Democratic Congress.

Governor Ned Lamont of Connecticut called me today in frustration that the FDA has not yet given full BLA approval to the COVID-19 vaccines. He asked if I could do anything about it . I explained to him that that would be difficult since it would suggest that we are putting pressure on the FDA which could backfire on us. I told him that I was very much in favor of accelerating the process and that I felt that the approval would likely come within the next couple of weeks . He also asked about booster shots and I explained to him that boosters for the immunocompromised would likely come very soon and that it would probably take a couple of months before there was enough data to recommend booster shots for the elderly.

Got a call today from John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana. He is having the biggest surge of cases of any state in the country right now and he is asking for my support in what he will soon do and that is to put in a mask mandate for all indoor public settings as well As for everyone in the school system which will start today. He asked if I had any further suggestions. I asked if he had ordered a restricted capacity or closing of bars and restaurants and he said that although he would like to do that, he feels that the legislature would rebel against him and take away his emergency

powers for public health. And so he wants to get his mask mandate through as his first priority. I agree with him. In addition before we hung up he said that he really admired me and felt badly of what I was going through with the far right attacking me. He said a very nice thing when he said: "you have bigger clowns to deal with than I do; maybe not more clowns, but certainly bigger clowns, but at least you can sleep at night with a clear conscience ".

The conspiracy of the far right and the trump loyalists continues. Recently representative Mike McCall the minority On the House Foreign Affairs Committee released a report by the panel's republican staff essentially saying that the lab leak was the cause of COVID-19 and hinting the NIH's role in creating the virus. This is based on no new information or no new data. It is very clear what is going on and it needs to be called out. It is all part of "The Big Lie". First, trump actually won the election; next, January 6th was a friendly visit to the capital book shop; next trump was right and China caused the virus; next Fauci and the NIH helped the Chinese create the virus; next, discredit Fauci and it looks like trump is telling the truth. It is plain and simple a concerted effort aimed at getting trump re-elected and exonerating him from any blame in the complete mess up of his response to COVID-19.

Lindsey Graham has contracted COVID-19 period since he is vaccinated he has a mild case. I asked his staff to have him give me a call , which he did and I expressed concern for him and offered to help if I could. He was very grateful for my concern instead we would keep in touch.

PRESS: White House pressor;

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We continue to average about 70,000 cases per day

An ironic situation is going on in Florida where Governor DeSantis has a state that has the most infections per day in the country and is still insisting that mask mandates are not allowed at the local level by the schools or by anyone else. In addition, he continues to raise money by slamming me with T shirts as well as by his slogan "don't Fauci my Florida". Besides being a total jerk, he is causing people to die in his home state.

Did Governor's call today – Chaired by Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-AK)

White House has asked me to interview candidates for the position of FDA commissioner. And so today I am interviewing Sudip Parikh whom I knew when he was the staff director for the Senate Appropriations Committee. I was impressed with his interview since he is a very smart and energetic person. I also interviewed James Hildreth who is currently president and CEO of Meharry medical school. I have known Jim for a long time and he is highly qualified.

Gov. Cuomo is in serious trouble politically. A report came out today detailing 11 instances of sexual harassment. President Biden as well as Nancy Pelosi has called for his resignation . If he does not resign, he will likely be impeached.

Richard Ebright (Rutgers) has proven again that he is truly an asshole. Francis Collins was on CNN this morning and misspoke saying that adults who have children at home should wear a mask at home , which is clearly not correct. However , Frances very quickly corrected his statement by putting out a tweet , apologizing , and saying that he was incorrect. Yet immediately after that doctor Richard Ebright followed this up with a very nasty tweet . See below:

This evening I was asked by Erin Burnett on CNN to clarify the situation once and for all. I stated that Francis misspoke but to his great credit he immediately apologized and corrected the mistake.

I e-mailed Susan Rice tonight asking her to call me, and she returned call at around 9:00 PM. I wanted to explain more fully to her the misperception about the "likelihood" that a vaccinated person would get infected. In a discussion we had yesterday where I briefed some of the economic leaders including Janet Yellin and Susan Rice, the question came up as to what it means when there is a 79% efficacy of a vaccine against the delta variant. Many people interpret this to mean that there is then a 21% chance that a vaccinated person will get infected . This is obviously incorrect since you must compare it to the unvaccinated people. Since not all the unvaccinated people get infected by any means, then the 79% protection compared to the unvaccinated people means that a very, very small proportion of vaccinated people will get infected. Susan was very grateful for the phone call and said as he has often dos when she sees me that she "loves" me. We have become good friends over the years dating back to the Obama administration, and I really like her.

PRESS: Axios interview with Eileen O'Reilly; Podcast with Creative Artists Agency – agent for many entertainment and sports figures; Podcast with CSIS – Steve Morrison; CBS Evening News with Nikki Battiste; CNN with Erin Burnett; Did a Webinar with Virginia Governor Northam;

August 4, 2021 – Global USA

Had 100,000 cases yesterday!! 104,000 cases today

I received the call today from former Vice President Dick Cheney - This is medically confidential and not for publication in my memoir. The VP was asked to give the eulogy for former Secretary of Defense and dear friend Donald Rumsfeld. Cheney had a heart transplant several years ago and is on immunosuppressive regimen. It is likely that his immune response two the vaccine is suboptimal. He called his cardiologist , Jonathan Reiner, at GW and asked his advice about coming to Washington to give a eulogy for Rumsfeld given the current situation with the delta variant. Reiner recommended that he called me. I made it very clear to Cheney that I strongly recommended he get the third boost of the mRNA since he is highly susceptible to getting infected if he comes into contact with an infected person. We spend some time discussing the courage of his daughter Liz Cheney and sticking up against the far right Republicans who want to whitewash the January 6th insurrection. I told him that she was a chip off the old block and I really appreciated the fact that she has been sticking up for me. Cheney said he admired very much my courage and fortitude and standing up for what was right and he is proud to tell friends that he knows me and used to work closely with me. I told him that the feeling was mutual when I talk about him to my friends.

Call with Eric Goosby - Eric is concerned that we are not utilizing the infrastructure of PEPFAR to solve the distribution problem of vaccines in sub saharan Africa. Eric points out that the obstruction here interestingly is Gayle Smith who is now the special director in the Department of State for global affairs. Eric points out that it is the same competition intention between USAID and other global entities of the federal government. Gayle and USAID want to be the focal point of the failing distribution of vaccines in Africa, while PEPFAR already has an extraordinarily effective infrastructure that was built for HIV. Eric is frustrated that we are not using that infrastructure.

Did Zoom with Senator Dick Durbin who wanted a briefing on breakthroughs and boosters

PRESS: Katie Couric podcast; Wall Street Journal podcast with Ryan Knudson; Australian broadcasting TV "7/30"

August 5, 2021 – Global USA

I had a very busy day today. Jeff arranged for me to brief both the house and the Senate via zoom on the latest in the COVID situation. In addition , I joined the first gentleman Greg Emhoff in discussing with a bunch of young communicators the importance of their work in getting their young peers vaccinated. This is the second time that I have done an event with the first gentleman. In addition, I met by zoom with Kathy Russell the head uh White House personnel to debrief her on the interviews I did with FDA candidates James Hildreth and Sudip Parikh. During the debriefing when they asked me if there were any other candidates that I would recommend, I strongly recommended Zeke Emanuel. However, as usual there was a concern about the fact that he can be a bit of a loose cannon. This is unfortunate since he is a very talented guy , intellectually brilliant, and very visionary. He is also a good friend.

The nonsense of the far right in trying to discredit me continues. A day does not go by without either the far right GOP congressman or senator criticizing me and even calling for my removal together with the far right media , particularly FOX, being sharply critical of me in every respect.

PRESS: ABC "Good Morning America" with George Stephanopoulos; Rickey Smiley Radio Show; Taped CNN Fareed Zakaria for this Sunday;

August 6, 2021 – Global – 200,800,000/4,300,000; USA - 35,500,000/614,000

67,000 7-day average

Cases continue to climb. There has been a lot of discussion about whether or not we should move quickly in instituting a program. I have been a very strong and vocal **advocate to give booster shots immediately to people who are immune compromised** such as those who are transplant recipients, those war on cancer chemotherapy, and those who are immunosuppressed because the border immune diseases. I have been explicit about that and have also been pushing the CDC to give us at least

some preliminary data on the cohort studies that they say will inform us about the durability of protection among various groups of people. Other countries including France, Israel, and Germany, have decided to give boosts to the elderly right now. The UK has decided that they will start doing this in September. In this context, Jeff is getting very disillusioned with Rochelle and the CDC in their traditional way of not giving anyone even a slight hint of what the data shows until they are ready to announce it officially. A typical example of this has occurred today. I will be on a lot of press calls today and over the weekend and the CDC just announced that they have an MMWR that will be coming out together with a couple of papers in JAMA. I have no idea what is in these publications. This is unacceptable . Similar to what Sylvia burwell discuss with me years ago about firing Tom Frieden, **Jeff is seriously thinking about either bringing in someone else to assist Rochelle or outright getting rid of her.** I have argued that we should absolutely not fire her, and I have offered to speak with her about this issue.

I had a long call with Rochelle tonight and explained the entire situation to her. I confirmed that I totally support her, but she really has to address the ingrained and somewhat ossified culture of the CDC. I particularly pointed out to her that she just cannot hold back information from Jeff and the White House team because she is waiting for her team to finalize data. If she has preliminary data she needs to tell us about it since we may need to talk about policy that would depend on such data. She just cannot give us an MMWR on the same day that is coming out. The last time this happened she said she could not give it to us because it was "under embargo ". I pointed out to her that this enraged Jeff since the CDC owns MMWR and as director of CDC she needs to realize that no one is trying to influence what goes into MMWR but it is important that she does not surprise Jeff or the president with something that she knows and that we do not know. I love Rochelle and she knows that. I explained to her what she needs to do to make things right with Jeff . A human explained to her the story from years ago when I saved Tom Frieden from getting fired by Sylvia Burwell because of how he messed up the ebola situation as a result of his listening to "his guys ". I believe that Rochelle gets it and will survive this very difficult time. I support her totally.

PRESS: WJXX -Jacksonville TV; Bloomberg TV interview – Madison Mills; 1 hour with USA Today Editorial Board; Zoom Call

with Michael Spector for his adio-book; MSNBC peacock TV with Joshua Johnson

August 7, 2021

The surge continues:

Governor DeSantis is a complete disgrace. He is blocking the local authorities from mandating masks in various locations including schools. He is doing this while at the same time Florida is virtually on fire with surging cases. Approximately 20% of all the cases in the country right now are in Florida. When you add Florida with Texas you get about 40% of all the cases in the country. At the same time he together with his Greek chorus of Rand Paul and other GOP members of Congress together with all of the stooges at Fox News (Carlson, Hannity, Ingraham), continues to actively criticize me and talk virtually every day about my being wrong on everything I say and then I should be fired. This is an obviously calculated plan of disparaging me and any other scientists (but focusing heavily on me) that speak up against their crazy strategy. I am convinced even more that this is part of the total dystopia going on in certain elements of the country and it is all linked to "The Big Lie" involving the election and the denial of January 6. I really am worried more about the country then about myself since if this goes on I fear that our democracy is in dire danger.

We had an important conversation today with Glenda Gray and Linda-Gail Bekker of the Republic of South Africa. The discussion centered around the fact that Glenda and Linda GAIL want to do a randomized placebo-controlled trial using the Moderna M RNA. The purpose of the study is to determine if and how well mRNA vaccine works in persons with HIV. We have a real problem with doing a randomized placebo-controlled trial and so we got on the phone with David Kessler, the people from NIAID including Cliff, John Mascola, Mary Maravich, Carl D., and others. I came up with a solution that everyone liked. That was to do a trial where each arm gets a prime in boost dose of Moderna and then one group gets randomized to placebo and the other group gets randomized to a third dose boost. This will kill two birds with one stone. It will avoid the controversial use of a placebo and at the same time tell you whether the mRNA vaccine works in persons with HIV and whether and whether or not they need a boost for optimal response.

August 8, 2021 – Global USA

PRESS: CNN "GPS" with Fareed Zakaria; NBC "Meet the Press" with Chuck Todd [redacted]

[redacted]

August 9, 2021 – Global USA

Cases 140,000 yesterday. It seems that my prediction of 200,000/day will come true unfortunately.

We're having continual and difficult discussions concerning boosters. With my strong persuasion we have now finally arrived to the reality that we must give an additional dose to immunocompromised people as quickly as possible. The real issue that we are struggling with is when how and to whom we should give boosters among the population in general. Clearly, we want to stagger it so that we don't have rush to the gate. We're trying to get as much data as possible to validate a decision to start giving it to the elderly at approximately 8 months following their initial vaccination.

I continue to struggle with having to defend the CDC against reasonable concern about the fact that they are generally behind the curve when it comes to accumulating data that would inform proper public health action. He gets back to previous conversations that we had concerning the entrenched culture at CDC who feel that they know best and they are not accountable to anyone. Under non pandemic conditions this goes unnoticed. However, in the middle of an outbreak of this proportion it is a glaring deficit.

PRESS: Black News Channel (TV); Hugh Hewitt Radio; Navajo Times Interview; BBC World News TV

August 10, 2021 - Global USA

The soaring of cases continue. It is really looking rather ominous in that there have been numerous reports of gatherings of completely vaccinated people in a moderate to small sized party 20 thirty 40 people where you have outbreak of infections among these individuals. It is very clear that this virus is very different in its ability to transmit compared to the alpha variant.

There have been a number of discussions regarding the use of additional booster shots. I have been a strong proponent and have led the discussion in getting additional booster doses to the people who are

immunosuppressed, and to get these doses to them imminently. We have had several meetings with Jeff and the team and in some cases with the FDA to try and expedite this. It becomes an issue of the clinical data in a somewhat preliminary form balanced against the need of the FDA to have firm data before they modify the EUA. The tension between Jeff and the CDC continues in that the culture does not allow the CDC to share data in real time in a situation in which you actually need data in real time to make a decision. The lack of confidence in Rochelle and the rest of the CDC is manifested by the fact that Jeff is having me as opposed to Rochelle brief the President about things that appear to be strictly epidemiological. The same holds true for briefings of the principles and the governors. I don't know what to do to help Rochelle change the culture of the CDC because this is a decades-long problem. Vivek is in total agreement with me on this issue.

I met with the President today in the state dining room of the White House to discuss together with the administrator of FEMA Deanne Criswell and Assistant to the POTUS for Homeland Security Liz Sherwood-Randall among others and together with Natalie and Jeff. The topic of the discussion was how we were going to handle the obvious heavy hurricane season that is approaching in the context of major outbreaks of COVID in the gulf states that have the lowest levels of vaccination and the highest levels of infection. I presented the epidemiology data and Liz and Deanne presented the hurricane data. My impression was that the president was not particularly happy with Deanne's presentations since she was not able to give him the answer to a lot of his questions. Nonetheless being the gentleman that he is he did not really act annoyed with her although as I get to know his body language better I could sense that he was disappointed.

As indicated above David Kessler and I and most recently with the support of Jeff have been trying to push the concept of getting the US government to make a major investment in Lonza company that makes the mRNA four Moderna. We're making some progress in the implementation of the concept of the US government bankrolling Lonza to expand this capability to supply billions of doses of vaccine to the developing world. We had been working on this in collaboration with Peter Staley, James Krellenstein, and David Barr. Unfortunately, Peter in his enthusiasm to get things done quickly, orchestrated a letter signed by 175 public health advocates essentially criticizing the Biden administration for acting too slowly in getting vaccine to the developing world. **They sent the letter to**

the president simultaneously with sending it to the Washington Post and my media friends Yasmeen Abutaleb and Dan Diamond wrote an article in the Post indicating that David Kessler and I were working with them to get the higher ups in the administration to agree with the plan but that we had not been successful. Unfortunately, this may have blown our entire plan of getting this done under the radar screen. It is likely that this could now interfere with what David and I were trying to do. Yasmeen called several times for an interview; however, I did not see any purpose in getting involved in this controversial issue and also she had already written the story. See below:

Wpost: 'Act now' on global vaccines to stop more-dangerous variants, experts warn Biden

Vivek called me tonight after resume call with Dawn O'Connell and told me that a number of scientists and public health people that were originally on the advisory committee to Biden's election group we're writing to Ron Klain **urging the administration to fire Rochelle Walensky as the CDC director.** I believe this is very unfair since after I have spoken to her she is really trying very hard to gain control of the agency and to change there are somewhat ossified culture.

PRESS: MSNBC "Morning Joe" with Mika Brzezinski; Did Instagram and TikTok interviews with "influencers" including Actor Edgar Ramirez, Kathleen Barnes, Jax James, Merrick Hanna Chris Olsen/Ian Paget, Wisdom Kaye

August 11, 2021

David Kessler is pissed at Peter Staley. David feels betrayed that Peter mentioned his name and my name in his interview with Yasmeen. Last night I called up Courtney Rowe and had a long about the pros and cons of responding to Yasmeen who has been trying to get a comment from me regarding the article. We came to the conclusion that it would not do any good since the quote could be misinterpreted. I agree with Courtney. However we may have a problem that the article may set us back in getting jeff's support to push for billions of dollars to expand capacity to be directed 2 low and middle income countries. I will try to repair any damage that has been done to this effort. I had a good conversation with Peter this morning and I believe Peter realizes that he may had done some damage by mentioning my name and David's name in his interview with Yasmeen. It is

again a delicate balance of trying to get an activist-driven push to get the right thing done and still operate within the system that alone has the capability of getting the right thing done with all of the political sensitivities involved.

Email from David Barr to David Kessler:

POTUS called me up today. Jeff is giving the president a briefing about a number of things and he wanted me to specifically brief him about the importance of giving a third dose of vaccine to immune compromised people. Jeff felt that it was not worth my going all the way down to the White House again since I was there yesterday and so he arranged in the middle of the meeting that he was having with the president to have the president call me on my cell phone and have me explained to him the rationale of the third dose , namely a booster, to immune compromised people since they never had an adequate immune response to begin with. The confusion that the president might have is to distinguish the boost for the immune compromised versus a boost for those who overtime have an attenuation of their response even though they are immunologically normal. It was for this reason that Jeff wanted me to do the explaining. I believe that the president understood what I was saying.

Just to note that almost without exception every week I **brief the Principals** together with Jeff, Natalie, and Rochelle. the principles consist of cabinet secretaries as well as other high ranking White House officials. I don't report on it every week but it essentially occurs every week. Today I briefed them on various aspects of the delta variant.

I did a **favor for the State Department** today by answering a series of Qs and As about the mRNA vaccines

PRESS: CNN International with Christiane Amanpour; ABC World News Tonight and ABC Evening News; podcast – "America Dissected" with Dr. Abdul El-Sayed

Borowitz satire report in the New Yorker: New Yorker: Fauci Says It Is Safe to Watch YouTube Now That Rand Paul Has Been Suspended

August 12, 2021 – Global USA

Now averaging (7 day) >100,000 cases per day

Hospitaliations in children increasing per 100,000 population **Had a good call with Hans Kluge, WHO Regional Director of Europe**. Good discussion about mutual interests concerning COVID-19 and issues such as vaccine hesitancy.

Had a very important Zoom with Chris Whitty and Patrick Valance see above) from the UK. Jeff has suggested that I call up Chris and Patrick and ask them what the strategy is in the UK regarding booster shots. To my surprise, I found out that they have not yet implemented booster shots for the immune compromised. They plan to do that in September. However, the bigger surprise was that although they are planning to give booster shots to the elderly starting with those who are 70 years old and older and then moving to the 60 years old and older, they will not boost anyone less than 50 years old . This means that they have no intention of boosting the general population who are not immune suppressed. Of note, this is consistent with their strategy that they care less about transmission of virus among individuals than they do about keeping people out of the hospital . That's why they feel that although the general population might have a decrease in effectiveness of the vaccines leading to infection and transmission, they are not concerned since the protection against severe disease is holding strong. This is consistent with their strategy of not wearing a mask and sending the children back to school without masks. In other words, they feel that we will have to live with transmission of the virus so long as we protect people from getting severe enough disease to be hospitalized. Jeff and president Biden were concerned that we would be behind other countries in protecting our citizens when in fact we are ahead of them, certainly ahead of the UK.

PRESS: White House Press Conference; ABC "Good Morning America" with Amy Robach; NBC "Today" with Craig Melvin; CBS "This Morning" with Vladmir Duthiers; ABC "World News Tonight" with David Muir; NBC "Nightly News" with Lester Holt; PBS "NewsHour" with William Brangham; KMBC (ABC) TV – Kansas City, MO with Mike Mahoney; KDFW TV (FOX) Dallas-Fort Worth with Steven Dial; WPLG TV (ABC) Miami with Ben Kennedy; Univision TV with Lourdes del Rio; Telemundo National TV with Jose Diaz-Balart; Univision Atlanta TV with Rafael Olavarria; MSNBC "The Reid Out" with Joy Reid; CNN AC/360 with Anderson Cooper;

August 13, 2021

Cases continue to surge

We had multiple zoom calls and conversations today concerning the proper approach to his booster vaccinations. In addition, based on this submission to the FDA on data in diminished response in the immune compromised, the ACIP recommended that people who are immune compromised including transplant patients, cancer patients on chemotherapy, any patients on severe immunosuppressive therapy, people with advanced HIV disease, and people with primary immune deficiencies receive a booster dose. We also had considerable conversations about the best way to roll out the recommendations to boost the entire population in an orderly fashion starting likely sometime in mid to late September. The COVID team agrees that this is the way to go; however, it must be done within the context of the FDA regulatory framework. I am pushing my people who are doing clinical trials on booster doses to get data as quickly as possible to the FDA and the CDC so that they can analyze it for the purpose of making policy. Jeff is very sensitive to the fact that he does not want us to look like we have come in too late to the boosting game. This is actually not the case since as mentioned above , if anything, the UK is actually behind us. There will certainly be international concern by the fact that we in the USA are giving boosts to otherwise healthy people while the rest of the world is lacking even their first boost . However, the argument that I am giving is that the USA is donating more doses and money two international vaccines for low and middle income countries then the entire rest of the world combined . At this point we have contracted for 500 million doses to be distributed in the following cadence: 200 million doses by the end of 2021 and 300 million doses before the first half of 2022 ends . In addition, we have already given away 110 million doses to 60 countries. This includes 80 million of our own doses. In addition, the USA has either given or pledged $4 billion to COVax.

There is an interesting concept that is heavily debated among us. Although we all agree that we need to do as described above, we are not fully appreciative of what the decrease in incidents of infection actually means if the current rate of hospitalization and death appears to remain stable. Are we vaccinating people with a boost because we feel that ultimately those increases in infection will lead to increases in hospitalization and deaths, or are we concerned that even if vaccinated people get infected and spread the

infection that we are trying to suppress transmission in addition to serious disease. Stay tuned for how this all rolls out.

PRESS: WTOP with JJ Green; Twitter responses with WH Digital team; CBS Radio Los Angeles; CBS Radio NYC; White House twitter with digital team;

August 14, 2021 – Global - USA – 36,300,000/618,600

140,000 cases in the USA today.

We had continued discussions today with Jeff and David Kessler as to how we are going to deal with the activists (Peter Staley et al) in our attempts to cooperate with them in getting doses to the developing world. We need to get them to understand that we are with them and trying to expand the number of doses we give ; However, they need to understand that we have already given more than the entire world combined. So they really need to recognize that we've done a lot at the same time that they work with us to do even more rather than attacking us for not doing enough.

Moderna has not acted in good faith. They have actually put in their patent application and have explicitly said that Barney Graham, John Mascola, and Kizzy Corbett are not inventors of the M RNA 1273 patent. This is absolutely outrageous and I have had conversations with Francis Collins, Larry Tabak, and earlier this evening with Jeff indicating that we have to get a heavy hitting law firm to argue our case. I suggested as did Jeff that we employ the firm of Williams/Connelly to represent us.

We are planning to roll out next week the program of giving a booster shot to everyone starting with those in long term care facilities and the elderly, but ultimately including everyone related to their anniversary date of their last shot. Clearly, we will get both praise and criticism for this.

August 15, 2021 (Sunday) Heat wave throughout the country.

I had a very intensive day with the medical team trying to fashion to coherent message to justify the announcement that we plan to make this week that we will be giving a booster shot to everyone who wants one regardless of age or underlying condition. This has been a very difficult situation since the data for diminution of efficacy regarding hospitalization and death are unclear because of the confounding variables of some studies dominated by delta , some studies dominated by alpha , and some studies with a combination of both. In addition, when we talk about

hospitalizations , it is unclear from several of the studies whether those who were hospitalized were almost exclusively the elderly and /or people with underlying conditions. Jeff is bent on having a coherent sharp message about this when in fact that is very difficult to do given the paucity of data. If we are too precise we will be called out because we cannot back it with data. If we are general, Jeff feels that the public will be confused. I am trying to convince him that it is OK to say that we do not know nor do we have all of the data to make a decision and sometimes you have to make a clinical or public health decision just based on clinical judgment. In this case the judgment is that delta is a very bad virus and even though we don't have firm data yet that younger people are getting seriously ill, we don't want to be late to the game. I used the metaphor of Wayne Gretzky who always said it is important to skate where the puck will be rather than where the puck is. We do not wait until younger people start requiring hospitalizations before we decide that we want to give them a boost. My job in all of this is to give the immunological basis for providing a boost. Bottom line is that the controversy will be not that we need to give a boost, but do we really need to give it to everyone instead of just to the elderly and those who have underlying conditions. One of the most important aspects about all of this is that when you boost someone with a third dose at about six months or so after the original prime boost the level of antibody goes dramatically high and I believe that this would provide durable protection against delta and any other variants that come along. My concern is that the Medical Group will not articulate this concept well enough and I will have to be out there trying to pick up the pieces as is usually the case.

Summary of what has been going on hat I might not have had he time to document. I am more and more astounded by the fact that our society is so dystopic in that untruth and out and out lies seemed to win the day . In addition, I am concerned that even good scientists playing a game of using their longstanding concern with gain of function to call attention to this by what is going on regarding the argument about the origin of the virus. There is no question in my mind based on so many factors including history, molecular makeup with the virus, among others that this virus naturally emerged from an animal reservoir. Yet , people like David Relman and others are not realizing that by their focusing on the gain of function which they believe is what we funded at Wuhan could possibly be the cause of SARS Co V2 when in fact they know that this is molecularly impossible.

I have evolved into something that would have been unimaginable to me just a few years ago. There are some positive aspects to it ; However, for the most part I feel like it is no longer me. I am now probably one of the most recognizable faces in the world. Millions of people idolize me and the far right radical group absolutely hate me. I cannot go out in public to a restaurant or even walk through a crowd since someone immediately recognizes me and wants to take a picture or congratulate me or just say that they said hi to me. This is driving my security group crazy as they are afraid fair among these legions of admirers will be someone who wants to kill me. All of this together with the stress associated with the fact that the president and others in the administration rely heavily on me four major decisions and I have very little staff relatively speaking who could help me.

PRESS: CBS "Face the Nation" with Nancy Cordes

AUGUST 16, 2021

Pediatric hospitalizations surging:

Someone leaked our plan for boosters. The press are texting me all evening. I am not answering.

PRESS:

August 17, 2021

There is a lot going on and a lot of moving parts. We have been working very hard on trying to get a plan and a program out to deliver third boost shots to people who have received the original two dose vaccine regimen for M RNA. This is a complicated issue because it appears that the vaccines in the United states as well as globally particularly in places like Israel and England among others are still holding strong and preventing hospitalization and deaths but there is a dramatic diminution with the delta variant in protection against infection and symptomatic disease. There is an inkling that we are starting to see increase in hospitalizations particularly in Israel in vaccinated people. Jeff together with the White House team has been working on a plan to be implemented starting September the 20th to get a third shot to everyone in a cadence beginning with those who originally had received the vaccine first. These people are fundamentally health care workers, the elderly, and people in long term care facilities and nursing homes. The problem is the data that definitively show that we are seeing an increase in hospitalizations with delta are not there yet. However , as I and

others know from experience , when you are dealing with COVID-19 , particularly the delta variant, you may be behind the curve by a few weeks at the time you realize you were behind the curve. I use the analogy of skating to where the puck will be not where it is now . In this regard, there will be criticisms that we acted too soon particularly since so many people around the world have not yet received any vaccine. This is countered by the fact that the United states is doing more than the rest of the world combined to get vaccine to lower middle income countries. There is an additional complicating issue here in that Jeff is insisting that when we announced this, it looks like it is a done deal and we are definitely going to do this . However, it really does depend on or authorization from the FDA together with recommendation from the CDC via advice from the ACIP. If we come out and definitively say we're going to do it prior to the FDA approval , it looks like we have politically influencing the FDA. I am warning Jeff about this because even though he is trying to do the right thing , we have to be careful that we don't look like we are tipping the scales and overriding the FDA. Janet Woodcock is very concerned about this and I do not blame her.

Another complicating issue is that last night someone leaked our plan to the press and although we are going to make the announcement tomorrow the press is running wild with speculations and partial data right now. I have not answered any press calls because I do not want to get involved invalidating the breaking of a very strict code of silence. Shame on the person or persons who leaked this period now we have to explain things without necessarily giving everybody all the necessary information. In addition , we have faced with the usual problem of the CDC not giving us all the information that we need and even continuing to refer two embargoed MMWR papers to come out. We absolutely need to see those data if we are going to defend our policy.

Email that I sent to Ian Sams:

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 2:02 PM
To: Sams, Ian (HHS/ASPA) < [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Kessler, David (HHS/IOS) < [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Murthy, Vivek (HHS/OASH) < [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E] <collinsf@od.nih.gov>; Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [redacted] @cdc.gov>; Levine, Rachel (HHS/OASH) [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Nunez-Smith, Marcella (OS/ASPR/IO) (CTR) [redacted] @hhs.gov>

Cc: Phillips, Alexandria (HHS/OASH) [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Perry, Sherice (OS/IEA) < [redacted] @hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Latest statement + Tough QA

Thanks, Ian. The following that is in the statement is a very important part of the statement. Please make sure that it does not disappear. "...once FDA conducts an independent evaluation and determination of the safety and effectiveness of a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines and CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issues formal recommendations."

Best,

Tony

I called Janet Woodcock to encourage her to stick by her guns and do the FDA work quickly but by the books. She is even concerned that some FDA whistleblower will tell the press that FDA is being "pressured".

Despite the fact that the leak has made things very complicated , we are putting the finishing touches on our plan for the rollout of the booster statement tomorrow. After that I will brief the president. This should be interesting since he cannot be in a good mood given the total disaster that has gone on with the withdrawal from Afghanistan and the complete takeover by the Taliban.

I had an incredible and stressful evening tonight on the phone multiple times with Jeff and Rochelle and then later with John Mascola. Poor Rochelle! She had been telling all along to Jeff that the acip would go along with what we are doing. Jeff wrote a speech for the president that definitively said what we are doing. Now that the leak has occurred the acip is furious that we have already decided what we want to do without even consulting them. Jeff is being very rigid in getting a very clear crisp message of what the plan is and when Rochelle heard that Natalie had asked her to put together a schedule of how to roll out the plan, she panicked since this would actually pushed the acip over the line that they are being treated as a rubber stamp. I called up Jeff and explained to him that we really need to pull back on the schedule issue . After much discussion in which he got very agitated , but maintained his friendship and respect for me we decided to call up Rochelle and Vivek and have a zoom conversation. He was furious with her because he said that she kept on telling him that she had the acip in total alignment with what we're doing and now all of a sudden the acip is a problem. I

believe that her job is in danger. I spent a lot of time on the phone trying to get Jeff to appreciate that we have got to stay within the process of how recommendations are made and that we can do that at the same time ultimately doing what we feel is right. I finally got him to listen to me and I had him change some wording in the president's speech for tomorrow that would add a degree of flexibility to the fact that we will ultimately get done what we want to do but that we would tip our hat to the recommendations of the acip. **After it was all over and at 10:15 PM Jeff called me up again** to see what my thoughts were. He had changed the POTUS comments to include the caveat that the details are dependent on FDA approval and recommendations from the CDC's advisors. He was considerably calmed down and I went step by step with him and told him that we likely will be able to pull this off and get it right without having the rest of the world think we were railroading the acip which really was not what we wanted to do. He seemed OK with that. At the end of the day, after the BLA, people and physicians will boost whoever they want to boos whenever they want to.

PRESS: PBS South Florida TV; National Association of Black Journalists – Interview of me and Cameron Webb by Dr. Ian Smith (Physician/journalist/author)

August 18, 2021 – Global - 208,500,000/4,400,000; USA – 37,100,000/621,300

Yesterday 180,000 cases. 7 day daily average >100,000

Had a very eventful and stressful day today; however things worked out well with the rollout of the booster plan at the White House press conference. Following that **I briefed the president and VP in the Oval Office** together with Vivek, Jeff, Rochelle, Berchara, and Marcella, and Natalie. Only Vivek and I in person. The president and vice president asked good questions , particularly with regard to the president's concern that this is contingent upon FDA and acip recommendations . He picked up right away on the concern that Jeff had that we needed to do this and make sure that we don't have a stumbling block with the FDA and acip. The one issue that could arise is that the FDA may feel that the risk benefit ratio of boosting young kids 18 years old and there abouts may not be favorable in the context of the risk of myocarditis balanced against the risk of their winding up in the hospital as a result of COVID. The president is having a

bad few days given what is going on in Afghanistan with the Taliban having taken over the country in just a couple of days following withdrawal of USA troops.

As expected the response to the **rollout of the booster plan was very mixed, and quite understandably.** The **CDC messaging all along has been dysfunctional** . I do not think that this is the fault of Rochelle, but just the function of the culture at CDC where they hang on to data without letting anybody know about it until it's ready to be published. We had another instance where Rochelle was very reticent to show any of the medical team what was in the upcoming MMWRs that actually impact greatly the booster roll out because in typical fashion it was "embargoed ". One cannot imagine how ridiculous this is that a public health agency is acting like an academic department in a Medical Center where the most important thing is publishing data as opposed to guiding public health decisions. I take this opportunity now to talk about it , but this has been a chronic problem literally for the decades that I have been the director of NIAID. Of note, **Yasmeen Abutaleb wrote an article this morning in the Washington Post in which she described this exact problem. (see below).**

Getting back do the concept of boosters, it is very clear that it is the right thing to do . However, given the fluid nature of the situation , we had to make some "majestic leaps" by anticipating that something was going to happen such as diminution of vaccine protection and acting on this now even though the data we're not absolutely firm. A lot of people got bent out of shape about this, but they are not responsible for the public health and they could guess and say whatever they want as have many "talking heads" with impunity because if they are right they look great but if they are wrong , which they usually are, then no one really cares because they have no authority or responsibility.

PRESS: NBC "Nightly News" with Lester Holt; CBS "Evening News" with David Begnaud; MSNBC "The Reid Out" with Joy Reid; CNN with Chris Cuomo;

August 19, 2021 – Global USA

Cases recently >200,000/day weekly average >100,000

I just had a **good conversation, my first conversation with New York State Lieutenant governor Kathy Hochul.** Starting on Monday

August 23rd she will be the governor of New York State replacing Andrew Cuomo who resigned affective August 23rd related to the sexual harassment scandal in which he was involved. The conversation with Kathy was very positive and she is very interested in working very closely with me and getting advice from me regarding how New York State should handle the explosive outbreak of the delta variant.

Much press (see below) regarding the announcement yesterday on booster shots.

I received an email late in the evening from Elizabeth Alexander the communications director for the first lady Jill Biden. She wanted me to edit an opinion piece that the first lady was writing for Time magazine . I spent about an hour late at night doing it for her.sorry one second

PRESS: Another hour long TikTok/Instagram session with young "influencers" who amazingly have millions of followers; did 6 Regional TV hits at request of the White House: WSVN Miami with Lynn Martinez; WTVT Tampa with Craig Patrick; WTMJ Milwaukee with Charles benson; DBI Radio with Rene Miller; Univision (National) with Janet Rodriguez; Telemundo (National) Lourdes....; MSNBC with Andrea Mitchell; CNBC "Closing Bell" with Sara Eisen and Wilfred Frost; CNN with Jake Tapper;

August 20, 2021

Cases still increasing:

I had a conversation today with the Minister of Health of Gabon – Dr. Guy Patrick Obiang Ndong. The purpose of the meeting was for me to give him an idea of how we handle COVID in the United states and to answer some of his questions particularly around the area of misinformation and disinformation that has led to vaccine hesitancy which as it turns out is a major problem in southern Africa including his own country. We had a good conversation moderated by Ms. Anne Soy, a journalist from BBC. The MOH did not mention it but I'm sure there is this feeling of concern that we are planning to give out third shot boosts at the same time that Africa has very very little vaccine. I have explained on several of the TV shows and imprint that the USA has already given more doses to LMICs then the entire rest of the world combined (see above). In addition, we plan to give hundreds of millions more and they are also

working with Peter Staley and the activists to provide major increases of doses to the rest of the world (see below).

There is still ongoing controversy among some people regarding whether the idea about giving a boost was justified by the data. I had a good conversation with Paul Offit who fields that we may have jumped the gun. Vincent Racaniello has written in his blog that he does not think that the boosters are justified. They are all waiting to see data regarding an increase in hospitalization as a result of delta and waning immunity. I still believe given the Israel data that boosters in their country are already showing a significant decreases in the number of breakthrough infections that we did the right thing in making our decision. In addition, those who object seemed to forget about the fact that short of hospitalizations a lot of people get seriously ill with symptoms and signs of long COVID that can be very troublesome. The boosters are safe and to put it in plain terms it can help, and it certainly cannot hurt.

August 21, 2021

184,000 cases today!

August 22, 2021 (Sunday) – (no shows for me today – predominantly Vivek Murthy)

Had a zoom call today with Jeff and the medical team planning how we can roll out the booster situation putting all the pieces together with the FDA, the CDC, and the acip. We also heard that FISA will get it's BLA on Monday August 23rd. One of the important parts of the discussion was my relating data that we have received from the Minister of Health of Israel. The data clearly show that hospitalizations for people with two doses of vaccine are going up significantly particularly among the elderly and those with underlying conditions . In addition, they are showing that the efficacy of two doses against infection and symptomatic disease has dramatically diminished, and when you give the third dose boost, this turns it around dramatically and diminishes the breakthrough infections. These data are well ahead of the somewhat disjointed data from the CDC. However what it does do is_that we are correct in asking for boosters essentially for everyone.

In addition, I am going to pursue with calls to Peter Staley and others (Krellenstein and Barr) as well as a follow up call with Jeff ,

David Kessler, and me to plan a more coherent strategy about getting doses led by the United states to the rest of the world. The plan to do this would be to increase dramatically the production capacity of the companies particularly moderna even if we have to deal with Lonza directly since Lonza is a major multilocation company that is producing the vaccine for Moderna. Stay tuned.

In a follow up conversation with Jeff and David Kessler, Jeff was amenable to pursuing the plan of Peter and the activist group ; however, he wanted to make sure that we got the situation with the Moderna booster straight before we started to go to war with Moderna to get them to cooperate with us on the Lonza deal. I believe that Jeff is serious about this and we may in fact go that route once we get the approvals to use moderna as part of the booster plan. In this regard, Tom Frieden call me up tonight urging me to push ahead with the "nuclear option "a forcing moderna to cooperate in expanding capacity for the developing world. Tom feels that moderna or a bunch of used car salesman and he does not trust them at all. He has stated , which is partially true, that they would be nothing without the NIH and the federal government.

In this regard, **Beth Cameron from NSC** wanted me to look over a summit plan for addressing the global issue of COVID. I wrote back to her and emphasized that I feel strongly that the United states should take a PEPFAR-type approach in assuming any leadership role in getting doses to low and middle income countries.

The Israeli data are emerging as extremely important since it is clear , as they are about a month and a half ahead of us and everything, that the vaccine efficacy is diminishing significantly overtime against infection and symptomatic disease. However, unlike the situation here in the USA, the Israelis are starting to see a diminution in protection against hospitalization and death. This is exactly what we have predicted in our decision to move ahead with the booster program. Furthermore, the Israelis are starting to see a very positive effect following giving boosters to over 1,000,000 people in the sense that the number of infections have dramatically diminished in association with the administration of the boosters.

August 23, 2021 – Global USA

BLA granted for Pfizer by the FDA!!

I just did a site visit to the Department of State facility that does the screening for diplomatic pouches and mail. This is the facility that has been screening my mail ever since I had the anthrax scare with the power in one of my letters literally one year ago four days from now. Brett Rowland arrange for me to go there to thank the people in the facility and to encourage them in their work. They were very grateful but I took the time to visit them and there was the usual selfies galore.

Another important issue today was that we were told by Larry Tabak at the state department wanted us to remove any names of people in Afghanistan that we are interacting with through grants or contracts from our public facing databases and websites. The reason for this is that we are concerned that the Taliban will use the websites to identify people in Afghanistan with connections to the United states and would then assassinate them. It is very clear that things are not going well following the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. The Taliban has easily taken over the country and now we are having trouble getting Americans as well as Afghanistan allies such as interpreters out of Kabul safely. It's a very bad time for the Biden administration since they are being severely criticized for not having the right intelligence capability to indicate to them that the Taliban would take over so quickly without allowing time for us to withdraw our own personnel in an orderly fashion. What we did was withdraw the military first thinking that we would have ample time to withdraw diplomats and other personnel safely . Obviously this is not the case and it is still a very tenuous situation in Afghanistan.

PRESS: Podcast 70 Over 70; NPR "All Things Considered" with Mary Louise Kelly; Podcast "A Starting Point" with Mark Kassen and Chris Evans; PBS "NewsHour" with Judy Woodruff; MSNBC "Peacock" with Mehdi Hasan;

August 24, 2021 – Global USA

Cases, hospitalizations and deaths (to a lesser extent) continue to soar.

More conspiracy theory like letters keep coming in from congressmen and senators trying to link us to the origin of COVID-19. This is an amazing and unbelievable waste of our time and has no bearing whatsoever on what we have actually done with that minor, minor $125,000 grant to the Wuhan institute of virology. It is totally mind boggling how they are distorting the truth to try and distract from the reality

of what actually had happened during the Trump administration where he lied and underplayed the outbreak.

Strange but not surprising thing happened as a result of several of the shows that I was on over the last 24 hours. On several of the TV shows I was talking mostly about the favorable aspect of the final approval of the BLA for Pfizer. However, in one of the conversations someone asked when I thought we were to get back to normal. I gave the usual caveats but then went on to say if we get as many people vaccinated as we possibly can as quickly as we possibly can we could diminish the number of cases and if we get through the winter which will be complicated by influenza and other respiratory infections, then I believe we could get back to some form of real normality by the spring of 2022. Much to my surprise I got a call this morning from Jeff clearly upset because the news media had jumped on that and said that Biden has been saying we're going to get out of this soon and Fauci who knows what's going on is saying it's going to be into next year. I am getting a little bit concerned, even though I understand Jeff's concern about the distortion of a message for a political purpose, that we may be tailoring a message that is not totally aligned with the truth. In fact, I believe we would be very lucky if we're back to normal by the spring of 2022. I told Jeff that from now on when asked to predict I will just say we don't know. This might actually not go over very well with the press anyway, but that is what I will say. Of note shortly after my call with Jeff, Courtney Rowe called me up in a much more conciliatory manner saying she understands how these things get taken out of context and said that she heard it a lot more the way I meant it; however, we really need to be careful that people would be distorting our message. I agree with her.

PRESS: CBS "This Morning" with Gayle King; NBC "Today"; MSNBC "Morning Joe"; Telemundo TV Hoy Dia with Adamari Lopez;

August 25, 2021 – Global USA

Cases continue > 120,000/day

Had an extremely interesting Zoom meeting yesterday with the Israeli Minister of Health and several Israeli scientists. The Israelis have always been about a month or so ahead of the USA temporarily with regard to the dynamics of the outbreak, the percentage of population vaccinated, and their recent decision to provide booster shots as third doses

first to their elderly and then to progressively younger people. On the zoom call that Danny Douek and Bob Seder helped organize since Danny spent a year sabbatical in Israel, it became clear that's what we suspected was actually true. On the call for the Israelis were: Nachman Ash, Minister of Health of Israel; Sharon Alroy-Preis – Director of Public Health Services for Israel; Ran Achitov – Senior Advisor to the Israel Prime Minister Naftali Bennett; Ron Milo – Weizmann Institute; Boaz Lev. The Israelis were seeing a gradual waning of protection of the Pfizer vaccine over a few months to the point of protection against infection and mild disease was dramatically diminished after several months. Importantly, they found that the protection against severe disease leading to hospitalization also significantly decreased. This latter point is extremely important because the data from the USA cohorts was suggesting that But did not definitively show it. In addition, they gave booster shots to about 1.6 million people and have shown that the booster shots dramatically reconstitute the protection against infection. clinical disease and hospitalization. Furthermore, they found a decrease in the Ro strongly suggesting that the booster also diminished transmission. These findings completely validate I would decision to begin giving boosters here in the United States. I briefed Jeff on this last night and we will arrange an additional call with the Israelis including John Mascola, David Kessler, and others involved in our program.

PRESS:

The Times of Israel:

August 26, 2021 - Global – 213,400,000/4,460,000; USA – 38,300,000/631,400

Cases still soaring

The people in the White House medical team are all excited now about **the Israeli data,** and they want me to arrange for resume between members of our White House team and our Israeli colleagues. I would be happy to do this since I want them to appreciate the extraordinary data that the Israelis have.

August 27, 2021 – Global – 214,500,000/4,470,000; USA – 38,500,000/632,800

Just as a follow up over the last days to weeks - I continue to **get attacked viciously** by the far right social media including FOX News. they

are still dancing around the inappropriate conflating of gain of function research (See Willmann article above) and the origin of the virus. I am starting to get so annoyed by this that for the first time ever I'm seriously discussing with Christine the timeline not my stepping down from this ridiculously thankless situation that I'm in . I say that still knowing that it is very unlikely that I will do that.

POTUS slight mis-speak – Interesting situation arose today. We were in our pre brief for the White House presser that would take place in 1/2 an hour. In the middle of the pre brief , president Biden called me up on my cell phone. He said he was in with the Prime Minister of Israel and the Prime Minister was telling him that Israel will be giving their booster shot at five months. The president wanted to know what we were doing about that and were we following the lead of Israel. I told him that we were sticking with eight months but since the ultimate decision will be with the acip that they would likely give us the possibility of a range from six to nine months and so depending on the data, we would have the option of giving it earlier . However, for now we were sticking with eight months beginning on September the 20th. Very shortly after I said that the president got up and said that we might start boosting earlier perhaps at five months because the Israelis are doing that and he spoke to me about it. As one might imagine this created a flurry among the press and White House comms . The good news is that everybody in White House comms knew exactly what I said to the President and so it was just one of those things that the President will say what the president will say (see below).

And has been wanting to get more closely involved in the data flow and information flow . In this regard, he has asked me to see if I could get him more involved in the various meetings that we have among the White House medical team . I have arranged that and we will have him join the weekly meeting that Vivek organizers among the White House docs. In addition I have arranged for him to visit NIH and sit down for a roundtable chat mostly but the people from the VRC. We did that today and it was interesting as usual since Eric is a very smart guy.

PRESS: TV and Radio for local stations: Black Information Network (Radio); Rolling Out (TV); The Root (Radio); Instagram Live with Geoff Edgers (Washington Post);

August 28, 2021 (Saturday) –

Zoom meetings with Jeff - There is concern about sticking with the eight month projection for the beginning of boosting. Jeff is adamant not to waver on the 8 month projection even though it is clear from the data in Israel as well as from the general knowledge that in Israel there is waning of protection as early as five months. I will be on all the Sunday shows tomorrow and I will have to walk a tightrope to stick with eight months on the one hand and leave the flexibility for earlier than eight months on the other.

The intelligence community report on the origins came out and in some respects it was good news in that they felt fairly confident that it was not a bioweapon nor that it was bioengineered. They still left open the possibility that it could be a lab leak ; However, more elements of the intelligence community felt that it was a natural occurrence compared to the single component (FBI) who seemed to feel strongly that it was a lab leak , although this is based on no data at all. The reaction to the report was rather typical with Bob Garry saying that he was pleased that it ruled out bio engineering and David Relman making the incredible statement in a Nature news article that he would like to see all of the records of the NIH in their dealing with Chinese scientists. Truly amazing! There is no doubt that he has an agenda here and that is unfortunate.

August 29, 2021 (Sunday) –

Cases continue to surge with increases in hospitalizations as well as deaths. The cases have been between 100,000 and 150,000 for several days in a row now.

Thus far the piece by David Willman has not received much attention. It has only appeared online and I expected it to be on the front page of the Sunday Washington Post and in fact it was not there it is possible that the situation in Afghanistan as well as the horror of the upcoming hurricane Ida has pushed this out of the news.

I will have to navigate all of the difficult questions today since the White House is putting me out on all the Sunday shows.

The boosts that the Israelis are giving or having a profoundly positive effect on deminishing the number of cases that are severe . See below:

PRESS: CNN "State of the Union" with Jake Tapper; ABC "This Week" with Martha Raddatz; NBC "Meet the Press" with Chuck Todd;

August 30, 2021

>150,000 cases today

Did podcast with American Muslim Health Professionals

Jeff continues to be frustrated with Rochelle. she does not seem to have the control over her agency that Jeff would like to have her execute. He is frustrated that she doesn't tell anybody what's coming out in MMWR as if it were a private journal as opposed to what it really is - the journal of the CDC. In addition, Jeff is very concerned that she is out of touch with what goes on in the acip and in other various components that interact with the CDC. The other night I had to talk him down from feeling like he had to let her go. I continue to have faith in her and that she is a very good person but she is dealing with a rigid and secretive organization that has been that way decades before she arrived.

PRESS: Sinclair TV; TikTok with influencers including Grammy Award-winner (4X) Jason Isbell;

August 31, 2021 - Global -216,900,000/4,500,000; USA – 39,100,000/637,400

Trouble at the FDA. Today it was announced that Marion Gruber and Phil Krause will leave CBER at the FDA. The reason being given is that they are upset that decisions have been made by acip and by the White House that should have been made first at the level of the FDA. This has been superimposed upon the fact that the administration is having a hard time making a decision about who the next FDA commissioner will be. There is pushback from some senators particularly Joe Manchin (D-WV) against Janet Woodcock even though she should be the top candidate. The loss of Marion and Phil is a big blow to the FDA.

More drama with the FDA CDC relationship. Another late night call from Larry Horowitz telling me that the CDC with Rochelle want the ACIP to discuss publicly data that might confuse the issue since the FDA has confidential data that might change the direction of the discussion. Somehow or other the CDC does not fully appreciate that traditionally their ACIP working group was allowed to discuss in private data related to a

particular study, but they would not publicly discuss it until the FDA weighed in on it. As it currently is rolling out, Rochelle seems somehow influenced perhaps by Amanda Fine who is a CDC employee but who is the executive secretary of the ACIP. They want to publicly discuss data before the FDA weighs in with data that they have that is confidential. Bottom line is that if the ACIP publicly discusses incomplete data, when the FDA weighs in with the confidential data it would cause a lot of confusion. This is driving Jeff crazy and again he is on the verge of firing Rochelle. Again, Jeff is asking me to help solve the problem by speaking to Rochelle and explaining to her why it is so important to do things in the traditional format of giving the FDA the chance to make decisions about data before the ACIP ways in with recommendations concerning those data to the CDC. I called up Peter Marks last night and Peter feels that the CDC and the ACIP are breaking tradition here and Peter feels strongly that it is OK for the working groups acip to discuss data so long as they do not do so publicly before the FDA opines from a regulatory standpoint.

PRESS:

September 1, 2021 Global – 217,600,000/4,500,000; USA – 39,300,000/638,700

I spoke to Rochelle this AM. I tried to explain to her the dilemma that we are in with this disagreement between CDC /ACIP and the FDA where Jeff agrees that the acip should not opine before the FDA rules. Clearly, Jeff is expecting me to be the arbitrator here and fix this. Jeff is very concerned that the acip will come out with recommendations contrary to what we had already planned and what the FDA will allow and that this will make it look like we are "the gang that could not shoot straight ". Rochelle feels that we are all going to be in the same place anyway but Jeff is concerned to the contrary. Jeff asked me to broker a meeting between senior CDC and senior FDA officials to see if we can settle this dispute regarding the role of acip.

PRESS: CNN "The Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer

September 2, 2021 – Global - USA -

Weekly average 149,000 cases/day Important reflection about "controlling the message" - I thought I would make this comment now since it is something that has been ongoing for some time. It relates to the fact that this administration particularly in the form of Jeff does not at all

want to interfere with the science or dictate what the science should be saying. This is completely different from the interference with science and the actual contradiction of science that was so rampant during the Trump administration. However, in the situation where we came out with the statements that we should begin boosters on the week of the 20th of September and at 8 months from the time individuals finish their original immunization regimen, it is clear that the timing was not totally science driven . It was logistically driven. In other words, we found out in late July that it was clear based on the hint of what we were seeing here in the United States and what the Israelis were seeing that we would need to boost. From a logistics standpoint we could not begin to do that until September which would put it eight months following the time that the first people got their vaccination in January. And so the eight month timeframe was not based on any biological or clinical science. It was based purely on logistics. And yet whenever we have a discussion Jeff insists that we stay with eight months because the science dictates that it is 8 months. That is just not true. It very well may be and in fact it looks like it should be earlier, such as six months. The reason Jeff did not want to change or veer away from 8 months is that he did not want it to seem that we were saying one thing on one day, and a week or so later we would change it, for example changing from eight months to six months. I consider this a fixation on messaging which is really unnecessary. I would have said we chose eight months because it was already eight months from the time that people got their first vaccination. Jeff was afraid that we would get criticized that we should have been doing it earlier if we switch from eight to six months. I would have said what the truth was that we picked eight months at first because that was the logistic reason and as soon as we found out that it was better to do it at six months we would then change to six months. It is the truth and there's nothing wrong with that.

Important principals meeting today in the SCIF. the meeting was led by Jake Sullivan of NSC . The subject matter was how the United states could take a leadership role in the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the question arose about how we can get foreign countries including China and India to participate in the process of getting doses to low and middle-income countries. A number of the principals weighed in including Samantha Powers, Tony Blinken, and others. Although I have a keen interest in this concept and I have been discussing it

in detail with Jeff and with Peter Staley and David Kessler, I did not preemptively make any comments since they did not ask me to. However, in the future I will give my opinion as how we can best accomplish this goal.

Sept. 3, 2021 – Global USA

Continued tension between CDC /Rochelle and Jeff concerning the rollout of the booster program. The consistent problem is the concern that Jeff has that the ACIP might come out with significant variance from what we had planned. Jeff does not want to control the science , but he clearly wants to make sure that we do not have a garbled message. Going back over this in time, Jeff wanted to get out a crisp message of what we will do with boosters because he felt that if we did not, the country would say that we were behind the curve and that we allowed people to die without getting boosted. For that reason we put out the statement that we have a plan to boost. Now among some it appears that the White House and the medical team haver gotten ahead of the science and the usual process , which actually is not the case.

The National Geographic documentary "FAUCI" came out yesterday at Telluride Film Festival. I am understandably concerned that the radical right and others who hate me will consider the film self-aggrandizing. However, it is very clear that I did not solicit this film. it started off as a film about HIV driven by Janet Tobias. At the onset Glenda Gray and I were featured people in the film centered around HIV vaccines. When the producers that Janet met with saw some of the filmed material they felt that it would be better to do a film about me focusing on the concept of "The Public Servant". When National Geographic took over, they made it a very polished documentary which was not at all a hero worship of me but was a realistic portrayal of the stress and strain and ups and downs of what I have been through with multiple outbreaks, particularly HIV and COVID. Having said that the film will likely be praised by many but also used by some to continue to attack me. Such as life.

Participated in "The European House" Ambrosetti Conference in Lake Como (virtually) with panelists Kai-fu Lee, Stephane Bancel and moderated by Mariya Gabriel

Difficulties setting in with the booster rollout. As I suspected it is not going to be a smooth rollout of all three companies being able to provide

boosters by September the 20th. One of the key obstacles has been Moderna who is insisting on making their booster dose 50 micrograms. Given the fact that everything else has been done with 100 micrograms this will cause a delay by at least a few weeks for the rollout of the Moderna product. Therefore, this will lead to a disjointed program. Jeff is not happy, but it is what it is.

PRESS: Podcast with Andy Slavitt; Canadian Broadcast TV; MSNBC with Chris Hayes

September 4, 2021 – Global - USA – 39,800,000/644,800

Still a fair amount of confusion and concern about the rollout of the booster program. David Kessler comes down hard on the fact that the ACIP cannot be out of sync with the FDA. If the FDA says that boosters are OK for people 18 and older, David feels it is not appropriate for the ACIP to restrict it to 65 years of age and older. Obviously, Jeff is upset by what has gone on since this is what he has tried to avoid.

September 5, 2021- Global USA

Very nice thing happened tonight. Jeff called me by phone just to thank me for everything that I am doing. He read the transcripts of my appearances on the Sunday shows and wanted to tell me how grateful he was for the fact that I've been doing this for such a long time, much longer than any of the others , and he thought that it would be important for me to know that everybody appreciates what I'm doing.

PRESS: CBS "Face the Nation"; CNN with Jim Acosta

September 6, 2021 - Global USA

Jeff brought over my house this evening the POTUS speech for Wednesday to have me check for any issues or inaccuracies. I made a few edits, but nothing substantial.

September 7, 2021 – Global USA

Cases averaging >150,000/day.

Going back and forth with FDA (Peter Marks) about whether there will be enough safety data on young people to justify boosters for everyone. Peter is aligned with me. I feel that if the safety data holds we should definitely give boosts to everyone at every age. I do not believe that

you have to show a diminution in protection against hospitalization in order to trigger a booster. No way in a clinical trial would you require hospitalization to be a primary endpoint. We need to prevent symptomatic disease in everyone as well as preventing the spread of infection. That is why we need a booster for everyone . I have said it before , and I will say it now that I feel the proper regimen for COVID-19 vaccinations should be a prime followed in four weeks by a boost followed and five to seven months buy a third shot boost.

PRESS: CNN "New Day" with Jim Sciutto; NPR "Morning Edition" with Rachel Martin; La Stampa (Italian TV); New York Times Podcast with Apoorva Mandavilli

September 8, 2021

I had an interesting visit today in the Oval Office with President Biden. I was there to brief him about the mu variant as well as to go over his six-point speech that he is going to be delivering tomorrow. Clearly, President Biden is troubled by getting the right message to the American people. He is concerned that people would be under the impression that we will never get out of the oppression of this pandemic. And so, he struggled with the words in his upcoming speech which I had the opportunity over the last few days to help edit. He was struggling with the issue of how we can say that the unvaccinated people or an impediment to where we want to go without discouraging the vaccinated people from feeling that even though they are vaccinated they are powerless to be able to lead a normal existence so long as the unvaccinated people are continuing to propagate the spread of the virus. I suggested to him that instead of saying that the 25% of the population that are unvaccinated are hindering the 75% of the population that are vaccinated , he should focus on the fact that the unvaccinated people are not harming the vaccinated people physically but they are preventing us from returning to a normal life which at the end of the day is a negative issue for the 75% of the population who are vaccinated. It is a complicated message, and he is struggling with it . I am convinced that he is an extremely sincere and good person who wants to do the right thing.

September 9, 2021 – Global – 222,400,000/4,600,000; USA – 40,500,000/652,500

>160,000 infections today

President gave his national speech today on the 6th part plan to combat the delta variant. As mentioned above I played a role and editing his speech and in discussing yet with the president himself yesterday as well as with Jeff and the White House team.

PRESS: Podcast with David Rubenstein; Fireside chat with The Boston Globe; NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt; PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff; CNN "AC360" with Anderson Cooper;

Sept. 10, 2021

PRESS: NBC News Now (Online TV) with Savannah Sellers; Regional TV -Raleigh-Durham (Jonah Kaplan); St. Louis (Cory Stark); Little Rock, AR (Mitch McCoy); "The Skimm (Alex Carr); Politica Ya Unvision (TSi-Tsi-Ki Felix); Telemondo (Julio Vaquiero)

Great review of the documentary "FAUCI":

Sept. 11, 2021

Increases in cases starting to taper. Still 150,000-ish, but hospitalizations and deaths decreasing slightly from prior week

20th anniversary of 9/11 - Multiple memorials occurring in New York , Pennsylvania , and at the Pentagon. Starting with the president's announcement of the six point plan yesterday, there has been the expected pushback and objection from Republican congressmen and senators.

In addition, There **appeared yesterday in the publication "Intercept"** a story about the typical gain of function issue regarding NIAID granting and the Wuhan lab. It resulted from the publication through FOIA of a progress report from the laboratory. It alluded to the possibility of gain of function . This created and expected firestorm of tweets that I had lied to the Congress and that gain of function actually took place and I covered it up. This has gained some momentum in the fringe press but nothing at all from the standard press.

Sept. 13, 2021 – Global USA

An article appeared today in The Lancet written by Phil Krause, Marion Gruber (FDA) and people from WHO. It was a bit of a revolt on the part of the FDA and WHO who wrote in the article that they do not believe there is enough scientific evidence to do boosters . This is clearly sour grapes on the part of the FDA who feel that they are being pressured to

approve boosters. However, if they look at the data from the CDC as well as from Israel it will be very clear that boosters are needed and greatly enhanced the waning response from the original vaccine. Janet Woodcock is very upset that the FDA people did this without clearing the article through the usual channels. There seems to be a couple of camps forming now with one feeling they should not be boosters , mostly because the developing world does not have easy access to vaccines. I have been stressing that it is possible to do both , namely, you can provide boosts for your own citizens at the same time as providing doses of vaccine to low and middle income countries. In this regard the USA is making major contributions to getting doses to the developing world. This includes already distributing 130 million doses to 90 countries and providing 500 million doses between now and the first half of 2022. In addition we have given $4 billion to CoVAX. Furthermore, I am working with Jeff and the White House to plan a PEPFAR-like program to get doses to the developing world **PRESS: Taped "The Daily Show" with Trevor Noah – to air tomorrow; Newsy TV Interview;**

Sept. 14, 2021

Moderna presented to us (Medical Team + other interested parties) their data on the open label study involving the crossover from their phase three trial. Consistent with the data from Pfizer they see a waning of immunity particularly in association with the delta variant. This is another bit of data to argue for the booster program that we will soon roll out during the week of September the 20th.

Had a very heated and intense Zoom discussion this evening with the medical team as well as people from CDC, FDA, and HHS - Key players among many were: Peter Marks, Janet Woodcock, Rochelle Walensky, Amanda Fine (CDC), Stephen Cha, David Kessler, Vivek Murthy, Leslie Dach, et al. The subject matter of the intense discussion was trying to align the FDA with the CDC in the interpretation of data from Israel regarding the safety and efficacy of a third shot booster dose. It is clear from the Israel data that there is waning immunity across all of the age groups not only for infection protection but also for protection against severe disease. The sticking point is that if the FDA pushes for approval of the third booster shot for all ages there is the question of a lack of a lot of data for safety among young individuals particularly in the context of

myocarditis. The CDC , particularly in the person of Amanda Fine, was very concerned that the ACIP would balk at recommending for younger individuals the third dose because there was not enough safety data. As we all know Jeff is very much intense on getting this approval through. I would imagine that he would be OK with the approval now of doses down to around 30 or 40 years old with the stipulation that as soon as safety data comes in for younger people, we could approve that for all ages. We will continue the discussions over the next 24 to 36 hours. What was supposed to be 1/2 an hour meeting tonight turned out to be a 2 1/2 hour meeting. This subject is being intensely discussed throughout the community and into the media. The people who were involved in the Lancet article discussed above we're actually shooting from the hip without knowing anything about the Israeli data. It will become clear that they were completely off base as soon as the Israeli data becomes known to everyone. After the phone call I spoke to Jeff and explain what happened at the meeting. He seemed OK so long as we don't stall on the approval.

PRESS: MSNBC – "Morning Joe"; ABC GMA Instagram with Tony Morrison; CNN "The Lead" with Jake Tapper; MSNBC – "All In" with Chris Hayes

Sept. 15, 2021 – Global – 225,700,000/4,600,000; USA – 41,400,000/662,600

Confusion and controversy continues. There is a lot of discussion in the media about whether or not there's enough data to make a determination about giving boosters and at what age level to give them. The medical team feels pretty much in agreement that the FDA should approve boosters down to about 30 to 40 year olds and go the rest of the way down to 18 years old after we get more safety data regarding myocarditis in the younger group. The media are having a ball in talking about imagined conflicts and disagreements between the FDA and the CDC. I keep insisting that I feel that a third shot boost should be part of the standard vaccine regimen and that a boost is not just the luxury but an integral part of the regiment. That is why I reject the concept that if protection against hospitalizations remains stable but infection rate is not protected by the vaccine that everything is OK. I believe that infection with mild to moderate disease is something that we should do whatever we can to prevent not only because it disrupts individuals and society but because of the problem of

long COVID. The talking head docs on the outside all have their own opinion, many of whom have not seen the data that we have seen. The FDA's VRPAC will meet on Friday Sept. 17 and then all will be settled

PRESS: Radio One Atlanta 107.9 FM – Beyonce Alowishus; Univision Radio "Santo Remedio" – Monse Medina; El Show de Erazno y Chokolata

Sept. 16, 2021 –

Today – 155,000 cases

Had my every couple of weeks Zoom call with Chris Whitty (UK). Oatrick Vallance is usually on the calls, but was not on today. We discussed a number of items including the tension around booster shots that I have described above. The UK has decided that they will give boosters to everyone 50 years of age and older as well as to their health care providers and immunocompromised. They are going to wait and observe before they go any younger than 50 years of age also they will very unlikely be vaccinating children younger than 12 years old. This is in contrast to our plans to complete the clinical trials and vaccinate two as young as six months old . It is likely that we will have enough data to vaccinate children from 11 years old to five years old by the middle to end of October into early November.

PRESS: Daily Telegraph – Nick Allen -print; Instagram with Jessica Waller; YouTube with Roland Martin "Unfiltered"; WTOP Radio with Mike Murillo

KLN (Kaiser Health News):

Sept. 17, 2021

Very important decisions made today at VRPAC meeting. They voted unanimously to approve booster shots for people 65 years of age and older as well as those with underlying medical conditions that put them at risk for severe disease as well as those with occupations that put them at risk for infection. This is going to be a very difficult communications challenge. We just got off a phone call with the medical team following the announcement of this decision by VRPAC. And it is clear that if you keep all these people in the loop even though it looks like it's very restrictive you're gonna have about 80% of the population that are eligible to be vaccinated will be getting that third boost. More later.

PRESS: Univision TV "Despierta America"; MSNBC with Craig Melvin; White House Press conference;

Sept. 19, 2021

Was on three Sunday shows today talking about the FDA decision (see below). As expected all of the questions related to what was perceived as confusion between what the Medical Group and the president said versus what the actual outcome of the meeting of the VRPAC was. I explained in all of the shows that we had always said that what we were talking about and what the president was talking about was a plan to be able to roll out boosters starting the week of September the 20th. We would be prepared to do it for everyone who is eligible. The fact that the recommendation from VRPAC only included people over 65 years old and those from 18 to 64 who either had an underlying condition that would give them a higher likelihood of severe outcome or individuals who because of their institutional or occupational status puts them at an increased risk of infection . As mentioned above this constitutes about 80% of the population . I emphasized in my interviews that this was not the end of the story and that over the next several weeks two months we might see an expansion of the recommendation. Jake Tapper did ask me weather I had received a booster always planning to receive a booster. Since I did not want to give away my medical history I was very vague in my answer saying only that I definitely will receive a booster but he equivocated about whether or not I had received a booster.

Although I was discreet and politic in the interviews, I still believe that the VRPAC got it wrong since they do not understand that the end game is not just to prevent hospitalizations. However, I will not push this , but I will let it play out.

Israel data keep coming in:

PRESS: NBC "Meet the Press" with Chuck Todd; ABC "This Week" with Martha Raddatz; CNN "SOTU" with Jake Tapper.

Sept. 20, 2021 –

Over 2000 COVID deaths in USA yesterday

I have to mention I had an extremely enjoyable interview with Bryant Gumbel (see below). I had not previously met him and I did not realize what an incredibly nice person he is. Just saying.

Important day in the relaxation of prohibition on traveling to the United State. It was just announced that travelers from any foreign country can come to the United states provided they show proof of vaccination and are tested within 3 days before getting on the plane coming to the United states and submit themselves to contact tracing if necessary. This news was widely welcomed by countries such as the UK and others in the European Union.

Had another important and somewhat contentious meeting with the medical team tonight. We were discussing the importance of having the ACIP be aligned with what the decision of the FDA was from last week. Rochelle indicated that she believed that the ACIP would be aligned with the FDA. However , in a friendly but firm manner, I challenged her and asked her what she herself would want to do and not to rely on being driven by the acip. The discussion went on until 10:45 PM. Jeff was again frustrated by the fact that he wanted Rochelle to lead the acip and not to be blindly led by the acip. He felt this way because he wanted to have an organized non confusing response to all of this. We all felt that we were in line until the meeting was over and Leslie Dach sent an email to Vivek and David indicating that Peter Marks from FDA just heard that the CDC and acip we're not going to accept the recommendation of FDA about providing boosters for those who's occupational or institutional status put them at an increased risk of infection. Peter got so frustrated that he said he will pull back that recommendation so that we don't get into a fight with the CDC. e-mails below:

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:40 PM
To: Murthy, Vivek (HHS/OASH) < [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Kessler, David (HHS/IOS)
[redacted] @hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: READ THIS

Definitely! This was exactly the point that I was worried about when I started off the conversation tonight saying that I was disappointed with what VRPAC arrived at and that I would be even more disappointed if the ACIP restricted that even more. My fears are realized. It looks like Peter is pulling back on the occupational and institutional exposure part in order to not be in conflict with what he projects the ACIP will do. We should definitely discuss this.

See e I believe this is a major mistake. See tomorrow's events below.

PRESS: NPR radio "Morning Edition" with Rachel Martin; BBC World News TV with Lucy Hockings; HBO with Bryant Gumbel; BBC Radio 4; NBC Universal Online "Top Story" with Tom Llamas; CNN "The Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer

Sept. 21, 2021 – Global – 228,800,000/4,700,000; USA – 42,200,000/675,100

Discussions continue to go on trying to align the FDA and CDC. Concern is mostly centered around the risk of myocarditis in younger individuals . We finally got the FDA agreed to agree that their recommendation or authorization would be four people greater than 65 and then 18 to 64 for people at risk for severe disease due to underlying conditions and 18 to 64 for people at occupational or institutional risk with the statement that 18 to 30 would be a permissive recommendation meaning that they should consult their physician. This is something that the CDC Advisory Board (ACIP) could probably live with . However, we shall see what happens tomorrow and in subsequent days.

Jeff has been on the phone with me multiple times per day asking me to continue to mentor Rochelle such that the CDC /ACIP does not veer too far off the FDA recommendations and our ultimate intent. She is really very good and I love her but she just does not have enough experience to steer CDC and the direction that we all feel let you go.

I must make a point that over the last few weeks more intensively over the last few days I have been **stressed beyond the limit** particularly compounded by the dark web far right maniacs continuing to attack me in the area of gain of function research, accusations of lying to the Congress under oath, and a variety of other conspiratorial accusations.

Tonight I went to a reception at the temporary home of the British ambassador to the United states on 2934 Edgevale terracet, northwest. it was an honor of Prime Minister Boris Johnson of the UK and foreign minister Elizabeth Truss. It was a great reception and I got the opportunity to chat with the Prime Minister who clearly knew who I was and was very complimentary to the way I would have been leading the COVID-19 response effort in the United states we chatted for a bit and I told him how pleased I was with the relationship that we had developed with his medical

people Chris Whitty and Patrick Vallance with whom I have a zoom call about every two to three weeks.

The next couple of days I'm going to be interesting to see how the situation rolls out with the booster plan

Sept. 22, 2021

We continue to have 2000 deaths per day !!!

Nice op Ed in the Post today. Written by Jeff and Tony Blinken announcing that the USA will donate an additional 500 million doses a vaccine (Pfizer) to the developing world superimposed up on the 160 million those says they have already given 290 countries and the 500 million doses that they will be distributing. The ultimate total will be about 1.5 billion doses with more to come.

Wonderful e-mail from King Holmes. See below:

Everyone is tense about how things are going to turn out between the FDA authorization and the CDC recommendation. Jeff is very concerned and wants me to keep "mentoring Rochelle about the fact that she needs to show leadership and letting the ACIP know how she feels about what the recommendation should be. She seems reluctant to give any indication to them what you think should be done , thus leaving it totally up to them, where by she blindly follows their recommendation . This is driving Jeff, Larry Horowitz, and Leslie Dach completely crazy with frustration. They feel that she is showing no leadership qualities at all. I feel for her because I think she wants to do the right thing but he's very inexperienced in this role.

The FDA came out with a decision that is inexplicable. Checkout 3rd bullet that is no different from the 2nd bullet:

Now we have a serious problem of how the CDC is going to interpret this regulatory approval . Clearly there is strife within the FDA which lead to this completely confusing authorization. Rochelle has her own problems with the acip who are not going to want to recommend anything for people less than 30 or 40 years old. What a mess. Let us see if in the long run we can make some lemonade out of these lemons.

PRESS: CBS Major Garrett "The Takeout"; Washington Post 202 Blog with Jackie Alemay

September 23, 2021

Highly eventful day!!! Today was the day that the acip would make their recommendation to the CDC regarding the use of boosters. Inexplicably, they voted to allow boosters for people 65 years of age or older, which is fine, as well as those from 18 to 64 with underlying conditions leading to severe disease, which is fine . However, they rejected the proposal to give boosters to people who by occupational or institutional exposure would find themselves at high risk for infection. There was absolutely no reason at all to do this since that would mean that a 25 year old person who was obese would get a booster, but a 55 year old school teacher or a 55 year old intensive care nurse could not get a boost. The rationale for the acip was completely discombobulated. It had nothing to do with safety since they were talking about policy that was unrelated to the scientific issues at hand . They got distracted and began talking about what they were going to do with people who had Moderna as their primary regimen or J&J as their primary regimen, avoiding the fundamental scientific and public health question at hand. When I heard this we began a series of phone calls, multiple phone calls, among me, Leslie Dach, Jeff, and Vivek – all outrages by the recommendation. I texted Rochelle and I begged her to call me in order that I could explain to her how this would be a fatal mistake if she took the recommendation of the acip since none of us would be able to defend this. It was a very dramatic situation where she was in with the secretary and I was texting her late in the evening to please call me so that I can tell her what I feel she must do. Jeff and Courtney Rowe and Ian Sams were suggesting that I call up the secretary and give him my opinion. Things were getting very dicey since the hours were going by and no decision was made. I finally got a chance to speak with Rochelle and literally begged her to override that decision which was only a 9 to 6 decision and not an overwhelming unanimous recommendation. The tweets that were coming in when they heard of the recommendation of the acip were absolutely overwhelmingly against that decision. Yet Rochelle still felt she could not go against her committee. I pleaded with her over the phone telling her that I would absolutely strongly defend her publicly if she made allowance for teachers and healthcare workers to get vaccinated even though they were healthy. Again, she seemed hesitant to overrule them. Jeff called me multiple times asking me to call the secretary myself. I felt that I could not do this since it would be totally destroying Rochelle if I did that. I explained to

Rochelle that if she does not do that she would be forever branded as someone with no leadership capabilities at all and if she did overrule them she could turn lemons into lemonade because she could reclaim her role as a leader since her reputation is one of unfortunately being a very weak leader. I am dictating this at 10:00 PM on September the 23rd and she still has not made her decision. I told her that I would be available all evening and the rest of the night if she wanted to talk. The whole team in the department and the White House is counting on my influence on her to get her to do the right thing here. I cannot understand why she is so reluctant to go against a 9 to 6 recommendation when the recommendation is so blatantly incorrect.

Good thing happened tonight - I received the 2021 Bill Foege Award for Global health together with Carlos Del Rio and Kati Kariko. This was followed by a very enjoyable fireside chat with Bill. He is one of the true icons in public health and it was an honor to be talking to him

PRESS: ABC ONLINE Town Hall with Jennifer Ashston; Irish Radio RTE "This Week";

Sept. 24, 2021

Alas! Rochelle listened to me. She overruled the recommendation of the ACIP. She actually called me last night at 11:25 PM and then a couple of minutes later to tell me that she had taken my advice and overruled their rejection of the third bullet. Unfortunately David Awwad had put a "do not disturb" between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM on my cell phone and I missed her call. I then texted her add 5 30 AM telling her that I was sorry that I missed her call. She texted me right back and we spoke by phone at around 5:40. I congratulated her on what she had done and told her that she has now shown clear leadership as the director of CDC. Her recommendations are indicated below "

CDC recommends:

PRESS: Breitbart: Fauci Defends NIH Funding Wuhan Lab: 'Only Regret' Is That It's Caused 'Such a Degree of Distraction' – This was an interview that I gave to Major Garrett on his podcast.

Sept. 25, 2021 - Global - USA – 42,800,000/684,900

I had a wonderful evening this evening. Joan Baez and her son Gabe who were supposed to go to New York City with Gabe's daughter Jasmine who wanted to go to a concert in Queens, NY. In addition, Joan

was supposed to meet with officer Mike Fanone. For some strange reason officer Fanone just dropped out of sight and did not meet with her. He's the officer who was brutalized during the attack on the capitol on January the 6th, 2021. Really rather stange. And so, Joan and Gabe were stuck in Washington and planning to fly back to California tomorrow. Since they had nothing to do she took a chance and called me up to see if I was free. I was, and we had Joan and Gabe over the house for a pasta dinner. Gabe was constantly on the phone with his daughter in Queens who was totally excited at the concert and kept calling him. It was totally delightful as Joan is such an extraordinary person. We had a wonderful time.

Sept. 27, 2021 – Global USA

Things turning around with all parameters starting to come down even though things are still bad:

There is now considerable confusion about exactly who should get the boost. We know what the general categories are; however, when people ask exactly who within these categories should get vaccinated there is lack of clarity. For example, when you say people with underlying conditions, exactly what are those underlying conditions. It is found somewhere on the CDC website, but it is very difficult to find and it does not very succinctly tell you what these conditions are. For example, of the underlying conditions we always talk about the fact that obesity is very importan in that regard . Yet, when you search for it, obesity is not in those areas that are easily accessible.

PRESS: CNN "The Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer

Sept. 28, 2021

Yesterday was an important day during one of the zoom calls with the "TV doctors ", i.e. people who are practicing physicians and public health people who regularly appear on TV shows. I made it very clear that I was very much in favor of providing booster shots for virtually everyone who is eligible for a vaccination. I said to the group of perhaps 50 people , mostly doctors, that the idea that only thing that you have to worry about with vaccines is keeping people out of the hospital is a false narrative since there are many people who do not require hospitalization who suffer greatly from getting infected with the virus. I know that this is contrary to the current recommendations of the CDC and

the current authorization by the FDA . However, I believe that the judgment of who should get it was overly determined by an understandable consideration of the lack of doses for people in the developing world. In addition, there is a concern about safety regarding myocarditis for younger people, mostly men; however, once this is taken care of in my mind there is no reason not to vaccinate essentially everyone. This becomes even more important since there is great confusion right now with the so called gradation and prioritization of who should get vaccinated regarding when and how. We are getting a lot of blowback about this confusion which I totally predicted when I said we should make things very simple. Anyway, I made my thoughts very clear to the group on this call.

Another important thing that is rolling out is that Rochelle is getting a lot of widespread credit , which she deserves, about making a broader recommendation than the ACIP indicated. As indicated above , she made this decision based on very intensive persuasion that I made to her late at night before she actually made the announcement.

Just a statement about things that have been evolving overtime. There is a lot of discussion right now and scrambling about getting doses of monoclonal antibodies for people who get infected. This is a major change from previously when monoclonal antibodies were underused. In addition, I have not mentioned it but on a very regular basis, literally weekly, we brief the governors is on a governors's call; we brief the principles (cabinet members and others); we have a zoom call with the physicians and public health people who are out there on the TV circuit (see above) in order to keep them up-to-date as to what we are thinking ; and we briefed the President himself. I do not take notes after each of these ; however it is important to mention that they occur on a very regular basis.

Noteworthy is the fact that I had an extraordinary podcast interview for one hour with famous actor Alec Baldwin. He is an amazingly intelligent , funny, an extremely likable person who was very much in tune with my history and my life and asked very penetrating and important questions. Without a doubt, from a intellectual and substantive standpoint it was one of the best if not the best interview that I have ever given.

It was a good day for interviews in that my interview with Ed Yong for the Atlantic festival was also extremely good. This is not surprising as Ed is one of the most impressive writers and interviewers that I have ever met

PRESS: MSNBC "Morning Joe" with Joe, Meka and Willie; NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt; NBC with Lester Holt for "kids"; Interview with Ed Young as part of "The Atlantic Festival"; Podcast with Alec Baldwin.

Sept. 29, 2021 – Global – 232,600,000/4,800,000; USA - 43,200,000/691,500

Had a very tough and ridiculous interview with Hugh Hewitt. Hugh, who usually is a reasonable, albeit very conservative person, was extremely aggressive with me in an interview in which he kept insisting that people are not getting vaccinated because I am telling them to get vaccinated and strongly suggested that I step down and retire since I am the obstacle to people getting vaccinated. He quoted a survey saying that middle to right people want me to retire and are not getting vaccinated because I'm the messenger telling them to get vaccinated. Truly an incredible train of thought on his part. He said we need fresh faces telling people to get vaccinated and if we had fresh faces then people would get vaccinated. I countered by saying we do have fresh faces in the form of Rochelle Walensky and Vivek Murthy. And so does he consider that although all three of us are saying to get vaccinated including two new fresh faces that people are not getting vaccinated merely because I'm one of the three people telling them to get vaccinated?? I have never heard of a more distorted train of thought.

This conversation triggered in me some serious thinking about several things including **when I actually would want to retire** from the untenable situation that I am in of having 10s of millions of people hate me because I stand for the truth. Also, this nonsense about conflating the discussion about gain of function with the lab lead theory is preposterous and totally distracting and draining of everyone's energy. Richard Ebright with his gain of function obsession is a total asshole who is pushing this theory because he "wants to be somebody". I am terribly disappointed with **Jesse Bloom and David Relman** for doing somewhat of the same thing. they have been pushing to stop any gain of function research for a long time and I believe that in some respects they are pushing for an even hoping that this was a lab leak , which the molecular analysis of the viruses that we used in the lab compared to the virus SARS-CoV-2 clearly indicate that it is molecularly impossible for the viruses under the auspices of the NIH grant

to have been manipulated into or evolved into SARS-Cov-2. The opposition to me is part of the "big lie" – "Lock her up"; Trump won the election; January 6th was really a friendly visit to the Capitol; "the China virus" and Trump was correct, "Fire Fauci" since he was wrong all along and so let's discredit him, and so on. Quite frankly , I am finally coming to the realization that our democracy is truly threatened and that it is possible, even likely, that our democracy will crumble with the 2024 election. If trump wins , we are finished . If trump loses, his far right lunatics will likely try again to overthrow the election. And with the attempts to have state legislators (Republican) validate the electoral votes, I am really afraid that they might be successful. **Having said all of this, there is no way that I am going to retire before this outbreak is under control.**

I continue to give regular interviews about every couple of months with Sheri Fink who is doing a book on COVID-19. I am trying to stay out of any Trump versus Fauci discussion and focus more on the evolution of the outbreak.

Matthew Memoli is turning into a real problem. He has written an email dated July 30th to me to Hugh Auchincloss and to Cliff Lane. The long and short of it is that he feels that vaccinating people is a bad idea even though he is the major proponent of challenge studies for vaccines. He believes that by vaccinating people we will be selecting for variants which in the long run will be detrimental to the population. This is a little bit more sophisticated effort than that of Scott Atlas. He has gone further than that, however. He has released the email to congressional committees and to the press and now without a doubt he is going to be talking about the fact that even though he is a clinical center employee he will refuse to follow the vaccine mandate that soon will be implemented at the NIH. In addition, he likely will go on the media spouting this extraordinary philosophy of his. I have made it clear to everyone that we should not interfere in any way with what he is doing because without a doubt he will say that we are trying to muzzle him and that will create more of a problem than the incredible nonsense that he is spewing. It looks like we will just have to buckle down and let him proceed with his craziness and hopefully he will not do a lot of damage to our attempts to get people vaccinated. It is inconceivable to me that he actually feels that it is OK to let everybody get infected just so that we can get immunity where the virus is not selected for by vaccine induced immunity. Letting people get infected has led to 680,000 deaths in the USA

thus far. How can he miss the fact that the virus circulating within people who don't get an adequate immune response will lead to variants just as easily as vaccine immunity-induced mutations. He just makes no sense at all.

Matt Memoli has now gone completely rogue. He is turning into a complete Scott Atlas (see above). Not only does he think that we should not be vaccinating people, he believes that mandating is unethical because it's going to make matters worse vis-à-vis the immune response. I thought nothing could be worse than that, but now he's done something unbelievable. He has taken a speech or an interview that I gave saying that although children statistically do much, much better than adults which regard to developing severe disease there are still (given the delta variant) a significant number of children who get sick and hospitalized and in fact there are more deaths among children from COVID-19 and there are after flu. He comes out now with an email to me saying that this is untrue and that there are more deaths by far with flu rather than COVID-19. In fact, he wants me to publicly retract my statement!!!! However, what he is doing is that he is looking at "estimated burden of flu" which is calculated with a model at the end of the year which is usually three times the amount of the "reported cases". I was referring to the reported cases which are much less. And so, he seems to be out to make me look bad for reasons that I don't understand except that he is a complete contrarian. He's an infectious disease person who doesn't want to vaccinate people, who thinks mandates are unethical, and who is now telling me that I need to retract statements that I've made. He's a junior member of the institute and he is telling the institute director that I need to retract the statement based on information that he thinks is incorrect, but is correct. Unbelievable what I have to deal with! We have decided that we are not going to do anything with him; w are not going to approach him; we are not going to even talk to him about this since I know from my experience that if we do anything, he will say that we were trying to muzzle him. As far as I am concerned he could say whatever he wants to say, as crazy as it is, whatever he wants to say. Also he said that he is refusing to get vaccinated The problem with this is that the new rule from the federal government is that if he does not get vaccinated he is going to get fired unless he has a religious exemption. If it turns out that he winds up getting fired, he will almost certainly say that it is retaliation.

PRESS: Hugh Hewitt radio interview; NPR Radio "Here and Now" with Tonya Mosley; MSNBC – "Reports" with Andrea Mitchell; KLZ Israeli Radio;

Sept. 30, 2021 – Global - 233,100,000/4,800,000; USA - 43,300,000/694,700

Cases continue to gradually come down as do hospitalizations. Deaths, however, are still increasing as a late indicator and lagging.

Just had a great conversation with Shane Crotty of the La Jolla Institute of Immunology. I spoke to Shane because I wanted to find out his perspective on the immunological justification for booster shots to the mRNA vaccines. Shane is a brilliant immunologist and gave me some terrific insights. He feels , similar to Bob Seder, that the antibody levels are very important in preventing initial entry of the virus and seeding of the virus in the upper respiratory tract. The higher levels of antibody the more protection you have. They also taper off reasonably quickly leading to rather quick (months) waning of immunity to infection. However, he points out that B cell memory and particularly CD8 and CD4 positive T cells are absolutely critical in preventing significant disease in the lungs. These are longer duration than serum antibody. This explains why protection against severe disease (lung involvement) seems to last long and wane less than protection against infection (antibody that wanes quickly). The thing he pointed out that is interesting and important is that there is a reasonably longer period of time for people to develop pulmonary involvement and severe disease since the T cells have enough time to protect the lung. When they fail then you get lung involvement and this usually takes some time which explains the unusual finding of why it takes so long from the time a person gets infected to the time they actually wind up in the hospital on a ventilator which is usually about 21 days. This is quite different from other acute viral infections in which the lung is quickly attacked and people wind up in the hospital within a couple of days. In addition, he spoke of the long durability of the T cell memory and B cell memory response indicating that protection against severe disease will actually last for a longer period of time whereas protection against infection tends to veer off pretty quickly. It is right in line with what his pathogenic explanation is as described above. He does feel that giving a third shot boost is a good idea and that it likely will give a much longer protection against both infection and likely would

enhance the durability of the protection against severe disease in the lungs. We also discussed the situation of why in late disease you have an aberrant inflammatory and immunological response. He believes it's a combination of innate immunity mediated predominantly by monocytes and polys together with robust T cell activity attempting to control virus which has made its way from the upper airway to the lung. Sometimes this attempt to control the virus leads to so many inflammatory mediators combining innate with adaptive immune responses that the effects is a profound pathogenic response that may or may not be suppressed by anti-inflammatories and immune suppressors.

A group of non USA scientists and others Whom I have never heard of Are trying to get rid of Peter Daszak at ecohealth . See PDF of letter immediately below :

I do not know who these people are but something strange is going on here.

I met with Leslie Dach at my home this evening to discuss the situation of attacks upon me by far-right elements. I gave to Leslie some reprints of papers that strongly favor the natural origin of COVID. We discussed strategies of how to stay ahead of this insidious campaign to discredit me. We feel that the best approach would be to lay low and not give it any more legs than it has. In addition, Leslie spoke to me about how pleased he was about how I have mentored Rochelle Walensky. He also expressed concern about her lack of leadership capabilities and her total dependence upon professionals at CDC who Leslie feels are antiquated in their thinking and in many respects are often incorrect. He referred to the experience he had with them when he was special advisor to Sylvia Burwell when Sylvia was Secretary of HHS. Leslie understandably has very little respect for the CDC and in fact wants me to help to get Rochelle to start thinking for herself instead of depending so heavily upon her CDC team. Leslie also expressed some concern about the lack of involvement of Secretary Becerra in the entire COVID effort.

PRESS: Interview with Fast Company magazine

Oct. 1, 2021 – GLOBAL USA

We have reached 700,000 deaths in the USA!!

Big anti-viral drug advance. Merck (Ridgeback) drug – Molnuvirapir (an RNA-dependent RNA polymerase inhibitor by inducing mistakes in the virus replication. The CEO of Merck Ron Davis briefed us last about the results. They were striking. In a study looking at people with documented mild to moderate infection not requiring hospitalization at the time within five days of diagnosis were given either placebo or drug. In the placebo group there were 53 hospitalizations in the drug group there were 28 hospitalizations with a 7.3% hospitalization in the drug group and 14.1% hospitalization in the placebo group. This led to a 50% efficacy with a P value of 0.001. There were eight deaths in the placebo group and zero deaths in the treatment group. This is really a major breakthrough in that it is another antiviral drug together with remdesivir that is keeping people out of the hospital. I am sure there will be more on this later. The United states has already committed to buy 1.7 million doses for a price of $700 per dose

Gave the **2021 Beatty Lecture of McGill University**, "COVID-19: Lessons Leaned and Remaining Challenges", October 1, 2021, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (Virtual). It was widely viewed throughout Canada and according to the organizers throughout the rest of the world. This was followed by a Q&A which was very stimulating and a fireside chat with some of the students at McGill. A thoroughly enjoyable experience. It was associated with my receiving an honorary doctorate from McGill

Win over Jeff Zients's house last night with his White House team for a pizza and beer party . I could only stay there for about 1/2 an hour because I had to leave for another dinner over the home of Jeffrey Blount and Jeanne Meserve. I was impressed by the camaraderie among jeff's team many people of whom I had never met since I only meet daily by zoom with the core Medical Group. Jeff was extremely kind in calling attention to my presence at the reception since I had to leave after 30 minutes. Eceryone gave me a round of applause. Chris was with me and I introduced her to all the people that I deal with among that larger group. After the reception, Andre our security person for the evening drove us the block and a half to Jeffrey and Jeanne's home where we had an interesting dinner and a conversation about race in America. Jeffrey is an African American man and Jeanne is white

PRESS: Usual WH press briefing; CNBC "Closing Bell"

Oct. 2, 2021 –

I had written an email to Robert Davis the CEO of Merck indicating to him that I was concerned that in the press release for their drug Molnupiravir they did not mention that the original basic research was funded by NIH at Emory. Rob called me today (Saturday) and apologized for that slight and promised that in future press releases they would include the collaboration and contribution of NIAID /NIH.

October 3, 2021 –

Got a really nice note (see below) yesterday from Barney Graham thanking him for my support of him over the 21 years that he has been at the NIAID vaccine Research Center. of note he has won a number of prizes already for his work on developing the optimum immunogen for the COVID-19 vaccine . He has one the Albany prize as well as a number of other prizes. In addition , drew Weissman , my former fellow, has already won a number of prizes including the Lasker award. It will be interesting to see who wins the Nobel Prize this coming Monday.

While all of this is happening , I must comment that the country is headed to or might already be in a **constitutional crisis** with the far right clearly indicating that they're going to try and disrupt elections and essentially destroy the democracy. The attacks on me I believe are all a tangential part of that process . I speak of the big lie of which I unfortunately have been drawn into being a target of the far right because I represent something that is antithetical to them , namely, the truth. It is stunning how much time is consumed on warding off the egregious lies about the NIID grant that funded hey small project in the Wuhan institute of virology. They claim that we created the COVID virus. Among the scientist who fall into this trap are the usual suspects of Richard Ebright and David Relmann . However , Jesse bloom has really surprised me claiming that a lab leak is highly probable when there is absolutely no evidence whatsoever that a lab leak has occurred the only issue is that it occurred in a city that happened to have a laboratory that studies bats. Amazing that he has come to this conclusion.

PRESS: ABC "This Week" with Jonathan Karl; CNN "State of the Union" with Dana Bash; CBS "Face the Nation" with Margaret Brennan

Oct. 4, 2021

Very interesting link showing the evolution of cases throughout the United states from the very first months of the pandemic using a heat map approach:

https://bit.ly/3uE40dF

I participated in a zoom Q&A regarding the Columbus Citizens Foundation scholarship that is given to an Italian-American medical student and that was given in my name as the Fauci scholarship. The recipient was Danielle Rinaldi who graduated from Boston College and who just entered the University of Virginia medical school. We had an interview with Danielle and I wished her luck in her career

E-mail from Chris Whitty (UK) together with attachment bringing up important point about people in vaccine clinical trials counting as "vaccinated" for "vaccine passport" purposes.

On our usual weekly call with Secretary Becerra, we discussed the issue of getting many many more testing kits for home testing out into the community. We are talking about hundreds of millions of tests which the Brits and others are doing to follow people particularly those with asymptomatic infection who may be spreading infection. This has been a weak point in the US government approach for some time now. Although Carol Johnson has been the key person for testing for the US government, it appears now that Tom Ingelsby is going to be playing a major role. this is also somewhat connected with the fact that the CDC is not really doing a very good job of screening for asymptomatic breakthrough infections among vaccinated people.

Francis Collins told me a few days ago that he is going to announce his retirement on October 6th. I was one of the only people he told and we were hoping that it would not leak. He gave an exclusive interview to the Washington Post to Lenny Bernstein and Carolyn Johnson. While I was on my walk tonight with Christine I got a call from Erin Banco from The Daily Beast. Ellen asked me if I knew that Francis was going to announce his retirement. I told her "no comment"; she asked again and I said "no comment". I immediately called up Francis and alerted him that someone had leaked it. He now has to make up his mind whether he's going to abort his plan of announcing it to the IC directors tomorrow and then making the announcement on Thursday. The best laid plans .....

Interesting situation where Lindsey Graham mentioned to a group of Republicans that they should get vaccinated and they boot him out of the room. Goes to show you how crazy the world is gone we have one of the most conservative Republicans gets booed when he tells far right Republicans to get vaccinated

PRESS: CNN "At This Hour" with Kate Bolduan; Washington Times: Dr. Fauci: Americans, especially those vaccinated against COVID-19, should enjoy Christmas

Oct. 5, 2021 – Case and hospitalization continue to come down; however less sharply down than other surges

Hospitalizations and cases continue to come down. Deaths still up somewhat as a lagging indicator. The big question that is being debated by everyone as we go into the fall is whether or not we're going to have another surge as we get into the winter . I keep saying that that will depend on whether or not we get vaccinated a large proportion of the 70 million people who are unvaccinated who are eligible to be vaccinated.

Francis Collins retirement. Francis and I tried to keep the announcement confidential until the time when he wanted to announce it which was yesterday . However, as expected in Washington DC it leaked and all the press were bombarding me and others about comments. Justifiably and appropriately I gave glowing comments to the press. The leak was probably through congressional staff after Francis notified the chairs and minority of the various committees. although I will miss Frances greatly , it is good that he is leaving now while the Senate is under democratic control and we have a democratic president . Otherwise it could be a disaster is the Republicans take over the Senate whereby they would unlikely approve a good candidate. In addition it would really be a disaster if he stepped down on the Republican president particularly Donald Trump. I recalled in all of the interviews about his retirement that I had pleaded with him when he was trying to step down during the trump administration. I knew that if he did that trump would hire an unacceptable person. Francis listened to me and waited until Biden became President and we had a Democratic Congress.

PRESS: ABC "The Breakdown" ONLINE with Terry Moran and Kyra Phillips; MSNBC Peacock with Zelinda Maxwell;

Oct. 6, 2021

Hugh Hewitt (see below with PRESS) - As a follow up of the interview with me in which Hugh Hewitt suggested that I stepped down, he has written an op Ed in the Washington Post saying the same thing. It is extraordinary how he can blame me for everything that has gone wrong with the CDC the FDA and HHS. It is becoming very clear that this is part of a truly concerted effort to discredit me.

Call from Barbra Streisand. Barbra Called me on my cell phone today and they asked me questions about her booster shot she and her husband James Brolin are going on a trip and they both had two shots of Pfizer and was asking about whether she should get a boost. apparently their antibody levels are not particularly high and she was concerned about boosting since she was a little bit confused about it. Since she and James are both older than 65 years old , I recommended that they both get boosted. We had some fun on the phone joking about our mutual Brooklyn accents. It is always good to hear from her.

PRESS:Bloomberg TV with David Westin;

Oct. 7, 2021 – Global – 236,000,000/4,800,000; **USA** – 43,900,000/707,100

102,000 case today. All parameters continue to come down slowly

Mandates are working – 25% businesses, 40% hospitals and colleges serving 37% of students are using mandates

The nonsense still goes on regarding EcoHealth Alliance and the Congress probing as to the gain of function issue. We now find out that Eco Health was late in the submission of a progress report which showed some increased pathogenicity in a mouse model. There will certainly be a conflation of their administrative failings with the proposal that many of the far right are pushing that the grant created the virus which as we've said multiple times is molecularly impossible. However, anything that is even a minor infraction of that grant will be conflated with the issue of the origin of the virus. In fact, Eco Health should have let the NIH know that in some of the mouse experiments there was an increase in pathogenicity associated with the chimeric virus. However what people will not appreciate is that even with that increase in pathogenicity, the experiment and the result still does not fall under the category that would

trigger P3CO. In other words, According to the operable definition of gain of function of concern at the time, this was not gained a function of concern. Namely, it was not an experiment that would increase the transmissibility and pathogenicity a virus that would likely cause widespread transmission and morbidity/mortality IN HUMANS. Some people may not like that definition under which we were operating, but that is the definition that was established by outside groups after a 3 year deliberative process. As I have said in the past if they don't like the definition then they should change the definition. However, what was done was done according to the existing definition at the time.

PRESS: Gray Media TV "Full Court Press" with Greta van Sustern;

Oct. 8, 2021 - Global – 236,600,000/4,800,000; USA – 44,100,000/708,800

Hatred on twitter!!I have not been commenting on this in my daily notes . However, the vitriol and outright hatred towards me by the far right on Twitter is accelerating and is really extraordinary. Greg Folkers describes it as a cesspool of hate against me. This is amplified by the Fox News network who uses every opportunity particularly with Tucker Carlson, Sean Hannity, and Laura Ingraham who almost every night say something about me that is a total lie and would under other circumstances be extremely libelous. This is part of the total movement of the "big lie". CNN with Don Lemon last night showed clips of former Vice President Pence, Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Lindsey Graham condemning former president trump for being the instigating force behind the January 6th insurrection and insisting that he be held responsible for this. Then Don Lemon fast-forwarded to their statements recently in which they acted like January 6th never occurred. For example, former vice president Pence said that January 6th was a creation and fabrication of the media . This is astounding that these lies can be said without blinking an eye. **I am concerned in some respects about myself and my safety even though I have security. However, I am even more concerned about whether our democracy will survive.**

There had been some talk that countries such as the UK, EU, and Israel we're allowing people who have recovered from **COVID infection** to be considered as equivalent to being vaccinated and hence would be allowed to

have a **"green pass ".** As it turns out that certainly is not the case for the UK (see above – Chris Whitty) and recently Israel has also denied that that is the case for them. However, post-infection people will need 1 dose of vaccine for a green pass. The new measure will be introduced on the same date that anyone who has not received a booster shot six months after getting a second vaccine dose will have their Green Pass revoked.

There has been considerable disagreement and discussion about whether the delta variant is more severe in children compared to other variants. Certain studies showed that delta variant appears to be more serious in adults compared to other variants; however, there is disagreement about children. A recent study came out from the UK showing that severity of illness was similar in children who were infected with the alpha variant compared to the delta variant . See link below:

https://www.medrxiv.org/content/
10.1101/2021.10.06.21264467v1.full.pdf

As booster discussions and disagreements continue, the Israeli data more and moire show that my stance on boosters is correct. For example, it is becoming clear that boosters protect against the waning immunity for infection and severe disease for individuals as young as 40 years old and not just for individuals who are 65 years of age and older . See recent paper in preprint server:

Had very successful leadership forum today. Somewhat sentimental since it is Francis Collins's last leadership forum

Oct. 10, 2021 – Global USA

Had a rather slow relaxed day (Columbus Day holiday). Also Chris went to New Orleans to help Megan and Melissa move into their new home. I spend time reading in depth certain articles including the frightening article in the New York Times by Robert Kagan on the danger to our democracy. In addition I read a bunch of scientific stuff that felt good since I usually AM 1/2 an inch deep and five miles wide.

I'm trying to put out of my mind the continual attacks by the far right dark web, Fox News, and the lying senators and congressmen who keep harping on the gain of function nonsense. I'm trying hard to not let it distract me, but it clearly is an organized assault on me

PRESS: CNN "State of the Union" with Dana Bash

Oct. 11, 2021

Over the past few months and more intensively over the past several weeks there has been considerable discussion between Peter Staley, James Krellenstein, and David Barr and Jeff Zients, David Kessler and me concerning the activists' desire to get the federal government to pre-emptively increase the capacity of companies, particularly moderna, to make more vaccines for low and lower middle income countries. the activists want us to invoke the defense production act (DPA) to force moderna to allow Lonza to increase their capacity for vaccine production for LMICS. below is just one of a series of emails reflecting the frustration on the part of Peter and colleagues with our inability to do that right now . What they do not completely understand is the complexity of the issues involved , although their ultimate goal as is mine is laudatory namely equity for vaccines for the rest of the world . See below emails :

PRESS: CNN "The Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer

Oct. 12, 2021 – Global - 237,400,000/4,800,000; USA – 44,400,000/714,000

Senator Rand Paul continues his assault on me. His latest rant is that I owe and apology to the 100 million people in this country who he believes had been infected. He claims that I am in favor of mandating that they get vaccinated even though they are now protected and so given the fact that recent data indicate that there is reasonably good protection following infection, now all these people deserve an apology. I never said that they are not protected. I only said that they can be more protected if they get vaccinated. Another example of his gross distortion of the truth.

Had a Nice fireside chat but the Council on Government Relations talking about COVID-19 in general. The people with whom I spoke were David Norton and Wendy Streitz

PRESS: WJLA Locel TV "Corona Special" with Lindsey Mastis;

Oct. 13, 2021 - Global USA

Did a very enjoyable fireside chat with Rebecca Katz of Georgetown under the auspices of the Smithsonian.

Broad observation. The medical team and I have been struggling with this issue that is out there percolating. It relates to the fact that people who might not want to obey the mandate to get vaccinated are saying that if they had previously been infected that this should count the same as already being vaccinated and so they should not be mandated to get vaccinated and they should not lose their jobs if they are in a situation where it is required that should be vaccinated to work in a certain organization. Although there are much more data about vaccinated people people who have post infection immunity comma it is in fact a legitimate question that they Are asking. The idiots like Rand Paul as indicated above do nothing but aim their criticism at me as if I am the person that's doing the mandates. However, despite that we still have to addressed this issue. The medical team last night had a zoom meeting at 9:00 PM with some of the outside physician community including Paul Offit, Peter Notez, Akiko Iwasaki, Mike Osterholm. We all agreed that although those who were infected with post infection immunity have a point , we still must get people vaccinated since vaccination following infection give the highest degree of protection and we do not have a good handle on the durability and the breath of protection following natural infection whereas we have much more information about those parameters following vaccination.

Oct. 14, 2021 – Global USA

I briefed the POTUS in the Oval Office today. As usual he was a little bit late. We were supposed to have a briefing at 11:30 and it was not until after 12 that we started the briefing. The briefing was with the usual group including me, Jeff, Natalie, Vivek, Rochelle, and marcella. The President was alone and not with the vice president . We briefed him on the status of the outbreak , on the booster situation, and I briefed him on the recent data of the successful trial of Molnupiravir as an antiviral agent . Recent data showed a 50% decrease in the likelihood of hospitalization and death compared to placebo. **However, during the discussion the president began to philosophize a little bit about the stress that is on the country** . He refers specifically to a conversation that he had with Xi Jinping, President of China. Xi told him in a 45 minute conversation that he felt that democracies throughout the world are failing and given the need to have rapid decisions about important items, a form of dictatorship works much more efficiently the democracy. He referred to the dysfunction in the United states Congress as a perfect example of this. President Biden and his

discussion with us emphasized the importance of preserving democratic principles but did bemoan the fact that we do really have a dysfunctional situation in this country and trying to get things done in an expeditious manner. Biden showed during the discussion his empathy, his kindness, that is deep feeling about the importance of democracy. It was a very interesting discussion.

Oct. 15, 2021

Had a very nice zoom conversation with Raj Panjebi. He is the new director of the president's malaria initiative (PMI). He set up a zoom call with me, Lee Hall, and several of his staff. He wanted to strengthen the relationship between NIAID and PMI based on the historically great interactions that we've had over the years. He went out of his way to recognize that I played an important role in the creation of the PMI. I promised Raj that I would work closely with him and the PMI to maximize the interaction and collaboration among us.

My staff wants me to lay low a little bit as we approach the Senate HELP hearing on November 4 since there certainly will be a lot of fireworks with Rand Paul and others. I am going to be on a few of the Sunday shows again this weekend and then after that I think I will be very selective in the TV shows that I go on . The reason for this is that no matter what I say the far right will absolutely distort it and make it into something political. **It is striking that literally every single day I am criticized and attacked on social media, Fox News, and the tweeting of the far right including by people like senator Paul.** The latest that trump is doing is putting signs up that fouchy stole Christmas. This is based on a question that Margaret Brennan asked me on Face the Nation a couple of weeks ago about whether I could predict what the outbreak would be as we get into the winter I merely said that we really can't predict it will depend on how many people get vaccinated. That got translated by the far right in that I was stealing Christmas from them. Truly unbelievable nonsense

PRESS: Interview with NBC Health (print);

Oct.17, 2021

Important couple of days over the last few days. the booster data from moderna and J & J were presented to the FDA . In addition, the mix and match data from NIAID were evaluated. It is going to be an interesting

dilemma since the Moderna and Pfizer boosted J & J better than J&J boosted itself. It should be interesting to see how the recommendations come out.

The same old crap is going on with the far right continuing to attack me . The latest is a book written by an Australian person who says I'm the father of gain of function research with quotes from the infamous Richard Ebright saying that I'm a liar and I have misled everybody about gain of function. What a bunch of nonsense! The far right continues to try and discredit me. On a very nice interview that I had with Chris Wallace (see below), Chris asked me what I thought was going on concerning my being a very polarizing figure . I answered that it is not surprising that I'm a polarizing figure since I speak the truth and people who are lying , who are propagating conspiracy theories , and who don't admit the facts even when they're staring them right in the face uh certainly people who will be polarized against me since I stand for something that makes them very uncomfortable and **that something is the truth.**

Chris and I went to a wonderful brunch over Adrienne Arsh's home. The brunch was in honor of Christine LaGarde. the typical Washington a list was there. It was a fun brunch since Adrienne is such a wonderful and generous person. I tend to shy away from these functions since everyone gathers around me wanting to take photos and telling me what a wonderful job I'm doing. Even though this is something that is not unpleasant, I still am uncomfortable when people call attention to me when I'm in a crowd. However they are all well meaning and I should feel gratified that they do pay attention to me.

PRESS: Fox "News Sunday" with Chris Wallace; ABC "This Week" with Martha Raddetz; MSNBC with Alex Witt;

Oct. 18, 2021

Sad news today!! Colin Powell passed away due to complications of COVID-19. [redacted] [redacted] He was vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2. He died at Walter Reed Hospital. I got to know him through social events. He was always very kind, generous and gave me advice about writing my memoir. Very likeable person.

I received a call this morning from Dr. Jason Blaylock of Walter Reed hospital. I got to know Jason from when he came over to the office and gave me an Army medallion for giving a lecture to Walter Reed. In addition, he was involved in the care of President Trump when he got COVID. He wanted to speak to me to run by me exactly what he did in the treatment of [redacted]

[redacted] to determine if I would have done anything different and if he had made any mistakes in the treatment. It was a very humble reaching out to me by a very sincere physician who cared deeply about whether he gave optimal care to [redacted] I went over with him each and every step in detail from the time [redacted] entered the hospital to the time he died this morning. At every single point in his care I had no problems or issues with the way he was treated or handled. I would not have done anything differently and I believe that [redacted] received as good care as he could have gotten anywhere in the country or the world. It was merely an example of an 83 year old man with an underlying malignancy , in this case multiple myeloma, together with Parkinson's disease, chemotherapy for his multiple myeloma , as well as underlying cardiovascular disease and hypertension. He was given superb care and yet he still succumbed. He had been vaccinated with the Pfizer product back in February but because of scheduling and other problems, he never received a 3rd booster dose which he should have gotten given his immune compromised state. Bottom line is that I do not think anything could have been done differently. Doctor Blaylock indicated to me that they are already receiving a lot of negative social media by anti-vaxxers who are now saying that [redacted] was vaccinated but he still died; therefore, people should not get vaccinated. Typical anti-vaccine nonsense.

Had a very productive conversation with my UK colleague Chris Whitty. There has been some recent reports a mini-surge in cases in the UK. The UK is considerably under vaccinating children compared to the United States. In addition, they do not require that children wear masks in school. Chris mentioned that the surge is among children and that for the first time we are seeing transmission from the children who are infected in school to their parents and relatives within the household. This is very different from prior assumptions that children do not transmit infection to adults. Chris thinks that this was true with the alpha variant which was not particularly transmissible. However, he feels that with the delta variant and its high degree of transmissibility that this is what we are now seeing. He

gave us a heads up because the UK is usually about a month ahead of us in the dynamics of the outbreak. We may not be seeing this type of a surge since we are pushing very hard to vaccinate children. In fact, next week the FDA will look at the data from Pfizer on vaccinating children from 5 to 11 years old. One other point with the UK is that they are not enthusiastic about mandating vaccination even though they are doing well with having vaccinated about 85% of their population with at least one dose.

Oct. 19, 2021 – Global – 241.000,000/4,900,000; USA – 45,000,000/726,000

Interesting zoom with White House protocol staff today arranged by Jeff. The purpose of the meeting was to get my input about how to restrict or not events and visitors to the White House moving forward . This is particularly relevant as we approach the holiday season and the protocol people have to make decisions regarding holiday receptions, state dinners and tours of the White House. It was an interesting discussion in which they relied on my judgment as to how restrictive they should be regarding the size of the crowd, the requirement of testing, and the requirement of vaccination.

I have received a lot of honors over the last year and a half from a number of prestigious organizations . Unfortunately there are so many of these that it is very difficult to fully appreciate them as they all seemed to pile up in a very intense time frame. However, last night I received one that was particularly nice . **It was the History Maker Medal from the New York Historical Society which was associated with the fireside chat between me and my good friend David Rubenstein. As a special treat they had the Regis High School jazz ensemble play music in the background in my honor**

Oct. 20, 2021 – Global - 241,000,000/4,900,000; USA – 45,000,000/728,000

PRESS: NBC "Nightly News" with Lester Holt; CNN with Chris Cuomo

An example of the insanity out there making me the boogeyman for the extreme right. This is just one example of many:

Oct. 21, 2021

Larry Tabak, representing the NIH, released some progress reports from the EcoHealth grant which were late in their submission. It indicated thatn mice became sicker than the controls and could be interpreted by some as "gain of function" even though it does not qualify for P3CO. As expected, this led to an avalanche of extremists calling Larry, Frances, and I liars. This was all lead by the infamous Richard Ebright who made a tweet as shown below. I must write something about this complete idiot In my book since he really is a horrible person:

In addition, a number of people: Mark Meadows, Sen. Tom Cotton and others are tweeting that I lied under oath

PRESS: CBS :Mornings" with Gayle King;

Oct. 22, 2021 - Global - 242,000,000/4,900,000; USA - 45,100,000/730,000;

Larry Tabak was treated very poorly by several Republican congressmen and senators that he briefed yesterday. They continue to distort the truth insisting that I and to some extent doctor Collins have lied about whether or not the NIH funded "gain of function" research. They do not understand nor do they seem to want to understand that we were operating under the framework of P3CO which clearly indicates that the experiments that were funded by the NIH in Wuhan fell under that auspices and were properly conducted according to the existing guidelines at the time. They want to hear none of that and continue to insist that we are denying that gain of function research was done and they put forth the preposterous suggestion if not the strong indication that the research that we funded created SARS-CoV-2. It looks like I'm going to have a tough time at the hearing on November the 4th since they are clearly politically motivated and are doing anything to discredit me and the NIH.

I had an enjoyable and productive discussion with the Minister of Health and Social Services of Quebec (Christian Dube and his chief medical advisor Horacio Arruda). The minister was very interested in my advice about where I think we are going with the outbreak looking forward. He asked the question that many ask as to when I believe we may return to some form of normality including when we can get along without wearing masks. I gave him the advice I usually give to people emphasizing how

importance the implementation a vaccine program will be in determining when a given country can get back tomorrow.

PRESS: MSNBC "Morning Joe"; CNN "New Day" with John Berman;

Oct. 23, 2021 Global – 242,300,000/4,900,000; USA – 45,300,000/733,834

There was the typical but not unexpected backlash on the part of the far-right media concerning the letter that Larry Tabak sent out concerning the progress report from EcoHealth that was late. In order to be totally transparent, Larry sent out a note to Congressman Comer saying that Ecohealth was late in submitting a progress report of their grant and mentioned in the letter that some of the mice in the study had an increase in viral growth and got sicker. This was immediately taken up by the far right as proving that Fauci and Collins were lying when they said we did not fund gain of function research at Wuhan. They failed to mention that in that same letter Larry made it very clear that the research did not rise to the scrutiny of P3CO. In other words by our definition, it was not gain of function. This set off a firestorm of far right media craze saying that Francis and I lied. Therefore, I spent the greater part of today, tonight and tomorrow morning putting together a statement for the NIH website to correct the misrepresentation on the part of the far right media.

Oct. 24, 2021

We are finally getting the statement in shape to put on the NIH website (see above). Fortunately, I was on the Sunday TV Show this morning (see below) with George Stephanopoulos where George gave me the opportunity to refute Rand Paul who will be saying tonight on HBO that I lied and that the President should fire me. I pushed back firmly on this during the TV hit with George and in today's press including Rolling Stone and the Washington Examiner they accurately picked up my push back. This is turning into a continual conflict between me and the far-right Congressman and the far-right media. I will not back down to these ridiculous accusations.

PRESS: ABC "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos

Oct. 25, 2021

There seems to be no end to the nonsense. No doubt there was a concerted effort led by a group that I'm not sure what it is but it likely is the Republican National Committee which literally has squads of people looking out for anything and everything that I'm involved with and finding some way to attack me. The latest that came out last night and today is the fact that there is apparently an NIAID grant that is testing a vaccine for leishmaniasis in dogs. It vaccinates the dogs and allows sand flies infected with leishmania to bite the dogs. It is now being billed as horrific cruelty to animals directed personally by me. I have no idea what the grant is nor what they are doing in the grants and I'm asking the staff to investigate that now but it has triggered a new hashtag called #Arrest Fauci.

We know now that apparently the grant was not an NIAID grant that supported the controversial research on the dogs. They listed us as the grantee when in fact that was a mistake. We are trying to correct this now with a statement to the press. And the crap goes on and on .....

Now they have begun harassing campaign where I am getting does is in dozens of calls on my cell phone using FaceTime from numbers that I do not recognize which are clearly people who now have my cell phone number for harassing me about the Beagle study

Wonderful article by Dana Milbank in the Washington Post blasting the right wing for harassing me: https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/10/25/fauci-puppy-experiments-conspiracy-republicans/

Another great article by Pavlovitz (blog) again attacking those right wing elements for harrassung me: https://johnpavlovitz.com/2021/10/25/the-mortal-sin-of-anthony-fauci/?fbclid=IwAR3WZ4c5uvgNMye_1LH6JKD86rUReE37IJxJN1dbU5W3uE _crpYt-9RYyg8

Jeff called me up tonight in a very nice phone call. He said that he felt very badly that I was being attacked viciously by the far right and he said that he would do anything that he could if I needed any help from him . But he totally empathized with the fact that I'm being egregiously attacked by the far right.

In addition I had a very nice phone call with Chris Wallace of FOX News who called me asking some medical advice about a trip that he wants to take to Oxford to lecture at the Oxford Union . I went over the

pros and cons and risk benefit of making such a trip . In the course of the conversation he empathized greatly with me about the attacks that I'm under by the far right and he fully understands what is going on.

PRESS: See above link;

Oct. 26, 2021 - GLOBAL – 243,600,000/4,900,000; USA – 45,468,434/736,048

. It is so very clear now that this is a concerted effort to discredit me and assassinate my character. We have counted the attacks regarding the Beagle dog experiments , but still the attacks continue falsely claiming that NIAID funded the studies.

FDA VRBPAC met to discuss the data from the Pfizer trial in 5 to 11 yo children. VRBPAC recommended approval and on Oct. 29, FDA issued an EUA for age group. They received 10 micrograms instead of the full dose of 30 micrograms

Oct. 27, 2021 – Global USA

Andy Slavitt is out there tweeting in my defense. Yasmeen Abutaleb (Washington Post) Has agreed to write a story trying to uncover the source of this organized effort to discredit me period up to this point I have told her to hold back on doing any big story. However, I think the time is coming very soon uh to do something about this unprecedented attack that I am experiencing.

We are getting bombarded by letters from Republican congressmen and senators (Ranking Minorities) on the various committees asking pages and pages of ridiculous questions that really have no answers concerning our oversight of the Wuhan Ecohealth grant and demanding explanation for things that really in many respects are trivial. All of it is underscored by a strong accusatory tone in all the questions. One letter in question was 14 pages long from Cathy McMorris Rogers addressed to Francis Collins. it contained the most miniscule details about technicalities of grants that was getting to the point that we did not have good oversight of the ecohealth grants and hence the strong implication that we may have supported research that led to SARS-Cov-2. Absolutely preposterous !!!

PRESS: NPR "Morning Edition" with Noel King; Spectrum News1 TV "Inside the Issues" with Alex Cohen; CNN with Don Lemon

Oct. 28, 2021 – GLOBAL – 244,385,444/4,961,489; USA – 45,655,635/740,348

I had a long conversation with Yasmeen Abutaleb of the Washington Post yesterday . She is getting very worked up about the fact that she realizes now that there is an organized effort to discredit me and she wants to use the investigative reporter capabilities of the Washington Post to try and find out if they can track funding for this effort to the Republican Party or to any other organization that is trying to discredit me. Let us see how this turns out.

And Paul continues to look for trouble and this recently asked that the witnesses at the upcoming HELP hearing testify on the oath . He is obviously referring to me because he wants to be able to say that I lied under oath. Please see the letter that he wrote to me below :

Politifact is trying to debunk the lies about me that are swirling around fast and furious about killing dogs, starting the AIDS epidemic and killing orphaned children. **This is a massive campaign to attack me and discredit me.**

Had a terrific evening last night at the Kennedy Center. Barney Graham and Kizzmekia Corbet received the Sammie Awards and I and Jeff Zients presented them with the awards. A;sp, Eliseo Perez Stable and Gary Gibbons received special awards. Good night.

PRESS: Telemundo "Produccion Hoy Dia" with Arantxa Loizaga; regional TV – Houston, Detroit, DesMoines;

Oct. 29, 2021 – Global – 244,879,472/4,970,435; USA – 45,759,230/741,566

FDA issues EUA for Pfizer 5 to 11 yo. vaccine

Yasmeen Abutaleb Is continuing to gather data on the conspiracy of the far right against me. She is working with Courtney Billet on gathering information connecting this activity with the far-right Republicans. Most recently they discovered that Donald Trump Jr. in his

campaign running for office is selling shirts that say "Fauci kills dog". Hopefully, Yasmeen we'll have a story out of this.

PRESS: Washington Post "fact checker" Glenn Kessler gives Rand Paul 2 Pinocchios in saying that I lied about funding GOF research: Oct. 30, 2021

Had a meeting in my home today with **Hugo Crosthwaite** who will be doing one of his extraordinary artistic renditions of me which is a sketched portrait in motion. He was accompanied by Dr. Taina Caragol who is the curator of painting and sculpture and LatinX art and history at the National Portrait Gallery. He wanted to explain to me what he will be doing over the next couple of months in putting together his portrait of me.

Last night we had a delightful time visiting the on Massachusetts Ave where we were given a tour of the beautiful library end of the world clock.

Oct. 31, 2021 – Uneventful Sunday

PRESS: Italian TV – Che Tempo Che Fa – with Fabio Fazio

Nov. 1, 2021

Continued attacks from far right.. "National Pulse" talking about a book soon to come out by Peter Navarro that attacks me.

Just found out that Nicholas Erickson of the Republican National Committee has been FOIA-ing my emails as well as "copies of Anthony Fauci's scheduled meetings, appointments, scheduled events, outlook calender events, and aily briefing books between the dates 6/1/21 to present" (Sept 2, 2021)

Preparing for the Nov. 4 Senate HELP Hearing. Rand Paul has sent letter to me, Rochelle, Dawn O'Connell and Janet Woodcock asking if we would be willing to testify under oath. This is completely unusual for a minority who is not even the ranking minority to make such a request . It is very clear where he is going with this. He wants to be able to tweet after the hearing that whatever I said was lying underoath similar to what he had said before. I doubt very seriously whether the chair of the committee, Patty Murray, will allow this. However, we shall see.

Did the Stubing Lecture of the Greenwall Foundation this evening. It was a fireside chat moderated by Sanjay Gupta who interviewed Christine and I in front of a virtual audience of a noteworthy because of the

extraordinarily polished performance that Christine gave in the fireside chat interview. It is very clear that she is highly respected by her colleagues in the field of ethics. Her performance was flawless.

PRESS: CBS "The Late Late Show" with James Corden;

Nov. 2, 2021 – Global – 246,594,191/4,998,784; USA – 46,024,349/745,274

The decline in cases in the United states is unfortunately beginning to plateau. We have started to see the inklings of this as the steepness of the deflection has diminished and we are getting stuck for several days now at around 70,000 cases per day. We will have to watch this closely. In addition, cases in the European Union particularly in Eastern Europe are starting to surge. This is all bad news as we enter into the cold season of the fall and winter.

Francis Collins and I had a conference call with chairperson Patty Murray of the HELP committee. She was very sympathetic about the fact that the Republicans would have come at me pretty hard and she wanted me to explain to her about gain of function research so that she could get a better understanding of things and she promised that she would give me the opportunity to respond if people like Rand Paul do not give me the possibility of the chance of responding

ACIP meets today to discuss Pfizer vaccine for 5 to 11 yo. Voted unanimously to recommend vaccines for 5 to 11 year olds

Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey was involved in a very close race for re election. The next day (tomorrow) I texted him and congratulated him on his close win. He texted me back thanking me for my friendship and sending his best regards to Christine. He is really a good guy.

Nov. 3, 2021 –

Final pre for the HELP Hearing. I fully expect that they will come at me hard

PRESS: CNN "New Day" with Briana Keilar; Usual WH Press briefing; CNN with Chris Cuomo; MSNBC with Chris Hayes

Nov. 4, 2021 – Global – 247,472,724/5,012,337; USA – 46,180,190/747,970

Very important Day!!

Senate HELP Hearing - I together with Dawn O'Connell, Janet Woodcock, Rochelle Walensky testified before the Senate HELP hearing chaired by Patty Murray . We had expected to have the same conflict with Senator Rand Paul who continues to lie egregiously about the gain of function research which he claims was done at the Wuhan Institute of Virology funded by NIAID. During the last Hearing I had a direct conflict with him in which he accused me of being responsible for the death of four million people by funding research at Wuhan. At that time, I angrily said that he was the liar. He continued along this line totally misrepresenting facts and accusing me of lying before the Congress. However, in contrast to what I did last time I did not aggressively call him a liar, which he is. What I did was very calmly counter all of his arguments that this was a proven leak from the Wuhan lab, that we were continuing to fund the Wuhan lab, and that I was responsible for the COVID-19 pandemic. Chairperson Patty Murray was extremely helpful in allowing me to counter his ranting lies . I closed the session by saying then I have a great deal of respect for the institution of the United States Senate, but in fact everything he said was "egregiously incorrect ". see link to the actual testimony below: https://bit.ly/2ZZzqAa

Call from Barack Obama – Leslie Dach had contacted Barack Obama to ask him to give me a call to see what he could do to counter the slanderous lies there have been coming from the far right press, extreme right elements in society, and even several members of the Senate and the House. President Obama called me tonight at 5:00 PM on my cell phone and offered to help in any way that he can. He started off the conversation by saying that he was concerned about me and how I was holding up under this onslaught of slanderous lies. HE SAID THAT I WAS A "CIVILIAN" and that I should not have to put with this nonsense. He as a politician is used to this, but I have done nothing but serve that American public and the world for decades. He expressed concern that this would interfere with my important work on behalf of the American people. I explained to him what was going on and he was extremely sympathetic and in fact said that he would call up Ron Klain and or Jeff Zients to ask them to have the administration be proactive in countering these lies. I explained to him that President Biden as well as Ron Klain and Jeff Zients had been extremely helpful and supportive in making it very clear that they had complete confidence in me. In addition, I told him then Jen Psaki had continuously

said at White House press conferences when asked whether the President would fire me that indeed the President would never fire me and that this was a bunch of nonsense. President Obama felt that we should do more than just claiming that they have my support and actually go on the offensive and call out people who are allowing this to be said and are not stepping up. President Obama said that he would call up Jeff Zients and tell him to mobilize some of the people in the administration to proactively go out and defend me. I told President Obama about the crazy things that the far-right Republicans were doing including the fact that Donald Trump, Jr. had on his website the sale of sweatshirts and T shirts to collect money for his campaign and on the T shirts and sweatshirts it said "Fauci kills puppies ". Obama said That Donald Trump junior is "A fucking moron". He apologized for using crude language but then went on to say that Donald Trump was a hopeless idiot who was a pathologic liar. He was very upset that none of the moderate Republicans were actually speaking out on my behalf and were distancing themselves from all of this terrible slanderous behavior against me. It was a great conversation that lasted for 25 minutes and he said that if he hears anything about movement in this direction he will get back to me. It indeed was an incredibly memorable phone call.

Received the call late at night tonight from Albert Bourla, the chairman and CEO of Pfizer. He wanted to alert me that tomorrow morning they will announce extremely favorable results from their protease inhibitor + ritonavir (PAXLOVID). The results are truly striking. In a randomized , placebo controlled trial, the efficacy of this oral formulation was 89% if given within the first three days following symptoms and 85% efficacy if given within the first five days of symptoms. The group were people 18 years old and older with 1 or 2 risk factors such as smoking, diabetes, and hypertensions. There were no deaths in the treatment group and 10 deaths in the placebo group. Albert recognized that NI AID played a significant role in the early development of this drug. They will apply for anyway soon.

November 5, 2021 – Global – 247,968,227/5,020,204; USA – 46,268,465/749,876

Phone call with Mikael Dolsten of Pfizer and his team. They explained to a group of us (USG) the details of the Pfizer drug trial results (See above)

I continue to get hassled by people FOIA-ing my emails . For example today we got a request from a Robin Bravender of Insider (a trash publication) for my e-mails from Nov. 3, 2021

Another extraordinary Day !!! I attended the Funeral services of General Colin L Powell at the Washington National Cathedral at the invitation of the Powell family. Beautiful sunny crispy cool Fall day! It was truly a moving and extraordinary event characterized by moving speeches from Madeleine Albright, Richard Armitage, and General Powell's son Michael K. Powell. A notable part of the event was the extraordinary rendition of the song "How great thou are" by Wintley Phipps. The entire "A" list of present and former administrations including the President (Biden) and first lady, former Presidents Barack Obama and George W Bush, and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. I went over and chatted with all of them right before the ceremony. I thanked President Obama for our discussion the other night (see above), and I had a very interesting and amusing situation with Hillary Clinton. As soon as she saw me she opened up her arms and we gave each other a big warm hug. She whispered in my ear "now you know what it feels like "clearly referring to the issue with the emails and all the other flak that I am taking. I told her some details of what I was going through and she commiserated with me thoroughly. She also said that she wanted to give me a call very soon so we could get together. President Biden recognized me from across the room and gave me a nod and a finger point. On the wayout General Mark Milley came up to me put his arms around my shoulder and said "the only person who was getting his balls kicked more than me in Washington is you ". I responded by saying "no shit". he then responded by saying "Fuck 'em". I also ran into a number of other people from former administrations who chatted with me including James Baker, and Donna Shalala. I also met Ken Duberstein who is looking very frail and in a wheelchair. I didn't recognize him until the person who is taking care of him re-introduced us he said that he was the one who convinced Ronald Reagan to appoint me as director of NIAID and that I make him proud every single day particularly when he sees me out on TV doing my good work. BTW - It really is nice having a security detail to whisk you in and out of these events . It would have taken me forever to get in and I would have been locked in there forever. However, with Brett taking care of me it was as smooth as could be.

PRESS: NPR "All Things Considered" with Mary Louise Kelly;

Nov. 6, 2021

Nov. 9, 2021 – Global – 249,743,428/5,047,652; USA – 46,541,113/753,564

Pfizer announced yesterday that they were going to ask the FDA to approve on an EUA boosters for everyone 18 years old and older. There is still concern on the part of Rochelle that the ACIP will not recommend boosters for everyone but would hold back on younger individuals particularly young men because of the risk of myocarditis. I have been pushing hard within the Medical Group as well as publicly saying that given the fact that we have plateaued on cases at around 70,000 per day and that we have already lost 750,000 Americans we should clearly boost everyone. Germany has already decided to boost every adult as has Israel. **This is a situation where I am clearly at odds with the conservative approach of the ACIP**

Just a reminder of ongoing events - I have not been indicating this in my daily notes since they are ongoing activities but we are still are having anywhere from two to three White House press conferences per week as well as a weekly governors call inwhich I participate as well as a weekly briefing of the principles (cabinet members). For example, we had a very good conversation today with the governors about the recent approval of the Pfizer vaccine for children 5 to 11 years old and what this might ultimately mean both for the children as well As for the dynamics of the outbreak in this country.

Larry Horowitz (Former staffer to Ted Kennedy) and confidante of Nancy Pelosi - Just to catch up on the note keeping , Larry has been very bullish about getting the Pfizer product to be used as a booster for all age groups. I agree with him strongly, but it is very clear that he has very close ties with Pfizer , in addition to his obvious strong relationship with Nancy Pelosi. Larry keeps texting me with all information about how other countries including Germany, Israel, uh and now Canada have decided to boost with Pfizer at all age groups. Of course the CDC and their ACIP may not be as enthusiastic given what I believe is an overly concerned attitude about myocarditis in the younger male age group. Today Pfizer has submitted their application to the FDA for an EUA for boosters for people 18 and over. Let us see how this turns out.

Did another zoom call with **Pastor Connie Miller** of Maryland where I spoke to her with her parishioner children listening. I explained why it was important to get vaccinated and I told him that I would be **going to the North Pole to vaccinate Santa Claus's young elves.**

Call from Larry Jameson, Executive Dean and Senior Vice-President of Penn Medicine - Larry called me today with a very interesting proposal of what I can do when I step down as director of NIAID. He would like me to consider assuming a named professorship at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He said I could have offices in Washington DC in the Joe Biden center which is located in downtown DC and is part of the University of Pennsylvania. I could spend most of my time in Washington and intermittently visit Penn. This is likely the first of several offers at this type that I will get; however, this seems like exactly the kind of thing I would want to allow me to write my books , give lectures, and have a home base in a highly reputable institution.

Town Hall with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-CA) - I have been doing a number of town hall appearances with various Congress men and women over the last several months , almost all Democrats. I have not mentioned them in my notes for the most part however the one I did tonight with Anna who is special since she is such an avid fan of mine and effusively praised me throughout the town hall meeting. Her district is the San Mateo and Palo Alto area. Interestingly, that is where Joan Baez lives. We spoke about boosters, vaccinations in general, vaccine hesitancy, and what the end game is of getting back to normal in this pandemic.

PRESS: Bloomberg TV with David Westin; NPR Radio interview with Joe Palca;

Nov. 10, 2021 Global - 250,154,972/5,054,267; USA – 46,626,034/755,201

Many Eastern European countries by having record surges of COVID with increases in hospitalizations and deaths. These countries include the Ukraine, Romania, Russia, Bulgaria, among others. In the United states although the cases are plateauing as a group, there are other areas of the country particularly some of the western and northern states it is starting to see increases including the important state of California. In fact, the daily average over the past week for the country has shown a 5% increase in cases.

Met by Zoom today with Eric Schultz at the request of Barack Obama - Eric was really very helpful. He has enormous experience at being a comms expert working with Barack Obama. He was involved in deflecting a lot of the criticism against Obama during his Presidency. Eric was very realistic about what can be done in my case although he admitted that the level of attacks against me was clerly organized and unprecendented. He wanted to find out what was being negatively impacted by all of this. I explained to him that it was a very strong strain on me but that I'm strong enough to withstand it and he seemed to resonate with that. I told him that my scientific staff seems to be able to do their job even though the onslaught of this is so clear to them and they feel badly about what I'm going through. I told him that the group that is getting most overwhelmed with this is my legislative and my communications staff. Eric felt that it would be very difficult to shame the right wing media and even the right wing members of Congress and the Senate, and so he is unsure whether going after them would make a difference. He wanted to know whether I needed more help at the staff level in communications and legislation. I don't think that we do need that but I referred him to Courtney Billet with whom he has already scheduled a meeting. He did say that he was interested in the Washington Post piece that will be written by Yasmeen Abutaleb. He feels that if we can galvanize other media people to call out these groups that are attacking me that this could be very helpful. Once you expose the people who are instigating this, they often are reluctant to continue. And so, I am waiting to see how is conversation with Courtney goes. I am very thankful to Barack Obama for helping to set up this meeting with Eric.

Nice fireside chat with Bill First Bipartisan Center - The audience were a number of policy makers who listened in on the bipartisan senators discussions. Bill asked the usual questions ut the status of the outbreak but where we're going what does the end game look like and all the other questions that are generally asked.

PRESS:Interview with "The Daily" – New York Times – Michael Barbaro;

Nov. 11, 2021

Just to catch up on what is going on with the Moderna/NIH patent dispute. It has been very clear from the very beginning that there was a very strong collaboration between investigators at the Vaccine

Research Center (VRC) and the Moderna company . In particular John Mascola , Barney Graham, and Kizzmekia Corbett were heavily involved in the development of the mRNA -1273 vaccine. It was assumed by everyone that there would be a joint patent inventorship. And so, when a few months ago we heard that there was some disagreement among the tech transfer people of the NIH and the lawyers at Moderna, Frances and I engaged in a couple of telephone conversations with Steve Hoge and Stephane Bancef of Moderna. Steve and Stephane said that the actual inventorship was solely Moderna and that although the NIH had rights to the patent and licensing of the S2P immunogen, Moderna claimed that the actual "inventorship" was theirs. This is critical since even though we would get a considerable amount of royalty from this technicality and even though we could be "co-owners" of the patent but not inventors of the patent this would still give Moderna complete control over who can or cannot use the mRNA vaccine . This is particularly relevant if we try to get the vaccine produced for low and middle income countries at a very, very low price. And so, after many attempts at resolving the issue we were very surprised that Moderna unilaterally went out and filed the patent and specifically and explicitly excluded John, Barney, and Kizzy. The entire academic community, when they found out about this, was totally taken aback. And so, just this week Francis made it clear in an interview with Reuters that we are going to bring Moderna to court and let the courts determined the outcome . See below.

Science magazine has written a critical appraisal of NIH and it has really pissed off Francis Collins:

Nov. 12,2021 – GLOBAL – 251,266,207/5,070,244; USA – 46,783,309/757,663

I gave an interview with Peter Baker today for the book that he is writing on president trump.

PRESS: NYTimes/The Daily: An Interview with Anthony Fauci https://nyti.ms/3ohAA22 ; STAT Summit Interview with Helen Branswell; Sirius XM "Doctor Radio" with Marc Siegel; NBC Nightly News with Tom Costello;

Nov. 13, 2021- Global – 251,788,329/5,077,907; USA – 46,910,412/759,552

I had an important TV interview with Ted Koppel to be aired on CBS tomorrow (see below). The main gist of the interview was the attacks on me from the radical far-right. However, Ted did bring up an issue that Hugh Hewitt brought up in a different context (see above). Ted asked me (and he is a good friend) whether or not I realized that I was speaking to the converted and the 50% of people who love me are already doing what I want them to do and the 30% who hate me will never do what I say no matter what and so have I ever considered pulling out of being a public spokesperson and just focus on my job as the director of NIAID. He originally asked whether I should "step down" because I had to remind him that I do have a very important job that has nothing to do with speaking to the press. When he understood that, he corrected himself and said why not just pull back from interviews since I'm wasting my time. I pointed out to him that there are still people who are on the fence whom I can convince and since I am such a valued spokesperson and a good communicator that the President and the Administration want very much for me to be out there. He got that and agreed, but it is interesting that he even brought it up.

I have been including **Larry Corey** in one of the three weekly division director meetings because in my opinion he is one of the most brilliant clinical trialists in the country if not the world. However there is some growing tension that the division directors, particularly Emily Erbelding and Carl Dieffenbach resent Larry being there since they feel he is giving himself an unfair advantage inventing his ideas in front of me and putting them in a position that they have to agree since everybody knows that he is a very close personal friend of mine. And so, at the last meeting they spoke to me about asking Larry not to take part in the division director meetings anymore since this in their mind is a conflict of interest. They do have a point but I believe that they do not fully appreciate how much value added he is. And so tonight I had to call Larry and tell him that he can continue to very frequently consult with me with his ideas but that he cannot attend the division director meetings by zoom anymore unless invited for a specific ad hoc issue. He was disappointed, and vented a bit about their lack of creativity , but he understood and will stand down on this. I will continue to use him frequently as an advisor.

PRESS: Interview with Ted Koppel for CBS "Sunday Morning" to air tomorrow (Sunday)

Nov. 14, 2021

The interview with Ted Koppel went extremely well and I got more emails and texts than ever saying how impressed people were with it. The tone of the interview was interesting in that he allowed me to talk about the divisiveness in the country and he even brought it up in a good context the fact that many people don't believe me anymore and even want me to resign. He asked my opinion about that and I was very firm in saying that I focus on my job and that I did not create the divisiveness in the country and certainly if people keep lying about me and distorting the truth in egregious ways, of course some people are going to believe that and some people are not going to like me but that's not what I'm all about. I'm all about doing my job and I'm not going anywhere until COVID-19 is in the rearview mirror.

It is also interesting that with other things in the news including the contempt of Congress charges against Steve Bannon with other charges soon coming against mark meadows, the **attention on me has lessened**. Perhaps this is a temporary low but it certainly is noticeable.

Nov. 15, 2021 – Global USA

Went down to the White House today to participate with secretary Becerra - In a Health Summit for Indian Nation.I gave a brief overview of the outbreak and the importance of getting booster vaccinations and secretary Becerra and I answered a bunch of questions from different tribal leaders. Well down there I ran into Susan Rice who gave me a big hug as usual as well as Merrick Garland with whom I had a nice chat. He joked and said you've got to save us from this outbreak and I joked back and said you've got to save us from the crazies who are out there. He shook his head in affirmation and said he's trying.

Over the weekend I had been back and forth on the phone with Larry Horowitz as well as Jeff Zientz. The issue at hand is that many of the states including Colorado, California, New Mexico, and soon Minnesota as well as a number of countries such as Canada Israel Germany France and others are all recommending that everyone 18 years of age and older get their **third booster shot** of an M RNA vaccine. The FDA is collecting the data from Pfizer to make the authorization through an EU A for that age group. We are hoping that the CDC does not hesitate no matter what the ACIP says and goes ahead and shows leadership to get everyone a

booster shot. The reason why this is important , despite the fact that there was concern about myocarditis in younger men, is because the message of who should get boosted is ambiguous and even people who should be getting boosted are hesitant to do so because they are not sure whether they qualify for a boost. If you just say across the board that everybody who's received a primary vaccination should get boosted within six months, then there is clarity about the fact that everyone should get vaccinated. I have been respectful of the CDC and the process that they go through , but over the last couple of days I have been very explicit saying that in my professional opinion I feel that everyone should get vaccinated.

Got a call from Ari Emanuel today - He told me that he will be coming to Washington DC in the next month and wants to come over the house for dinner to explain to me how naive I am and not fully appreciating just how much money I can get from book deals films and speeches. Ari has been calling me about once every several weeks to just check in on me and see how I am doing and to maintain the connection. He is very obviously hot to be my agent when I step down from the United States government.

PRESS: WTOP Radio with Gigi; Business Insider with Hillary Brueck (Print); CNBC with Shepherd Smith

Nov. 16, 2021 – Global - 253,163,330/5,098,174; USA – 47,145,861/761,426

Michael Hiltzik of the LA Times - Has written another insightful review of the profound weaknesses of the lab leak theory. He exposes Alina Chan of the Broad Institute as someone leaning towards the conspiracy theory who has written a book providing no evidence whatsoever other than conjecture about the lab leak theory (see below).

Discussion with Jeff and the medical team today. - Although the cases are starting to surge up in more than 30 states, we have to start preparing for what level of acceptance of infection in the community we are willing to live with. I have been explaining on TV/Radio shows the multiple phases of outbreaks from pandemic phase, to deceleration phase, to control, to elimination , to eradication. We have only eradicated one infection and that is smallpox. We have eliminated infections from the United states such as polio, malaria, and measles. What we have looking forward is “control “. However, there are multiple levels within the bracket of control and we should not accept control at a level of 70 to 80,000 cases per day. We must

get it down much, much lower . In my mind that is considerably lower than 10,000 cases per day. Importantly, the number of hospitalizations should also figure into that calculation since as I have been discussing with David Morens and Jeff Taubenberger, systemic vaccination (subcut). Subcutaneous vaccination does not give mucosal immunity very well except when you have very high levels of antibody. When anybody levels fall below certain level one is acceptable to infection . However , B cell memory and T cell memory very often protect against pulmonary infection. And so we can expect that there will be a time as we boost people that we continue to get mild infections such as with the common cold but very few people wind up getting very sick requiring hospitalization. Jeff and David also pointed out that for those vaccines that are required from the respiratory move and do not result in viraemia we do not have good vaccinations to prevent infection although we do have vaccinations that prevent the progression two serious disease. I refer to influenza, parainfluenza , respiratory syncytial virus, and metapneumovirus. However, viruses such as measles, smallpox, and other viruses that result in viraemia and systemic involvement with virus give lifelong immunity after infection as well as after vaccination. These are important considerations that very few people fully appreciate.

PRESS: Reuters TV with Julie Steenhuysen; NBC News Medical Unit - TV with Ashkay Syal;

Nov. 17, 2021 – Global -253,640,693/5,104,899; USA – 47,244,379/762,994

I went to a book party last night for Jonathan Karl's new book about Trump. It took place at the Cafe Milano. The place was incredibly crowded and I was almost forced to take my mask off for 2/3 of the time I was there since they were serving drinks and people were talking and taking selfies. I was totally swamped all night by people wanting to say hello, shake my hands, and take pictures with me. I could not get away from it . Although some people may think that this is great to have people treat you like Elvis Presley , but it was really very unnerving. Jon was very gracious to me being very excited about my meeting his family . We took hundreds of pictures with each member of his family, as well as one big family photo. It turns out that his father-in-law grew up in Bensonhurst and knew about my father's pharmacy on 13th Ave. The book party event was punctuated by doctor Bill Hughes whom I know for years and who is married to Ann

Compton getting a vaso-vagal attack and I tended to him at the bar. We called an ambulance, but Ann took him home after we documented that he was stable. When I went home that night I was nervous all night looking at the ceiling concerned about having gotten infected in that very crowded restaurant despite the fact that vaccination proof was required to get in. I'm well aware that many people who are vaccinated are still getting infected and that worried me a lot. I'm supposed to go to an even bigger black tie affair at the home of the French ambassador tomorrow. I think I am going to cancel out since I don't want to go through the nerve-wracking experience that I did last night worrying about having gotten infected.

Of note, there are more than one congressional bills that have been proposed with my name on it . One is the "Fires Fauci Act" which was written by Marjorie Taylor Greene. Another bill floating in the Senate (proposed by Senator Joni Ernst) is forbidding gain of function research and that bill is called the "Fauci Act"

PRESS: NBC Now TV with Hallie Jackson;

Did an interview with Margaret Brennan today to be shown two weeks from now on Face the Nation. Curiously she spent most of the time asking me to justify the many "mistakes "that have been made by the CDC during this outbreak both during the trump administration and the Biden administration. I was trying to defend the CDC to the best of my ability, but this was not easy since in many respects she was right. I try to steer the conversation so with discussion of what I am responsible for namely the development of vaccines and therapeutics. She responded by saying I am "America's doctor "and so I should have to answer these things . She was not being mean since Margaret is tough but she's a very fair and good person.

Nov. 18, 2021 Global USA

Call from Jeff Zients today with a message from Ron Klain – It is noteworthy that in prior demonstrations it was always a concern when you give a message about a public health issue that the administration is always afraid get the public to concern we're not concerned enough to be incompatible with the message that they're trying to get. This was brought to the far extreme trump administration in fact the message was completely garbled and riddled with allies from the president , which I had to rectify. However, I was a bit surprised when I got a phone call from Jeff saying that

Ron thought I was doing a terrific job with the messaging but he was a little concerned that I might be saying that we might have a tough time this winter pressing message. However I was being perfectly truthful since in fact we are seeing the beginning of a surge and when you look at what I said I was actually quite certain spectrum said that we can do something about preventing surge and you just pull up to us if we want to blunt but could be an inevitable surge of people continue to not getting vaccinate just the thought that there is some contact commonality among all the ministrations but messages even the terrific ones like we're dealing with now.

Phone call with Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) – Roger wanted information regarding global COVID since he is going to a conference in Halifax about global response to COVID. He asked good questions and then he asked about GOF and I explained the entire situation to him. He seemed not hostile and understanding. Clearly, not all GOPs are jerks.

Interesting article in Axios that goes along with my saying that we did not know that masks work until later on. This article came out today!!! –

PRESS: Interview with Carl Zimmer of New York Times an the antiviral program for COVID and other viral families; NPR "Morning Edition"/All Things Considered" with Alison Aubrey; Russ Parr Morning Show (Radio); The Laura Coates Show (Radio); The Ryan Cameron Show (Radio Atlanta); MSNBC Peacock – Mehdi Hassan;

Nov. 19, 2021 – Global – 255,324,963/5,127,696; USA – 47,587,441/770,461

PRESS: Fantastic article in the Washington Post online today by Yasmeen Abutaleb the bunking in an incredibly efficient manner the false claims against me by the right wing motivated White Coat Waste project regarding the Beagle experiments :

https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2021/11/19/fauci-beagle-white-coat-waste/

New York Times article about my advocating boosters:

Politico "Playbook:

NY Times:

Nov. 20, 2021 – Global - 254,847,065/5,120,712; USA – 47,471,270/768,619

On both of these TV shows we discussed the authorization of boosters for everyone over 18 years of age and the EUA for Pfizer for 5 to 11 yrs old and what we have to look forward to for the Holidays (see below). The major conversation topic over the last several days has been the recent approval (finally) by the FDA and recommendation by the CDC to give booster shots to people 18 years of age or older. However the CDC continues to abide by there ACIP recommendations which confused the issue some what by talking about different categories that either "should" or "may" be vaccinated with the booster shot. I clarified unambiguously on TV that we should not let that confuse us and that everybody should go ahead and get a booster shot if they have had get full vaccination. I also made it very clear that although the cases very well may surge in the upcoming cold months that the people who are vaccinated and preferably boosted can enjoy a comfortable safe holiday with their family indoors without wearing masks. I was very explicit about that because every time I even hint that people need to be careful over the holidays the far right radical idiots take things out of context and have a field day.

There is some buzz around regarding the Justice Department moving against not only Steve Bannon , but also Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. The reason for the subpoenas or that they refuse to abide by the house subpoena to appear before the committee. Peter Navarro continues to claim that I am responsible for causing the death of over 4 million people worldwide because I created COVID-19

More and more papers are appearing in the medical literature making it very clear that the outbreak was almost certainly a natural occurrence and not a lab leak. The most recent paper was one by Michael Worobey that appeared in Science 3 days ago:

https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.abm4454

Also, commentaries by **Eddie Holmes (Australia)** and others are nailing down the natural origins story. Yet, the 3 stooges (**Richard Ebright, David Relman, and Jesse Bloom)** are still pushing the lab-leak hypothesis literally based on absolutely no solid evidence, but only conjecture

Nov. 21, 2021 – Global USA

Mike Osterholm and Eric Topol wrote an editorial in the New York Times sharply criticizing the CDC and the ACIP for not giving a clear message that everyone over 18 years old should get a boost. This is something that I have also felt strongly about in that the ACIP is being very rigid and overly careful and give a confusing message of who "should" get vaccinated versus "who" may get vaccinated. Mike called me up after that and told me that Rochelle called him and was very pissed off at him for writing the editorial; however, as much as I love her, Mike and Eric were correct. The editorial got Jeff concerned since it did point out the reality of the problem with the CDC, but it also reflects poorly on the federal government responds . Jeff was extremely pleased as was Ben Wakana about the strong response that I gave on the TV shows today ; however, Jeff wanted me to call Mike and ask him to tone down the criticism since it reflects badly on the USG response. I gave Mike a call and we discussed the situation and ne promised to make sure going forward that he separates the CDC response from the total government and Tony Fauci response. I don't know what I can do to get the CDC and particularly Rochelle to move away from that overly careful, slow, rigid approach that the CDC and the ACIP had been taking for so long; it leads to nothing but confusion. On the Sunday shows today I was very clear that we should not worry about "should" or "may" and that everybody who is 18 years of age or older whose been vaccinated absolutely should get a booster. Another example of the real problem we have with the CDC and its current mindset. **I should make sure that I spend considerable time on this in the book.**

PRESS: CNN "State of the Union" with Dana Bash; ABC "This Week" with Martha Raddatz; Yasmeen Abutaleb and Beth Reinhard's Article in the Washington Post calling out the lies about me regarding the Beagle experiments came out in the print form today , front page Sunday. This was online a couple of days ago.

Nov. 22, 2021 – Global USA

I had another very helpful conversation with my UK counterpart Chris Whitty discussing the upcoming challenges of the winter in the UK versus the USA. They are seeing a surge of cases similar to what we're seeing and they're seeing it even among vaccinated people underscores even more strongly need to boost everybody since boosters clearly protect better just the two doses.

Got a call from Kathy Hochul – Governor of New York - She was asking for some help and support in her upcoming decision of reinstituting the indoor mask mandate for the state of New York. She wants to exclude New York City from this mandate since they are doing a good job of keeping their infections down. However, since the rest of the state is surging, she wants to make sure that she doesn't let the surge get even greater. I supported her and told her that that was the right thing to do and that she should distinguish New York City from the rest of the state even though it is likely that this is going to get a lot of Flack.

PRESS: NPR "Morning Edition" with Steve Inskeep; MSNBC "Morning Joe"; CBS Mornings with Gayle King; Print interview with Alice Park of Time Magazine; ABC Australia TV – News Breakfast;

Nov. 23, 2021 - Global – 256,966,237/5,151,643; USA – 47,813,785/772,180

I continue to do the **Governor's calls as well as the Principal's calls** once a week. I do not comment on them regularly but each time Jeff asks me and Rochelle to give an update on the epidemiology and the latest science . For example, today I briefed the governors and the principals on the science behind the necessity for an the efficacy of boosters.

Dr. Markey is trying to help us get money for the development of a universal coronavirus vaccine. See his letter:

Important interview with Ari Melber on MSNBC tonight where I hit back at criticisms by the far right particularly Ticker Carlson and Peter Navarro. It is a must to listen to:

https://bit.ly/32j3EPg
https://www.msnbc.com/the-beat-with-ari/watch/dr-fauci-tucker-carlson-s-personal-attacks-are-a-badge-of-honor-127012421649

PRESS: BBC World News TV; WBAL Baltimore Local TV; MSNBC "The Beat" with Ari Melber;

Nov. 24, 2021 – GLOBAL – 257,469,528/5,158,211; USA – 47,916,623/773,779

Very gratifying public response to the Yasmeen article in the Washington Post:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/comments?storyUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.washingtonpost.com%2Finvestigations%2F2021%2F11%2F19%2Ffauci-beagle-white-coat-waste%2F

Jeff just called me and told me that he wants me to brief the President in the Oval Office on Monday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM on what we need to do looking forward but the pandemic. He wants it to be only me representing the Medical Group because he feels I had a degree of precise clarity. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving and I have been doing a lot of press in the usual situation of having to predict and advise people of how to handle their safety during the traveling period of the coming holidays.

Mike Osterholm and Eric Topol wrote a scathing article in the WashPost criticizing the CDC for not giving a clear message on boosters:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/11/24/cdc-got-it-wrong-it-should-have-urged-all-adults-get-covid-19-booster-shots/

PRESS: PRI Radio – "The World"; Philadelphia Radio "Reality Check" with Charles Ellison; Univision TV with Andrea Linares; "The Grio" Online TV with April Ryan; CNN "AC360" with John Berman

Nov. 25, 2021 (Thanksgiving Day) Global USA

The New York Times had a Thanksgiving day write-up on A summary of where we are with COVID-19 in the context of an interview with me. The last question they asked was what I was thankful for at Thanksgiving. My response is given below:

Major Serious Issue with new South African Variant!! - It is Thanksgiving Day and something has come up today that is very serious. I got an email from Jeff Zients who forwrsded an email from Stephane Bancel. Stephane was alerting Jeff to the fact that he had heard that there was a new variant in South Africa called B.1.1.529. See below:

One of the problems is that the mutations that have accumulated which are now greater than 30 on the Spike protein including 10 mutations at the RBD would predict an escape from immune protection . In addition, the variant in RSA has rapidly gone from a couple of percent to double digits. Clearly, it is highly transmissible and has been demonstrated in people who have recovered from the Delta variant. This is very disconcerting since besides its transmissibility, this suggests that is eluding immune protection. I

engaged in a bunch of phone calls with Larry Corey and John Mascola and multiple calls with Jeff Zients. I tried repeatedly to contact Rochelle Walenski, but she is not answering texts, emails or telephone calls. However, it turns out that there is a glitch in my connection to her text and my texts keep getting sent to an e-mail address. We will fix this. I finally go to her later in the evening. Larry Corey has arranged a zoom for 10:30 AM tomorrow with our South African colleagues including Glenda Gray, Penny Moore and Tulio de Oliveira who is the evolutionary biologist from South Africa. Of particular note, as I was scrambling around to contact people, the UK announced that they are banning flights not only from South Africa but also from Namibia , Lesotho , Botswana , Eswatini, and Zimbabwe. In addition, they are going to require PCR tests for all arrivals into the UK. Israel has also now announced it will ban its citizens from traveling to southern Africa covering the same countries as well as Mozambique. Again, with multiple phone calls with Jeff , we decided to wait until tomorrow morning when we will have contact with the South Africans to get a clear review of what is going on. When I finally connected with Rochelle later in the evening, it was clear that she really didn't have any idea what was going on. I am really surprised by this since the CDC should be all over these types of leads. In addition, when I began to probe it is clear that this issue had been circulating for a couple of days, and amazingly on the calls with the White House medical team Rochelle and the CDC never brought it up. This is really strange since I would imagine that with their global connections they would have been all over this. I have arranged to have both Rochelle and Francis Collins join the zoom call that Larry Corey set up for us to engage with the South Africans. Just heard tonight that the WHO has called a special meeting to address the issue:

More later**. I sent an email to Rochelle telling her that she better be prepared to move quickly with her team no later than tomorrow** if in fact we decide that we are going to shut down travel from southern Africa. I tried to give her the benefit from my prior experience with shutting down from China as well as from the European states. She did not seem to be on top of things, and so I gave her a real strong briefing about the fact that she is going to have to move and move boldly.

Nov. 26, 2021 – GLOBAL USA

All set for Zoom with RSA folks this AM. Story starting to break as the South African public health people had a meeting and discussed all the details of the increase in cases that apparently are spreading rapidly throughout South Africa.

Not sure about the evasion of vaccines , but the situation is certainly heating up . Will discuss whether or not we're going to restrict travel from South Africa later today at a 12 noon call with Jeff.

Email from Cyrus Shahpar on 11/26/2021:

Deputy Health Minister in UK gave statement to Parliament about why they are prohibiting travel fro RSA and other African countries:

Email from Elodie Ghedin on her briefing by the South Africans:

Briefing with RSA colleagues: Glenda Gray, Tulio de Oliveira and others -Clearly we have a serious situation in South Africa. The virus is spreading rapidly in virtually all the provinces with a concentration in Gauteng province which is where Johannesburg and Pretoria are located. Reports now in multiple countries almost all related to travel from RSA. infections in RSA seen in people who have recovered from delta as well as breakthrough infections in those who have been vaccinated with the Pfizer product. What is unclear is what the severity of the infections are , and this is a moving target that Glenda Gray and Tulio said they would keep us informed on as soon as they get real data. Multiple countries in Europe and elsewhere are blocking travel from RSA and neighboring countries. I briefed Jeff about this immediately after the 10:30 AM zoom with the South Africans. Jeff wants me to brief the POTUS immanently. The president is spending the Thanksgiving holiday with his family in Nantucket.

Conference call with President Biden: Jeff arranged for me to brief the president on a conference call that included Jake Sullivan (NSC), Natalie Quillian, Ron Klain and Jeff. I described the medical and public health situation to the President and Natalie and Ron discussed the issue of blocking travel from RSA and neighboring countries. I explained to the President that this is all the more reason to get people vaccinated and boosted. The president will make a public announcement soon, likely this afternoon, that he has spoken with me and that the decision has been made

about the travel restriction.Announcement about travel restrictions went out at 2:00 PM today. 212F is the authorization for restrictions

Slides on mutations:

Incredibly busy Thanksgiving Day. We had zoom calls with the Pfizer group led by Mikael Dolsten to scope out what their plan is regarding scaling up boosters against prototype as well as the advisability or not of developing Omicron-specific boosters. Also met with the Moderna people for similar discussions.

Clearly, the virus is spreading widely with five cases in Israel all of which were picked up by screening at the airport. E-mail from Danny Douek:

PRESS: CNN "New Day" with Brianna Keilar (she was rude and asked questions about Brett Giroir out of context); Interviews with Sheryl Stolberg – NY Times; Kaitlan Collins –

CNN; NBC "Evening News" with Lester Holt

Bloomberg:

Nov. 27, 2021 – GLOBAL USA

Conversation with Jerome (Jay) Powell, Chair of the US Federal Reserve. Bob Grady texted me this morning to connect me with Jay Powell who wanted to talk to me about the implications of the new variant on the economy since he was in the process with the Federal Reserve of making trillions of dollars in loans to other countries. He wanted to hear from me first-hand about what my projections for the outbreak would be. He will be testifying before Congress this coming week and we agreed that I would keep him posted as to any additional information that comes out. I briefed him thoroughly and what we know up to this point.

PRESS: NBC "Today" with Kristen Welker and Peter Alexander;

Nov. 28, 2021 (Sunday) Global USA

Very Important Day!! - An extraordinary amount has been going on over the last 24 to 48 hours. It is very clear that with the **Omicorn variant** is rapidly spreading from the epicenter in South Africa with mostly travel-related cases to a number of countries at this point including Botswana, the Netherlands, England, Hong Kong, Australia, Italy, Israel, Belgium, Czech Republic, and several other countries. This is unquestionably a highly

transmissible virus. We had a very productive zoom call at 12 noon Washington DC time with our South African colleagues once again. The main players among the South Africans were Tulio de Oliveira, Glenda Gray, and Carolyn Williamson. The have been extraordinarily transparent and helpfu giving us data in real time. It is a shame that we had to block travel from RSA. However, we would have gotten killed by the press if we did not as we are now getting killed for having done it. I expressed my deep gratitude to them for their help. The South Africans gave us a really good feel about the fact that there are things that we know and things that we don't know at this point. The combination of the many mutations in the spike protein together with the fact that they are seeing spikes in infection among people who have recovered from delta as well as those who have been vaccinated. **The critical question is how severe is this disease that likely will result from this new infection.**

Immediately after the briefing with the South Africans, Jeff wanted me to come to the White House to help prepare the speech that the President will be making tomorrow about Omicorn. I spent a considerable amount of time in Jeff's office together with Natalie working on the presentation that I would be giving to the President this evening as well as the content of his upcoming speech tomorrow. After we worked on the presentation and his speech, we went to the Oval Office at around 3:30 PM and **sat around the Resolute Desk. Briefing the President** were Ron Klain, Jon Fine, Natalie, and Jeff. I gave a full briefing to the President about what the situation was with the new variant. In addition, we all sat around and edited with him the speech that he will deliver tomorrow at a White House press conference. At the end of the briefing, Ron and Jeff strongly suggested and the President agreed that I should be at the press conference with him tomorrow morning at 11:00 AM to answer any of the scientifically related questions. The President was very much in favor of this. I was a little bit concerned because I did not want it to appear that we were pushing out the surgeon general (Vivek) and the CDC director (Rochelle). BTW, both of them were not in DC (Miami and Atlanta). However, Jeff and Ron were very adamant that it be me alone since they did not want there to be any confusion about who would answer which question. One of the things that I noticed that was very clear is that **the President appeared extremely tired and very muted and low key.** I'm beginning to see that this is his style . However, when we got to the question and answer. He asked all the right questions. And so I

can understand why his critics can often refer to him as "Sleepy Joe" when in fact he really is paying attention and is very measured in his responses. In addition, he speaks in a very low monotone which makes it appear almost that he is frail when he is not.

After the briefing I rushed home and joined the Sunday night call with the COVID medical team led by Jeff. Tomorrow will be a big day. We are hearing a lot of pushback from people who are saying we should not have blocked travel from southern African countries. They fail to understand that we are not trying to completely prevent the influx of infection. Rather, we want to buy ourselves a little bit time usually measured in a couple of weeks to better prepared, understand better what is going on, and to get people vaccinated and boosted. However, as usual no matter what you do people are going to try and punch holes in it and give a reason why they think it is a mistake. I have gotten extremely used to this and understand that very well.

See Below:

PRESS: ABC "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos; NBC "Meet the Press" with Chuck Todd; CBS "Face the Nation" with Margaret Brennan – she played an extensive taped interview with me that is worth viewing since I pushed back on some of the nonsense that is going on. I called out Rand Paul, Ted Cruz and the far right Republicans that have been slamming me.

Nov. 29, 2021 GLOBAL USA

POTUS Press Briefing - I was called to the White House to help to prepare the President for the press briefing that he would give this morning at 11:45 AM. I got to the White House at 10:00 AM and went over his speech with Jeff and Natalie and went over the Qs and As that the President would need to prepare him. We then went to the Oval Office and directly briefed the President . In the Oval Office were Natalie, Jeff, Jake Sullivan, the vice president, Ron Klain, Jen Psaki, and a few others. We tweaked the Qa and As and helped him answer them in his own mind and then the President, the vice president, and I went out to the press briefing which took place in the Roosevelt Room. They only needed me to answer one of the questions that was asked of the President and that related to the travel restrictions on southern Africa and what we were doing right now to prevent people from other countries who might be infected with Omicron

from coming into our own country. I explained that now anyone coming into the country who is not an American citizen needs to be vaccinated as well as having a test before they get on the plane whereas American citizens and LPRs need to be tested before they get on the plane and when they get off the plane they are quarantined voluntarily for seven days and must get a PCR test within three days.

PRESS: ABC "Good Morning America" with George Stephanopoulos; CBS "Mornings" with Gayle King and Tony Dokoupil; PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff; CNN "The Lead" with Jake Tapper; MSNBC "The Reid Out" with Joy Reid; Peacock TV with Mehdi Hassan

Nov. 30, 2021 - Global USA

There's been a lot of concern and discussion about the decision to block travel from southern Africa. The Africans are feeling like they're being punished as a result of their transparency in getting this information out quickly. I totally understand their concern and I do hope that this travel ban will be quite temporary. On the other hand in typical fashion **the far right is now criticizing me together with President Biden for using the Omicron variant as a political tool against the Republicans.** I have no idea how they make this connection, but they are totally crazy. In addition, I got criticized by the **New York Post** for being too slow in considering a travel restriction and therefore likely caused loss of life. Obviously, this is a lose lose situation.

Had a very important conversation with Trevor Bedford last night. Trevor is a computational biologist in Seattle. He discussed some models for John Mascola, Larry Corey, and others by zoom at 8:00 PM last night. **He is concerned about the immune evasion capabilities of this virus** but admits that it is too early to tell what the ultimate impact will be. He believes that in a delta-immune population such as in the United States that it is very likely that this new variant will spread widely and be dominant by the time we get to the end of February. However, he underscores that this is **purely an estimate** on his part based on his model and may not turn out to be the case. We still do not know with the level of severity of his viruses and only time will tell. By assaying on whole virus and pseudovirus, we will have a determination in the next two to three weeks regarding the degree of immune evasion.

PRESS; MSNBC with Craig Melvin; NPR with Rob Stein;

Dec 31, 2021 – Continued from Part 4

Many conversations between Jeff and me and back and forth with Rochelle regarding the wording of the guidelines about people getting back to work after five days. Jeff is adamant that we don't say that one of the reasons we're not doing it is because we don't have enough tests. We have to say that testing is required at 5 days and let the system work it out whether the tests are available or not. Michelle is getting hung up on making recommendations which will not be able to be implemented because of logistic constraints. I emphasized to her that if she tries to do it any other way it will completely confuse people. She has to make a recommendation and if there are not enough tests then people will make a decision to proceed without getting tested at 5 days and wwe will allow that option, but we can't be talking about maybe, could, should, if, when we are trying to get succinct understandable public health recommendations. (see below)

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Jan. 1, 2022

Important interchange between Rochelle and me regarding my wanting to be specific and clarify that if we want to get infected people back to work after 5 days we must get them tested with an Ag test after 45 days:

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Quarantine and Isolation documents Rochelle:

The only part that I read carefully is the part that you pointed out to me regarding testing or not at the 5 day time point. I still believe strongly that it should be a "recommendation" from the CDC and not a statement that "some people may decide they want to test at the end of the five day isolation period". I recommend saying something such as: "It is recommended that individuals get tested at the end of the five day isolation period. The best approach is to use two antigen tests. Samples should be collected at least 24 hours apart (for example, on days 4 and 5). If both tests are negative, continue to mask around others at home and in public until day 10. If either test is positive, continue to isolate until day 10."

The reason that I feel it is important to say "get tested" is that this is the exact language that you use in the section on quarantine even though admittedly these are somewhat different situations. However, the overall goal of both situations is to prevent people who are infected from spreading infection in the community. We must be consistent . If we feel that there are issues with availability of testing, cost of testing, or any other factors, they must apply to both those who are isolated and those who are quarantined. In fact, there will be many more people who will be quarantined then those who will actually be isolated.

On another note, upon consideration I do feel that Vivek and I should be part of that group that meets hopefully tomorrow. Since Vivek and I are going to be the ones together with you to defend but policy it is important that together we see how it evolves. Please let me know if you want to chat further . If not I will wait to hear from you about the upcoming meeting. Many thanks.

Best regards,

Tony

Through the evening today, I was back and forth on the phone with Jeff and with Rochelle. I convinced Rochelle to put together an ad hoc group of people to advise her and back her in being able to make an allowance for testing at day five. She got back to me and said that her people told her that she could not do that since it would require a FACA committee. And so she called up individual people including Mike Osterholm and Tom Frieden and she claims that they were OK without the testing (touch to believe since the entire scientific community was for testing a few days ago; however, she did mention that they would compromise and have a two pathway approach which she would refer to as time related and test related. Time related means you go to five days and then put a mask on and go out. Test related means that if tests are available you get tested and if you are positive you go back to isolation if you're negative you put a mask on and go out into the community. This is not exactly what I wanted nor exactly what Jeff wanted but it is better than not mentioning testing at all. I will be on the Sunday shows tomorrow and it would be interesting to see the kinds of questions they ask me. Beneath all of this is a strong feeling on the part of the medical team including Vivek as well as the entire White House against the way CDC is doing things. Cliff Lane agrees completely with me as does Bruce Tromberg that we should have testing at day 5.

Jan 2, 2021 (Sunday)

Cases are around 400,000 per day, deaths at around 1200 a day, 822,000 people have already died. And there were about 54 million total cases. Evidence continues to come in from other countries as well as good in vitro data from several countries that omicron is less severe both as a clinical phenomenon as well as in animal studies of pathogenicity.

I did the morning shows this morning and walked a fine line successfully . I did not contradict the CDC explicitly but I made it clear that if tests were available I would take tests after five days of isolation and if negative go out with a mask and if positive continue to isolate for the remaining five days or until I'm asymptomatic.

Extremely stressful series of phone calls several with Rochelle, then with Jeff and the team, then with HHS (Ian Sams, Steve Cha, Dawn O'Connell, Vivek Murthy. It has become extremely clear that the CDC is truly a dysfunctional organization. It pains me to say this I do not want to make this explicit in writing of the book; however in many respects it is the truth. On multiple phone calls with Rachel , we decided that in fact we should be having a "lane" that would allow testing after five days. Even though there are not enough tests for everyone to get a test right now it does not make any sense if a person has access to a test to not take a test. If the test is positive there's a high likelihood that that person is transmissible and so one can ask the question why would you not want to know that as opposed to making the scientifically incorrect statement that testing whether it's positive or negative wouldn't predict anything that would change your decision about whether that person should go back into society. Although we agreed on it ,Rachel could not guarantee us that that's the way the upcoming amplification of the guidelines would read. She kept on saying she could not get it "cleared" . It was unclear whom she was talking about when she said "cleared" . Apparently, she is getting a lot of pushback from the testing working group at CDC. We had an extremely painful conversation among the medical team with Jeff when it was clear that she could not guarantee us that there would be a pathway that we all agreed upon because she could not guarantee that the CDC or whomever she was saying would not clear it would allow this. Finally, the Vivek made it very clear that he could not defend the no testing approach and would refuse to go on the air to talk about it. This triggered a zoom with me, Steve Cha, Ian Sams, and Dawn O'Connell where it was very clear that HHS agreed 100% with me that the CDC policy made absolutely no sense and they really had to come up with a clarification saying that if a test was available to a person that they should take the test and if the test is positive they should stay out for the rest of the 10 day. If tests are not available, then go out but make sure you always where a mask.

In the meantime all the right wing media particularly led by FOX is coming out and saying that "Fauci flip-flopped" (related to my TV appearances on the subject where I said the CDC is considering updating their guidelines) when in fact I have been saying what I said all along that we should do testing. Once again, I'm taking a hit for the incompetency and extraordinary dysfunction of the CDC.

PRESS: ABC "This Week with George Stephanopoulos"; CNN "State of the Union" with Dana Bash

Jan. 3, 2021 Global USA

White out snow storm today – 7 inches

I am refusing to go out in any press appearances today because I do not want to have to explain the difference between me and the CDC . They must come out today and clarify they're updating of the guidelines so it doesn't look like I'm out there contradicting them. They are taking forever to come up with this.

Had a very important conversation (confidential) with Seam Mccluskie and Dawn O'Connell about the CDC. Sean wanted my advice about how we can address the problem with the CDC. I explained to him and dawn agreed that the culture of the CDC is ingrained and has been that way for decades. I recommend this strongly that they walk the fine balance between not making it appear that they having political influence on the public health process, which they are not, but figure out a way how to get the CDC before they make major pronouncements and decisions and guidelines and recommendations that they consult with a group of people including representatives from the NIH, the FDA, the CDC , and other representatives from outside scientist to "kick the tires " and murder board their decisions before they actually make them public. This would have avoided the debacle that we are going through right now regarding testing at 5 days in individuals who are infected and isolated. Sean was very grateful for the conversation and said he would try and see if we can get Rochelle to agree to that. after that discussion I spoke with Cliff lane and Cliff feels that we should probably recommend a top to bottom mid view of the entire CDC structure and function , perhaps bringing in the National Academy of Sciences or the National Academy of medicine. I believe he is right since we have to examine why we have to rely on data from other countries to learn about the epidemiology of diseases when we have interactions with the

health departments and yet the CDC feels that they have to yield to the health departments with regard to their data. They don't share data in real time and that has become very clear in that we have to rely on Israel, South Africa, and the UK to get important information. Anybody who examines this has to realize how unacceptable this is.

Important back and forth between me and Ian Sams, the comms person for HHS. There have been a number of back and forth conversations between Ian Sams and me. Ian and HHS are totally in my corner and are completely frustrated by the **CDC's refusal to make a firm recommendation that people should be tested after five days** of isolation before they are let out into the community with masks. The CDC wants the language to be that if tests are available a person may decide on their own that they want to get tested and could do so by getting tested on day 5 and if they are positive to go back into isolation and if they are negative to mask up and go into the community. HHS and I think that that is too ambiguous and that we should say if testing are available one should get tested according to the description above. CDC came back and refused that and Ian and I tried to have a compromise and said that if testing is available and one "can get tested" that they should get tested in the following manner. Even though I do not like that I can live with it in order to get things moving. We tried to get Rochelle under discussion but apparently she was "out of pocket " for an hour and a half and when she finally came back she said that my version was not acceptable because she does not think that we should be tested and that they should say what they originally said that if people feel they would like to get tested if they decide to get tested , leaving it up to the person to decide whether or not they should get tested as opposed to a firm recommendation. **In order to break the log jam I told Ian that they should go ahead and do that but when I get out publicly I am going to say that I recommend that people to whom tests are available should get tested as opposed to leaving it up to them to decide if they feel like they want to get tested.** It should not be up to the individual; they need a recommendation. I am very surprised about Rochelle because I thought that she was on board with our decision There should be two options one of which is to recommend testing. Let us see how this plays out. I will discuss this with Vivek.

I am getting dozens of phone calls today and tonightfrom every media outlet wanting my comment about the confusion regarding

the CDC's recommendations for the first time in a very long time I have not answered any of the press calls since I don't think it would do any good for me to talk about things until the CDC comes out with their revised guidelines and recommendations. I don't want to be commenting on something and then find out that they backtrack and say something that I did not think they were going to say.

Jeff dropped off the speech that the President is going to give tomorrow at my house for me to make any corrections and edits for accuracy. I made a few changes and then called him at his home a few blocks away and found in the changes , all of which he accepted.

PRESS: NYC PIX 11 TV interview;

Jan. 4, 2021 – Global – 290,959,019/5,446,753; USA – 56,310,718/825,106

Gave an in persdon briefing in the White House at the South Court auditorium to the POTUS and the Vice President. I spoke about omicron and the fact that it's severity is less but that we should not be complacent since it is really a tsunami of infection that might still ultimately stress our health care system. The president was his usual warm and complimentary of me about the job that I am doing. As usual, the vice president asked probing questions at a granular level. The president was a little bit frustrated because he wanted to make sure that we erred on the side of ordering too many tests and too many other interventions such as drugs rather than ordering them on an as needed basis . He made that very clear to us.

The USA is not on track to be fully vaccinated by mid-2022. We are at 62% of the total population fully vaccinated. Shameful that this is the case:

The CDC refuses to explicitly recommend testing; they say "...and wants to test":

I could not agree with using the words "...and wants to test" as opposed to recommending tests and I had to say that to the New York Times and the Washington Post. This was very painful for me since I know this is going to look like I'm being pitted against the CDC but I could not in good conscience agree with their recommendation based on what I know about

what the test would show. It is going to be a tough time in the next day or two and maybe even irreparable damage between me and the CDC.

Letter to editor NY Times supporting me from Dabvid Baltimore and Bob Bazell:

Jan. 5, 2021 Global – 293,750,692/5,454,131; USA – 57,190,371/827,879

The press conference went very well and there was not any instigation of conflict between Rochelle and I. I had a very good conversation with Rachel after the press briefing and we agreed that we still "love each other" then we have to move on from this situation. I did explain to her why I feel that the science and the advice that she is getting from her multiple working groups is both incorrect and confusing . She seemed to agree with me about that but did not actually say it. Of note I mentioned to her something that I did do last night and that is recommend to Courtney Rowe that the best approach going forward would be when we have an important new guideline from the CDC that it get vetted with the Medical Group thoroughly , not just with a casual verbal alert. After that the CDC should be given the responsibility of announcing it in Atlanta with their own press conference. The reason why this has not worked in the past and likely will not work is that the CDC incessantly leaks things and they would likely leak what they want before they give it a chance to be vetted carefully by the Medical Group. Therefore, if there's any differences that come out of the vetting group it would look like a conflict. This is a major systemic defect in the CDC.

Interview with Peggy McGlone of the Washington Post in preparation of my portrait being chosen to be put in the National Portrait Gallery

Just a reminder that I still continually do two times per week press conferences, visit the president in person at least once a week, and every week brief the House and Senate (of late), the governors and the principals.

Email exchange between Walensky and me:

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:16:36 PM
To: Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [redacted]
Subject: FW: NYT: For C.D.C.'s Walensky, a Steep Learning Curve on Messaging

Rochelle: This bright shiny object for the press will pass rapidly and then we will move on to more important things. This will go away I promise you. Concomitant with this coming out , which also accused me of muddying the waters, I received another ugly death threat and my wife received an extremely obscene phone call tonight on her cell phone. Sometimes you are glad when the day ends. Let us hang in there together. Warm regards, Tony

Jan. 6, 2022 Global USA

Truly a tsunami of cases over the last week. There were over 700,000 cases yesterday and the hospitalizations have increased by over 100%. There are now 110,000 people in the hospital with COVID and there are more than 1300 deaths per day. These are the highest numbers of cases per day since the beginning of COVID-19. Hospital systems or being greatly stressed and in a conversation with my "Tuesday night" group from different cities, it is clear that there is an explosion of cases (see below for NYC). It is clear that the omicron variant is less severe with regard to hospitalizations and deaths compared to delta . This is seen in South Africa as well as the UK and now here in the United states. In addition , animal studies show that the virus replicates extremely well in the upper airway but poorly in the lung which may explain why it's highly transmissible and yet not as severe. I have been warning that we should not be complacent since the sheer volume of number of cases might override the diminished severity and still a lot of people will require hospitalization even though the percent of hospitalized patients is lower. The sharp increase is starting to turn around in South Africa and we hope that over the next few weeks we'll see a peak and a turn around here in the United states.

Had a very important zoom today organized by Vivek Murthy of the usual doctors; we would joined by Rachel Levine, Steve Cha and Eric Lander and David Kessler. Atul Gawande is a new member of the group serving as the medical advisor to USAID. There were 750,000 new cases yesterday and likely the real number was over 1,000,000. It is very clear that this virus seeks out everyone vaccinated and unvaccinated boosted or not boosted. The saving grace of it all is that clearly the vaccinated and boosted people have a very low chance of having a severe outcome. There is still a lot of delta around which is probably accounting

for a lot of the hospitalizations. However, as I have been saying in my public appearances that the sheer volume of new cases of a low pathogenic virus is still going to result in a very big strain on the hospital system. On the discussion today for the first time ever we were speaking about the possibility that society will be severely compromised by the number of workers who would be out due to infection. We began to dance around for the first time the issue of having people who are infected clearly go back to work wearing a mask in five days which is now the recommendation of the CDC (after much controversy). In fact, we may have to be even more drastic than that if we want the society to keep operating when we have over 1,000,000 infections per day.

About 50% of global population is vaccinated with Africa far behind:

PRESS:

The Show on Hot 105 (South Florida) - Interviewers: Big Lip and Shelby Rushin; Spectrum Reporter: Reuben Jones; WTVT (FOX Tampa) Reporter: Craig Patrick

Jan. 7, 2022 – Global USA

Turned down the requests to go on the Sunday shows (CBS and NBC) I do not want to be put in a position to be contradicting Rochelle regarding CDC statements about testing after five days. I will take a risk this weekend and go for the shows next weekend next weekend.

Margaret Brennan was annoyed at me since I turned her down last weekend because I did not want to get into a tip for tap with her since she is usually very harsh. She is OK this weekend since I am turning down everybody.

We prepped for the hearing today with the HHS team . The main topic of concern was making sure that Rochelle and I do not contradict each other regarding the testing at day five. Rochelle and I are good and we will work together so it's not to have open conflict.

PRESS: Regional Media - Outlet: Ahora con Oscar Haza (FL, NY, Houston) **Reporter:** Oscar Haza **Outlet:** Midday's with Tambra (Mississippi); **Reporter:** Tambra Cherie; **Outlet:** WNBC (NBC New York) **Reporter:** David Ushery

Jan 8, 2022 – Global – 298,915,721/5,469,303; USA – 59,521,277/834,077

Cases now ~1,000,000;

Jan 9, 2022 (Sunday) Global USA

We had our usual very helpful discussion with our colleagues from the Republic of South Africa including Shirley Colli, Alex Sigal, Penny Moore, Waasila Jassat, and Glenda Gray – all organized by Larry Corey. It is very clear that omicron has peaked and is coming way down in South Africa. Also , as more data accumulate it is very clear that omicron is less severe then delta in every aspect from hospitalization two duration of stay in hospital two use of oxygen. The thing that is still a little puzzling is that there are many more hospitalizations in children but this is confounded by a number of factors including the fact that many children are HIV infected. All in all , even though hospitalizations are increased in children the severity of their hospital stay is significantly lower. That seems paradoxical but that is what the data show.

Three articles (JAMA) came out online led by Zeke Emanuel and including people like Mike Osterholm and Rick Bright among others that called for a change and the approach toward COVID in the sense of learning to live with it rather than having it profoundly influenced our lives. I have been talking about this in my slide in which I went through the various stages of pandemic, deceleration of outbreak, control, elimination, eradication. I emphasize that soon we must accept control and that this is not where we are right now since we still have over 100,000 people in the hospital, over 1200 deaths per day , and most recently a million cases per day. The government is being accused of not recognizing that we need to be accepting the outbreak as something we have to live with . I hope they do not forget that for months now I have been talking about the concept of "control ".

Rochelle was on Fox News with Brett Baier this morning and he grilled her on why we want to mandate vaccines and he pitted her against Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor who had said that there have been 100,000 hospitalizations of children when in fact Rochelle had to admit that there were only about 4000. Unfortunately, Sotomayor got it wrong and Rochelle was put in a tough position. Currently it looks like the Supreme

Court will not back up the mandates of president Biden however the final decision has not been made.

PUBMED: Covid-19 AND "AI"[Grant Number] = 4,238 https://bit.ly/34zlRcD

LA Times did a nice article talking abut violent extremism, particularly against:

Had a difficult cold this evening with Jeff, Natalie, Rochelle, David Kessler, the Vivek Murthy, and Janet Woodcock centered around the problems that we are having in communicating in real time a cohesive message. This time one of the subject matters was what kind of recommendations are we going to make about using a higher quality of mask if possible during the omicron outbreak given it's extraordinary transmissibility. I came up with a simple solution of showing the graded degree of efficacy in protection that we know from the literature and then telling people that they should use the best mask that is either available and or able for them to wear with comfort. Again somehow or the other Rochelle was concerned about it because it would be an issue with equity and availability. We're getting into the same problem of trying to be too granular when we need to get a crisp message out knowing that the perfect should not be the enemy of the good.

Jan. 10, 2022 Global USA

Just heard that project Veritas will be coming out with a smear campaign against me tonight at 8:00 PM tonight before my Senate hearing tomorrow morning. Big secret as to what they're going to say but we shall see. This is just another example of the extraordinarily intense harassment at the far right is throwing at the virtually every day.

The project Veritas YouTube clip was really a nothing burger. They referred to the DARPA grant that was sent by ecohealth full consideration for funding. It had stuff in it that could likely require P3CO oversight if it had been sent to us. however it was never sent to us and DAR PA rejected it. Project Veritas claimed that DARPA rejected it but we, NIAID, funded it. This was absolutely untrue since we never even saw the grant , much less funded it

Hospitalizations for children surging with omicron:

Jan 11, 2022 – Global – 308,458,509/5,492,595; USA – 61,732,283/837,274

Very big day today at the Senate HELP Hearing, chaired by senator Murray with senator Burr as ranking minority. It was a very sharp criticism of the Biden administration particularly in the context of not having enough tests to go around as well as a criticism mostly of the CDC for not communicating very well. However as far as I am concerned it was very notable regarding the interaction between senator Rand Paul and me and senator Roger Marshall and me. Both of them began rambling on without giving me a chance to answer about gain of function research , about my feeling that I above everyone else knows what's going on and dictate to the rest of the country, the distortion of a note that Francis sent to me about what Francis called the fringe group of people who would suggesting that it was a lab leak. As usual he got everything wrong and ran build on and on. At which point when chairwoman Murray allowed me to respond I once again told him that everything what he was saying is untrue and a lie and then they went on to pull out a sheet of paper from his website in which she criticizes me and then goes on to say fire Fauci and you can help me do this by donating to my campaign and there are a bunch of boxes that you could click to give varying amounts of money from $5 two up to $2500. That clearly threw him for a loop and I understand that the twittersphere went wild saying that I knocked him out of the park. After that senator Marshall made the absolutely stupid mistake of misinterpreting the project Veritas article and claimed that the NIH had funded the grant in question which as mentioned above was not even submitted to us much less reviewed or funded by us. The second time around senator Paul tried again to say that I should resign or be fired since I have been telling the American people incorrect things. I made it clear to him that everything that I have been saying is perfectly in line with what the CDC is recommending. When we got to senator Marshall again he insinuated that as the highest paid federal official and that someone who has control over the money that goes to drug trials and the fact that I might have inside information that he suspects that somewhere in my financial statement there's evidence against me and bemoaned the fact that I am hiding my financial statement. The fool did not realize that my financial statement has been publicly available for the last 37 years . He kept on pushing that he could not get it and he heard that I was holding it back until I finally in great frustration said that he clearly yet again

has no idea what he's talking about. I got so frustrated that after it was over and I took my mask off I sat under my breath "what a moron ". however, the mic was hot and it was heard over the Airways that were tuned in. I plan to apologize publicly (maybe)for that but I he certainly deserved it because he was acting like a moron.

It is very interesting that's the overwhelming response to my push back against Rand Paul and Roger Marshall has been very positive . However, there still is that extraordinary group of emails of people attacking me online and still believing that nonsense of the far right. Some notable things have happened I received an extraordinarily encouraging text from just a little bit ago. Mitt was very critical of the administration's effort , however, he was very fair in asking for things that needed to be done. I really need to paint him in a very positive way in the book since he really is a man of high integrity who is a compassionate conservative and who wants to do the right thing. I am listing below his text to me:

In addition, I have received emails from so many people including people from the media such as Dana Bash of CNN who is in great solidarity with me. This could actually be a turning point since on the **CNN show with Anderson as well as my appearance on MSNBC** I was able to point out how all of this nonsense of attacking me is nothing but a distraction from the main goal of trying to contain this horrible pandemic. I know that my appearance at the hearing has triggered a lot of right wing blowback against me , but I suspect that because they were so egregiously inappropriate that the far right in this case manifested by Roger Marshall and Rand Paul are going to look like fools for what they are trying to do.

See e-mail from Sam Donaldson below as one example of many that I have received after the Hearing:

PRESS: MSNBC "All In" with Chris Hayes; CNN 360 with Anderson Cooper;

Jan. 12, 2022 **Global - 308,458,509/5,492,595; USA – 62,538,796/840,286**

Over 1,000,000 cases today!!

Extremely positive responses to my confrontation with senators Paul and Marshall at yesterday's hearing. This has occurred in the form of countless emails and texts as well as many print articles as well as mention

on virtually every network and cable show. In addition I did not get much blowback at all from my hot Mike mention that senator Marshall was "What a moron. Jesus Christ "

Really interesting things going on. Trump is now calling GOP leaders who refused to admit that they've been vaccinated and boosted as "gutless ". I believe he is trying to have it both ways : the people who fanatically follow him don't want to get vaccinated and they're not going to change their mind and yet he can now say that he's in favor of vaccination even though the misinformation that he helped kindle is one of the reasons why people don't get vaccinate.

Extremely important meeting that I lead the discussion of today during Vivek Murthy's doctors meeting. Present were: Atul Gawande, Vivek Murthy, Eric Lander, Janet Woodcock, Larry Tabak, Rochelle Walensky, Rachel Levine, David Kessler, Steve Cha, Tom Ingelsby. It has become very clear that we will not have a true pandemic preparedness and response plan if the money is continually being held at the level of HHS without distributing it 2 NIAID and other NIH institutes for the purpose of implementing our Prototype pandemic preparedness plan. It is astounding how it is analysis by paralysis in which the $5 billion are still hung up at HHS and instead of distributing it to the real pandemic preparedness plan the administration , likely at the OMB level , is holding up the money in order to distribute it for the immediate purpose of buying more monoclonal antibodies and distributing more tests. This is very short sighted and I had to take the lead role in bringing this up to the group that we will be chasing after reactions rather than planning for what is ahead of us. It became very clear to me in the discussion that although this administration does not try to interfere with or distort the science the way the trump administration did, there really is a communication problem where they do not want to give any bad news. I have seen this in virtually all of the administrations with whom I have been involved. Whenever there is an election involved, there is the reluctance to say that we have a real problem here and we are trying our best to fix it. There always is a bit of happy talk and not facing reality. This is infinitely less so in this administration than the past administration , but since we are getting clobbered by something beyond our control, namely the omicron variant, the administration wants to give the public something to hope for as to telling them the cold reality that we may face yet again another variant and

we must prepare for it. Janet Woodcock brought up during the discussion the cold fact that we really do not have a long range strategic plan how we want to get out of this pandemic . It is more a reaction of getting more tests getting more masks getting more monoclonal antibodies as opposed to a broader strategic plan. I will try very hard to set up a very frank and candid discussion with Jeff about what is becoming very clear to me concerning a pivoting to a strategy of a more realistic leveling with he public. My sense is that president Biden fundamentally feels that way. I do not know as a fact but I suspect that Ron klain whose job is to watch out for the president is very reluctant to give anything that looks pessimistic at this time. I do not blame them for this since even if you are totally honest and realistic , the divisiveness in this country and the crazy far right maniacs will jump up on anything , even a good will effort to get the truth out, as a weakness or failing on the part of the administration. It is pure politics and it stinks. I blame mostly the far right nut cakes for just jumping on anything and everything to discredit the administration. I have first hand knowledge of this and what I have gone through in the recent HELP hearing described above.

PRESS: Interview with Der Spiegel; RA1 TV interview from Italy;

Jan. 13, 2022 – Global – 315,345,967/5,510,174; USA – 63,397,935/842,873

A lot has happened today and is happening. 1) Senator Marshall wrote a letter saying that he wants my financial statement in an unredacted form . Even though I had a clash with him what he is asking for is perfectly reasonable. The real frustrating thing for me and for others is that even though I send in my financial statement in an unredacted form somebody somewhere in building one or in the department or someplace else starts to redact things that I cannot find out why they need to be redacted . When I called up building 1 and spoke to Larry Tabak and Holli-Beckerman-Jaffe they told me that I have been over reporting my finances by giving too many details. And so , there was out there my financial statement with multiple redactions that don't hide anything at all that are just what I consider meaningless redactions . However it does give the impression that I'm hiding something . In his letter to me senator Marshall demanded an unredacted version of my financial statements since the pandemic began and he wanted it by close of business on January the 14th. He wrote me that letter

yesterday. When I found out that there were redactions on my financial statement I went ballistic and wrote an email see below to people in the NIH that I listed demanding that my unredacted statement be sent to senator Marshall. Finally, in a meeting with Holli, Jill Harper , and Melinda haskins we agreed that we should send that completely unredacted statement to senator Marshall. He still will likely make some mischief of it, but he will not be able to say that I withheld any information.

Email to Melinda Haskins and PDF of letter from Sen. Marshall:

Melinda:

I want to be very clear and I am documenting it with this email that I want my financial disclosure sent to Senator Marshall with nothing redacted except the account numbers of my trusts and portfolio and any other personal information that should not be revealed. I do not want anything in my investment portfolio redacted. I do not want him to have to go through FOIA. I want it sent to him as quickly as possible, no later than Friday, January 14 which is the request in his letter. He is asking for the financial disclosures that cover the years of the pandemic. The only one that is available right now is the one for 2020 . It needs to be explained to him that the calendar year 2021 reports are not due for another few months. He will have to settle for the 2020 report. I said on public television that all he has to do is ask for it and he will get it. Therefore, he has asked for it and I want him to get it. Also, I want to see what goes out to him. Please get back to me confirming that this has taken place.

Thanks,

Tony In addition, Zeke Emanuel lead a group of scientists together with John Moore to get a letter published reflecting the support by a wide range of people from the scientific community including multiple Nobel laureates of me. I continued to get rave expressions of support for the interchange between Rand Paul and I and senator Marshall and I. Of note, Senator Paul as opposed to feeling shame for being outed for his fund raising has now upped the level of the fund raising based on the interchange with me. Amazing!

I received an honorary doctorate via zoom today from Sapienza University in Rome. In addition, I gave a lecture that the Italians put on YouTube as part of the ceremony.

For the first time, it looks like cases might be peaking in New York City and possibly even turning around. Hopefully that is the case and we will start seeing that along the East Coast and then later on in the South.

Jan. 14, 2022 Global - USA – 64,285,467/844,841

Weekly average of cases is 805,000 with the weekly average of people in the hospital at 150,000. For the last few days, the daily cases have been over 1,000,000 per day.

Med Rxv preprint from Larry Corey and South Africans showing extremely high asymptomatic spread of omicron:

PRESS: Regional media - The Bakari Sellers Podcast - Reporter: Bakari Seller Q93 New Orleans - Wild Wayne Show Reporter: 7th Ward, Wayne "Wild Wayne" Benjamin

JAN 15, 2022 – Global – 318,648,834/5,518,343; USA – 65,159,554/847,577

My financial statement has now been sent to senator Marshall. However, in typical fashion, he put out a statement that I had been lying to the Congress by saying that my statements I readily available. In fact, there is a very small kernel of truth in that the NIH has asked people who make unreasonable demands about information to go through the FOIA process when in fact the financial statements are under the preview of the office of government ethics (OGE). that is a much more streamlined process . In addition I never ask for anything to be redacted from my statement . However, when you go through the FOIA process , multiple layers of HHS and White House can redact things that I have no idea they are redacting. Having said all of this Marshall now has my unredacted statement that he got on the same day, Jan. 14, that he asked for it. Still, he is making statements that I lied to the Congress. In addition it is important to point out that in his comments about my financial statement at the hearing on January 11th he explicitly implied that I was in bed with the pharmaceutical companies and the pharmaceutical companies were preventing my financial statement from being seen publicly . Absolutely absurd accusation. In addition it should be pointed out that senator Marshall is likely in violation of the STOCK Act on his own finances.

to make matters worse, the GOP Congressmen our asking that the OIG investigate me for saying on Public TV that Jesse Watters be fired for his

inflammatory statements against me. (see below). Apparently, they are referring to a law that says that federal officials cannot use their position to try and influence someone in the private sector. You really cannot make this stuff up !!! it is truly amazing:

*****CRITICAL HISTORIC INFORMATION WELL DOCUMENTED BY GINA KOLATA AND BEJAMIN MUELLERIN THE NEW YORK TIMES. A MUST FOR THE BOOK:**

FORBES has completely distorted the interpretation of my financial disclosure. For example, in commenting about the WAGs that I did virtually for Children's Inn, etc. where we have to give the price that would have been paid if we went on out own (remember, we did this virtually), they said I "collected" $8100 for dinners. And was paid money for trips instead of realizing that these were reimbursements: https://www.forbes.com/sites/adamandrzejewski/2022/01/15/disclosures-released-dr-fauci-household-profits-exceeded-17-million-in-2020--included-income-royalties-travel-perks-and-investment-gains/

Have a wonderful dinner over Jeff and Mary Zients palatial mansion in Annapolis. Jeff is really an amazingly nice person. His house overlooks a Creek that leads into the Chesapeake Bay and he has his own dock with boats, a swimming pool, and outdoor and indoor basketball court as well as a tennis court. Wow ! he generously invited Chris and I to stay there any weekend we would like since they do not use the house very often.

Jan. 16, 2022 (Sunday) – Global USA

Glad that I am not on any of the Sunday shows since the hosts are asking tough questions. Vivek was on ABC (This Week) and CNN (SOTU).He was asked the obvious questions about the shortage of tests and the shortage of antiviral oral drugs. He answered them as best he could but it is still a difficult situation . Also there's a lot of pushback on the press about the poor communication coming from the CDC which as usual has been dreadful. Somehow they seem to lack the ability to do a reality check of what the public is feeling and thinking and doing . In addition they are almost always weeks and weeks behind on the availability of data that we are getting in real time from places like South Africa, the UK, and Israel.

Another example of why we feel that the SMEs at the CDC are frequently incorrect. See e-mail exchange below regarding time to

vaccinate after infection. I check with Cliff, Mascola and Bo seder and they all agree strongly with me:

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2022 9:02 PM
To: Kessler, David (HHS/IOS) [redacted] Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [redacted] Murthy, Vivek (HHS/OASH) [redacted] **Cc:** Cha, Stephen (HHS/IOS) [redacted]
Subject: FW: Timing of vaccination post infection Team:

I realize it is a difficult situation, and it would seem that there are multiple types of data that could inform the decision. One important piece of information would be the risk of re-infection following acute infection. One way of looking at this is that one could view acute infection as the first exposure to antigen (similar to the first shot in an immunization series). From that perspective, one would not want to provide the next exposure until the immune response has had some time to "mature" – somewhere in the range of 4 weeks. Thus, waiting a minimum of 4 weeks post-acute infection to begin a vaccination regimen (next exposure to antigen) would seem to make sense. Assuming that there are few if any instances of re-infection within the first 6 weeks (time to the peak response following the vaccination at 4 weeks) there would seem to be little additional risk posed to the individual or those around them by waiting 4 weeks after acute infection to begin a vaccination series. The second shot (third exposure to antigen) 3 or 4 weeks later would then likely further increase the level of immunity and provide a higher degree of protection than a scenario where the individual began a vaccination series immediately following acute infection. That is my logic in proposing the minimum of 30 days and maximum of 90 days for vaccination following infection. Happy to discuss.

Best,

Tony

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2022 3:50 PM
To: Kessler, David (HHS/IOS) [redacted] Walensky, Rochelle (CDC/OD) [redacted] Murthy, Vivek (HHS/OASH) [redacted] **Cc:** Cha, Stephen (HHS/IOS) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Timing of vaccination post infection From a purely immunological standpoint, I do not believe that the CDC approach is well-founded. I believe that most immunologists will agree with me. I will provide a

more detailed response later since I am tied up right now. Then, it might be a good idea for Rochelle and I to chat or even better for me and some of the NIH CMEs speak with Rochelle and some of the CDC SMEs. I will keep an entirely open mind on this. We just need to make sure that we keep these in good faith discussions among us.

Jan. 17, 2022 Global USA

Recent circulation of the National Pulse put out on March 24, 2021 (just brought out to my attention) a story after checking on donations to political causes found that Christine gave $2450 to Hilary Clinton and other liberal causes and Alison gave $375 dollars total ACTBLUE. The headline was: "EXC: While Fauci was giving bad advice to Trump he and his family were donating to Joe Biden". But that the headline said "He" and his family, even though there is no record whatever that I have ever given any money to any political cause . Yet again another lie.

Did a Virtual Panel for the World Economic Forum at Davos Switzerland on the topic of COVID-19: What's Next?" Other paneliests were: Richard Hatchett – CEO of CEPI; Annelies Wilder-Smith – Prof of Emerging Infectious Diseases, London School of hygiene and tropical Medicine; Stephane Bancel – CEO Moderna; moderated by Francine Lacqua – Editor-at-Large at Bloomberg TV, UK (see press below)

Dr OZ spurs outrage from medical community by attacking me as a "petty tyrant" in his Senate campaign for PA:

Had important conversation with Rochelle today Regarding the difficulty she is facing with trying to get the right science out with the behavioral aspects of whether or not the science is going to be implementable and or whether the newer science contradicts policies that have been in place for some time . I can understand the difficulty she is in; however, I am not sure there is an easy solution . The predicament that we find ourselves in is that the press and the medical community ask me to explain the scientific rationale for what they are recommending and as I have been discussing above the scientific rationale is really floored . This has to do with boosting people this has to do with the testing of people to come back to work and most recently it has to do when you vaccinate somebody following infection. She claims that when she tries to explain the complexity of this that the department pushes back because they don't want it to

contradict prior policies. Unfortunately, this argues against what we've all been saying that the science evolves and that sometimes you have to change what you put forth as policy based on the science. We have to be able to get the department and the White House to realize that things change rapidly and sometimes you have to modify previous policies based on new information as well as information that is newly applied to what we're doing. This gets back to the same original problem of whether or not people should be masked or not, the problem that I face back then and that still is haunting us now saying that first I said do not wear a mask because we didn't have enough masks and now we're telling everyone they need to wear a mask. The public and the politicos have to be able to accept that policies that looked good at one time are no longer operable when you have certain things like shortages of equipment, people not wanting to get vaccinated, and other confounding issues. If you go strictly by the science and can't implement it then the politicians look bad if you try and explain how you're implementing something it often looks like it is incompatible with what the science tells us. This is a set up for a lose/lose situation. I will have to explain this in more detail when I sit down to actually write this in a chapter

The exact words of Sen. Marshall at the Senate HELP Hearing virtually accusing me without any evidence of getting pay-offs from drug companies and the big Pharma does not want my financial statement made public.:

PRESS: Bloomberg Fauci Says It's Too Soon to Say Omicron Heralds End of Pandemic;

Paul Begala on a CNN Opinion Piece said what I was prepared to say at the HELP Hearing but did not have time to:

Jan. 18, 2022 Global – 328,532,929/5,542,359; USA – 66,715,937/850,575

Cases continue to search throughout the country with early indication of Peking in New York City. Daily average over 800,000 cases per day with >150,000 hospitalized and ~2000 deaths per day.

Senator Roger Marshall is indeed a "moron ". since my financial statement has now been published and since Marshall has put it online , he is now accusing me of collusion with the Chinese by saying that my mutual funds of which I have no input into involves assets of Chinese banks I know that businesses. This implying did

anything has to do with China must be criminal since they believed that I created the virus. However, when it is stupid reporter pointed out to Marshall that in his investment portfolio he has multiple times more investment in China than I do which seemed to surprise , if not completely embarrass the moron.

Note from Klaus Schwab re: the World Economic Conference:

Had a meeting of the doctor group (Vivek) discussing what the broad strategic plan should be looking forward. I insisted that we need to go to 40,000 feet since they started talking abut individual initiatives

The GOP leadership has just announced that when they take control of the Senate and house next year (they hope), they're going to launch a full investigation of me. Another example of the extraordinary ad hominem lies and attacks on me that have escalated over the last few weeks to months PRESS: Regional TV: Telemundo Miami - with Harold Santana; AgDay TV with Dustin Hoffmann; Iowa Ag Radio Network with Clinton Griffiths; Interview with Wall Street Journal – Stephanie Armour; Yahoo Finance "COVID Special"

Jan. 19, 2020 Global – 332,617,707/5,551,314; USA – 67,903,759/853,230

Michael Daly writes in the Daily Beast:

Also, DeSantis is acting in a criminally despicable fashion spreading disinformation and he has a totally incompetent Surgeon General of Florida:

Piece from "The Nation": - absolutely terrific article – a must read for the book PRESS: Los Angeles Radio CBS/KNX;

Jan. 20, 2022 - Global -336,790,193/5,560,718; USA – 68,671,563/856,288

Continued evidence of peeking and turning around of cases in big cities such as New York City and Chicago. Nonetheless the sheer volume of cases continues with over 800,000 average per day , ~2000 deaths per day, and greater than 150,000 people in the hospital. Hopefully this will turn around, and we will have a lower level of less pathogenic omicron.

Yesterday the President gave a major speech in which the speech lasted for about 15 minutes and he took questions for over one hour and 50 minutes. He was very forthcoming and admitted what we need to do better but also called out the GOP for obstructing everything that he is trying to do.

PRESS: Gray TV – with Peter Zampa; Nexstar with Hannah Brandt; Politico with Erin Banco Online TV); BBC TV "Context Show" with Christian Fraser;

Jan. 21, 2022 Global – 340,543,962/5,570,163; USA – 69,437,067/858,909

Interesting discussion by Richard Horton in the Lancet. He talks about the battle between politicians like Rand Paul with me and the sometimes lack of understanding of the scientific community as to what is actually going on in the trenches. He points to the slow rrealization of the scientific community that Omicron is really a mild disease. In reality, Richard gets it partly right and partly wrong:

PRESS: Radio – "Morning Hustle" with Lester Rufin "Headrack"; CNN "The Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer;

Jan. 22, 2022 – Global -340,543,962/5,570.163; USA – 70,206,220/862,494

Cases continue to come down in 19 states including Washington DC and Puerto Rico. Obviously everyone is asking the question as to whether or not we are getting to the end of the pandemic phase and more into the endemic phase that we can accept as part of life. I keep pointing out that we should not be overconfident that although this could be the best case scenario. We must be prepared for the worst case scenario which would be the appearance of another variant that could actually have both the transmission advantage as well as hard degree of pathogenicity. Although I do not believe that this is likely and is probably very unlikely, we must be prepared for that eventuality were it to occur.

Cartoon in the Washington Post about the "characters in the White House world (including me): https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/interactive/2022/joe-biden-steve-brodner-year-one/

Yesterday evening, I had an interesting discussion today with the Medical Group concerning the appearance of a new omicron sub-lineage variant – B.A2. This is a variant that has appeared in Scandinavia (mostly Denmark) and most recently in the UK. It seems to have a slight transmission advantage over the original omicron which is B.A1. it is occupying anywhere from 25 to 40% of isolates in Denmark as well as a lesser percentage in the UK. There only have been about 27 isolates in the United States and it occupies less than a fraction of the isolates. Since the mutations indicate that it might be more slightly invasive of the immune system, Jeff Zients had Cyrus Shahpar arrange a zoom call with me, Natalie, Jeff, Cyrus, and Rochelle. it was decided that we needed to do something right away about finding more information about this. I volunteered to call up Chris Whitty in the UK and David Ho in the United States to gather further information. Today I did call up Chris and he informed me that they are keeping an eye on the new variant in the UK but that he does not think that it will necessarily be causing any additional problem over and above omicron. If it does have a transmission advantage it is only modest. And there was no indication, although the numbers of cases are small, that it is more pathogenic and severe than the original omicron. I called up David Ho to ask if he was already developing pseudo viruses to determine the impact on vaccine induced antibodies and monoclonal antibodies. David will have a pseudo virus set up by the end of next week and will keep me posted to determine what the degree of immune evasion is with this new variant. More to follow.

Jan. 23, 2022 Global USA

The anti-vaxxers led by Robert F Kennedy junior are holding a rally in Washington DC this weekend. Brett Rowland who is very careful about protecting me elected to bolster up my detail for the weekend. In addition, he slept in our guest room last night for fear that some of the demonstrators who are coming to Washington might decide to demonstrate in front of my house. Fortunately, nothing came of this and always quiet. As I have indicated before, Robert F Kennedy wrote a book about me accusing me of being in bed with the Pharmaceutical industry in my quest to get people vaccinated. The propagation of lies these days about me is truly amazing. Nothing of note vame of the anti-vaxxer rally except a litany of lies pronounced from the Mall.

Continued attacks by far-right elements, particularly the far right congressmen and senators who tweet lies on a daily basis about me. Among many of the lies about me come on Fox News continues to propagate them. They continue to harp on the original discussion then I had together with Francis Collins and Jeremy Farrar regarding our bringing together a group of molecular virologists to address the question of whether or not the molecular configuration of the virus might be suggestive of a lab leak. This is the conversation that took place at the end of January at the beginning of February of 2020. Clearly we were all acting in good faith as all of the emails and other discussions proved; however, the far right still is pushing the conspiracy that I try to suppress the issue of a lab leak. Totally preposterous but nonetheless the reality of where we are right now in society

PRESS: ABC "This Week" with Martha Raddetz

Jan. 24, 2022 Global USA

I had my regular weekly or every other week discussion with Chris Whitty the Science Advisor to the UK Government. These are extremely helpful to both of us since we get a feel of what is going on in the UK and they get a feel of what we're doing here. Chris is faced with the some of the same challenges that I face here. There's pushback among some segments of the society against him personally since he is for vaccines and boosters. In addition, they have a substantial segment of anti-vaxxers in the UK. Chris believes that it is not as strong a movement as here in the United States; however, it is still a factor and preventing people from getting vaccinated.

PRESS: Swedish TV "Vetenskapens Varld" (The World of Science) with Johan Bergendorff; MSNBC with Stephanie Ruhle; CNN with Ana Cabrerra;

Jan. 25, 2022 Global – 352,796,704/5,600,434; USA – 71,818,876/866,968

I should point out that although I have not been documented every day, we continually have discussions with the doctors group and with Jeff and the team about where we're going with the outbreak. It appears that the net effect on the country is that it is diminishing in the context of the omicron surge. However, as I have been emphasizing although we hope for the best case scenario where by the

virus will be integrated into the broader context of viral diseases that we have learned to live with such as RSV, parainfluenza, influenza and others, we must still be prepared for the worst case scenario which would be the emergence of another variant that markedly eludes the underlying level of immunity that has been accumulated throughout the population over the last two years together with vaccination and boosting as well as those who have been already infected.

As expected the anti vax demonstration in Washington DC focused predominantly on bashing me among others who are promoting vaccinations. In addition tonight, Fox News with Brett Baier did an "expose" on me with the usual theme that I covered up the lab leak hypothesis by influencing the other scientists on the Feb. 1, 2020 phone call with the molecular virologists such as Christian Anderson, et al.

PRESS: MSNBC with Jose Diaz Balart; Marc Siegel – Doctor Radio;

Jan. 26, 2022 Global - 356,955,803/5.610,291; USA – 72,310,575/870,195

Still have >2000 deaths per day. Some cities/states peaked and coming down (Northeast and upper Midwest). Southern and Western states surging or staring to plateau. Looks like things are beginning to turn around, but we cannot be complacent since there is still a lot of activity particularly among the unvaccinated. The data showing the difference between unvaccinated versus vaccinated and boosted with regard to hospitalizations and deaths is stunning. There is a 40 to 50 times greater chance of dying from COVID if you are unvaccinated compared to a vaccinated and boosted person.

Kathleen Park wrote a ridiculous article in the Washington Post where commenters blasted her for attacking me:

A different Washington Post article:

PRESS: 85 SOUTH Online Media interview with Karlous Miller

Jan 27, 2022 - Global – 360,578,392/5,620,865; USA – 72,874,041/873,957

Incredibly good article about me in the Washington Post by Dan Zak and Roxanne Roberts:

It is very clear that the issue of my being a "polarizing Figure" has crystalized. Hugh Hewitt wrote another opinion piece likening me to MacNamara during the Viet Nam War. Really nutty stuff.

PRESS: Voice of America TV with Anita Powell; CNN – AC360 with Anderson Cooper;

Jan. 28, 2022 - Global – 364,191,494/5,631,457; USA – 73,512,366/876,632

This is the person who was apprehended in Iowa on his way to DC:

PRESS: MSNBC – "Meet the Press Daily" with Chuck Todd; NBC Nightly News with Miguel Almaguer

Jan. 29, 2022 Global – 364,191,494/5,631,457; USA – 74,037,216/879,971

Way back during the Trump administration (See notes above), Nancy Pelosi seemed to have gotten very angry with me because she thought I had gone along with Trump's blocking travel from Europe without blocking travel from the UK. She was very misguided on this since she was accusing him and indirectly me for going along with it of not wanting to interfere with his holdings particularly his golf course in Scotland at the same time as he was punishing the European Union. In fact, she called me up late one night and started screaming at me that I had gone over to Trump's side. That was very unfortunate as I had described in a previous note since I thought she was completely off base and out of line and getting angry with me. Unfortunately, our warm relationship over several decades seemed to have chilled after that event and she has not contacted me for anything ever since. Larry Horowitz who is one of her important consultants informs me that she is not upset with me, but I find it hard to believe that. In any event more than a full year later she has sent me a birthday greeting, which I received one month later than my birthday. It is still a puzzle to me if she is still upset with me for what I could see above as being no reason at all. See her birthday wish to me below.

Variant B.2A is making me a bit anxious. It clearly has a transmission advantage over B.1A. This is manifested by the fact that it is now more than 80% in Denmark and increasing in percentage in the UK. It is said to have about a 50% transmission advantage over B.1A and of cording to Trevor

Bedford, it may be more elusive of immune response. If that is the case it may cause another mini surge. Thus far it does not appear to cause more severe disease than B.1A. we will have to keep an eye out on it.

Again, the vitriole against me by the far right is staggering. In an interview with Sheryl Gay Stolberg of the New York Times who is writing a story to come out soon about the GOP attacks on me, she mentioned that in a Senate race in Ohio of candidate Jane Timken, her campaign slogan is "Fire Fauci".

Jan. 30, 2022 GLONAL USA

I had a couple of good conversations today with colleagues from South Africa as well as with Trevor Bedford from Seattle discussing the impact of the B.A2 variant. The discussions in South Africa involved Harry Moutrie and Waasila Jassat led by Glenda Gray. The real question is whether or not they are seeing reinfections with B.A2 And whether or not disease with B.A2 is more severe than that with B.A1. We will have to wait over the next couple of weeks to get that information both from South Africa as well as from the UK and Denmark. In conversations with Trevor Bedford, Trevor feels that given the 50% advantage for transmission that B.A2 has over B.A1, it is likely that in the next few weeks ultimately B.A2 will be the dominant variant in the US. It is unclear whether this will mean a longer tail in the current surge or a new surge. This all has important implications in our predictions and aspirations for when we will ultimately be able to return to some degree of normality. We will have to see how things roll out in the next couple of weeks which are critical time in the saga of this outbreak.

Jan. 31, 2022 Global USA

Hugh Hewitt is still at it. She wrote yet again another opinion piece in the Washington Post calling for me to step down as well as for Rochelle Walensky, Sec. Becerra and Jeff Zients to step down. He is on a right wing roll! **Feb.1, 2022 Global – 376,478,335/5,666.064; USA – 75,012,446/884,853**

Cases continue to come down as do hospitalizations. Deaths are holding steady at around 2000 per day. We are all hoping that we continue to come down and reach a point of equilibrium where we

can start to return to normal. However, B.2a maybe complicating the situation.

Tension continues with a lot of rumoring on the part of the press about replacing secretary Becerra and even questioning Jeff Zients. The right wing attack on me continues relentlessly literally every day with some far right publication blaming me for something or some congressman raising money on the anti- Fauci platform. a number of things are going on with regard to the actual outbreak. Omicron variant B.A2 is now replacing the original omicron. It appears that it is much more transmissible but not more severe in its manifestations. Obviously, everyone is concerned that this will either prolong the tailing off of cases that we were beginning to see with omicron. The country in the world is quite weary of COVID-19.

In addition we have an issue coming up soon about the EUA submission to the FDA regarding vaccines for children 24 months to four years. The data are not solid for A2 dose vaccine and the FDA wants to push to get approval for the two dose while we're waiting for confirm atory data for a 3 dose regimen for children of that age group. Undoubtedly, this is going to create a problem since it is conceivable that the FDA would approve it but that the CDC with the acip will not recommend it. More to come.

Feb. 2, 2022 – Global – 380,321,615/5,680,741; USA – 75,302,383/888,784

I was quoted in an article in Politico defending Jeff against some people who in the usual rumor mill of Washington were saying that he may not be doing a good job since he does not have a foundation in public health. I came out very strong in his favor in my quotes. Do you have texted me thanking me for my support.

New York State Governor Kathy Hochul called me today wanting to run a few things by me concerning how she's handled the situation in New York. She wants to know when it would be advisable to pull back a bit on the mask and other restriction mandates that they have in New York. She is left with a difficult problem is that the more liberal NYC folks are OK with keeping certain mandates in place like mask mandates whereas people in the upper state who are mostly conservatives but pushing back about the continuation of any mandates particularly since the numbers look like they are turning around. This is the second time that the governor has called me and she seems to rely very much in my advice. This is similar in the situation

some time ago with Governor Cuomo who frequently called me asking me for advice. I told her to strike a balance and as cases start to come down she could slowly pull back on the mandates since if she does not she will get a lot of pushback with people or just plain tired restrictions. She agreed with my recommendations and that is what she is going to do.

Vicious attacks against me continue unabated. Just a small example of what's going on in a much larger scale, Jesse Watters is now attacking the fact that I "own" a restaurant since the now public financial disclosure of mine shows that the Jackson – Fillmore is one of my assets, even though I make zero money on this for the last 20 years. Bud, here we go again fishing around and fishing around. The most recent study came out saying that lockdowns don't work in decreasing mortality in the far right has now come out with a quote from me saying that lockdowns in fact have saved millions of infections and thousands of lives. Now they want me to be fired because I gave him this statement. Quite frankly come I don't have time to debunk the recent paper, but clearly we know that lockdowns have stopped infections as is the situation in China.

Feb. 3, 2022 Global - 383,509,779/5,693,824; USA – 75,605,991/892,442

Great honor! I was just notified by Holy Cross President Vincent D. Rougeau that the college is going to name their Science Complex after me. This really took me by surprise since this is an extraordinary honor and is usually given to people who have donated enormous amounts of money to the college. I am deeply humbled by this honor. They are asking that I go up to my 60th reunion weekend on June 10th to 12, 2022 to celebrate the naming of the complex.

Met with Neal Katyal last night to talk about my retaining him in a number of areas including advice and decisions about my post NIH future, i.e. his advising me regarding negotiations with universities. Interestingly he suggested that Bob Barnett would be a better person although he himself would be happy to help. He would be involved however, very heavily in what will turn out to be a big onslaught of the far rightGOP against me particularly if they take over the house and the Senate at the next election. In addition, Neil had some reservations about suing Bobby Kennedy junior since this might call more attention to this issue and it is very difficult to win such a defamation lawsuit.

Feb. 4, 2022 – Global USA



Cases continue to come down somewhat unevenly over the country. Now averaging 300,000 to 400,000 cases/day down from 800,000. Of note, daily deaths are still "stuck" around 2300/day for the past several weeks.

PRESS: WMAQ TV – NBC Affiliate Chicago;

Feb. 5, 2022 - Global -386,548,962/5,705,754; USA – 75,937,801/894,810

Had a very interesting visit over Jeff's house this afternoon (Saturday – crisp, clear and very cold – 20s). Jeff asked me to come over and meet with him and Natalie about the plan that he is putting together to present to the President about how we are going to transition into a different mode in our response and recommendations to the country regarding our approach to COVID. This involves recommendations and mandates for masks, and other restrictions. Natalie had put together a flow sheet of things that they want to consider comparing what we are doing now with a gradual transition to where we might be shortly and then ultimately what the end game would be. I gave some critiques of their proposal and they were very grateful to me. This is another example of the confidence that Jeff has in me in that I am the first person that he is running this proposal by. As mentioned in other comments, my relationship with Jeff is very strong.

Of note, with all the other things going on regarding the Russian threat to invade Ukraine, the retirement of justice Breyer and discussions about his replacement, none of the medical team has been on the Sunday shows for at least the past couple of weeks.

Feb. 6, 2022 Global USA

Extraordinary craziness going on with the far-right wing GOP. In one of my press clips it showed that in multiple southern states a requirement for a person being on a primary ballot for the GOP would be to sign a pledge that if elected they would have me fully investigated and "defund" me. The country is going nuts! In the NY Times his AM was an

article that a butterfly sanctuary on the Texas- Mexico border is being mobbed by Q-anon types who believe that it is being used as a cover for child sex trafficking similar to the Comet Pizza saga in DC

Feb. 7, 2022 - Global USA

Article in today's NY Times by Sheryl Stolberg and GOP attacks on me.

Eric Schultz put out a statement from his group defending me against the attacks by the far right GOP:

PRESS: RAI Italian TV;

Feb. 8, 2022 - Global -396,558,032/5,745,032; USA – 76,782,002/903.038

I am getting a bit concerned that we are still having about 2500 deaths per day despite the fact that cases are going down and hospitalizations are going down. I am aware that deaths lag behind hospitalizations, but we have been stuck at around 2500 for several weeks now. Need to keep an eye on that.

Has Zoom call with Paula Darza the former Chielean Undersecretary for public health in Chile. She wanted to talk to me about where Chile is going with regard to the outbreak and what they should be doing any different than what they're doing now. This reminds me of the fact to include in the memoir and the story of how many different countries have relied on me for advice about how they should handle the outbreak in their own country. It is very humbling to realize that so many of these countries depend upon my judgment.

Also I just noticed in a press clip that Brett Giroir has all argued strongly against having ARPA-H be housed at NIH and the reason that he gave is very critical of NIH. It is very clear that he has a thing about NIH and about me which is not surprising because quite frankly he is really a complete asshole and has always been throughout his tenure during the trump administration. I don't want to specifically blast him in the book but I definitely have to lean towards letting the audience know that he is not exactly a stellar personality.

The daily attacks on me by the far right continue on so regularly that one hardly even notices them anymore it just is most extraordinary. I'm getting so many more notes and emails from people amazed at how well I am handling these continual attacks on me and giving me encouragement and shows a friendship to support me and what I'm going through.

PRESS: WJLA ABC DC Government Matters with Mimi Geerges

Feb. 9, 2022 - Global – 399,,600,607/5,757,562; USA – 76, 976,575/906,603

President Biden approval rating of going down now for the first time below 40%. The country is very tired of the pandemic and unfortunately they're blaming the administration. This is not helped by the fact that the CDC is really being vague about guidelines for masking in school. It is less the idea of their being vague as it is that the local authorities want more specific metrics about when they could pull back particularly regarding masking in school. All the CDC can say is that they still recommend that masks are mandatory in school. Note that they "recommend", and this is not a mandate coming from the CDC; however, people are interpreting it that way.

Some people – Sen. Durbin see below – are expressing support for me and are pushing back of the attacks on me. Sen. Durbin made a statement on the Senate floor today:

Feb. 10, 2022 - Global USA

PRESS: Interview with La Stampa;

Feb. 11, 2022 - Global – 404,910,528/5,783,776; USA – 77,345,683/912,757

Much turmoil going on throughout the country in that everyone is very much fed up with going into the third year of COVID. People want to put aside the masks and get back to normal even though we still not yet at a low enough level to do that the CDC continues to recommend masks and indoor settings particularly in schools and they are getting a lot of pushback even by democratic governors and local authorities. I have been deliberately staying off TV and radio because I know that I'm going to get asked that question which is going to be putting me in conflict with CDC if I don't go along with their adherence to the mask recommendations. In

many respects I agree with CDC. But they really need to give some metrics about when one can pull back on masking. In fact I had a long conversation with Rochelle last night by zoom and she is clearly working on some metrics to guide people as to when they can pull back on masking. Needless to say it is a really hot issue right now. The country is fed up with COVID.

Last night CNN ran a piece led by Jim Sciutto calling out the GOP for running ads for their primaries that are centered around attacking me and firing me. A couple of hours after the peace he texted me telling me how sorry he was that I was being harassed so much by the far right. I called him right back and we had a long conversation on the phone with him telling me how disgusted he is with the country that they're attacking me and my family when all I have Ben is a devoted public servant. He expressed some despair about the direction in which the country is going.

I briefed the POTUS in the Oval Office today. The arrangement was that we all sat around the resolute desk including Mike Donilin, Ron Klain, Jeff, Natalie, Bruce Reed, and Cedric Richmond.The subject matter was to bring him up to date as to the course of omicron variant which clearly was receding in numbers in a very sharp decline. In addition, I briefed him on the B.A2 variance. The President was very worried about the possibility of having yet again another variant that would lead to a surge that would be a political disaster. Unfortunately, this concern was fueled by **Ron Klain who is always a bit pessimistic** about things and kept on questioning my statement that if we do get another variant there's enough background immunity and enough interventions involved that although there might be a large number of cases, it is unlikely that we will have a major surge in hospitalizations. Also, Ron was concerned about the fact that by continuing the vaccine mandate for the military and other government elements that we could keep be creating a problem if we continue to enforce it by firing people who do not comply. Apparently 3,000 members of the military have been removed because they did not want to get vaccinated and Ron was very concerned that they were going to form a movement 2 protest against the president and give us a lot of trouble. I think that he is incorrect since many of the people who hold out enough to get fired don't really want to be in their jobs to begin with. **Bottom line is that Ron is very negativistic and hyper concerned**. The president himself seemed very distracted and fatigued at first but then perked up during and towards the end of the

presentation to him. When we finished he immediately got on marine one and went off for a trip somewhere.

It is interesting that I have not been very much in the press at all over the last two to three weeks in association with the heightened attacks on me by the far right. I used to be on TV 5 to 10 times per week on significant shows. There may be a relationship here or it may be just that there are other important issues in the media including the Russian potential invasion of Ukraine, the trouble with truckers at the Canadian border, and the investigation of the January 6th insurrection.

Feb.12, 2022 Global – 404,910,528/5,783,776; USA – 77,516,009/915,425

Had an interesting outreach to me from John Moore from Cornell who was saying that the group led by zeke immanuel who is putting together a proposed plan looking forward to where we want to be with the outbreak somehow is being met with some degree of antagonism by the White House team. See e-mail below:

I met with Zeke for another reason today and spoke to him about this issue. According to Zeke, Jeff is very concerned about the group putting out their white paper before the president comes out with the government's plan which might take place during the state of the Union address on March 1. Zeke insists that he wants to share the document with Jeff, but he says that Jeff's only concern is the timing of when they put it out. Strange dynamics here. I am aware of Jeff's appropriate concern about protecting the President and not having it look like were being led by the outside group as opposed to leading the outside group. I don't see it that way. I think we should absolutely bring them in and incorporate their suggestions since they are a group of independent people who are very smart led by a very smart guy, Zeke.

The president is in a very tough situation since he does not want to pull back on recommendations and mandates for restrictions like masks and indoor places in schools as recommended by the CDC because he does not want to appear to declare victory and then find himself in the embarrassing situation he was in when he declared the country "independent of COVID" by the 4th of July when we then got hit with the delta variant. A very touchy situation of trying to do the right thing from a public health standpoint at

the same time as addressing the enormous need for people wanting to get back to normal.

Christine and I went to an extraordinary performance at the Kennedy Senate last night celebrating **50 years of Broadway** as seen through the Kennedy Center. The program featured representative songs from multiple plays that had been on Broadway but that had passed through the Kennedy Center. Our friend Tony Award-winner Stephanie block who is married to Sebastian Arcelus (TV actor) Play the major role in the performances. On my way in two hour seating I ran into **Steny Hoyer** who commiserated with me and told me how outraged he was about how I was being treated by the far right Republicans. He reminisced with me about how it was when he and I first met 38 years ago when he was on the appropriations subcommittee. He told Christine that I was an American hero and that everybody was proud of me as well as of her for all we're doing for the country. The performance was breathtaking and it really made me feel elated and yet somewhat sad because it reminded me of what things were like before all of this mess started. Note below from Stephanie Block to Chris after chris wrote her asn e-mail praising her performance:

Feb. 13, 2022

Cases continue to come down but the deaths still lag and are over 2000 per day and only coming down very very slowly. This indicates to me that there are still many vulnerable people out there even though omicron appears to be a less virulent virus. As we know from prior experience in other countries, omicron is so highly transmissible that by sheer volume of number infections alone it is going to ultimately seek out and cause severe disease and the vulnerables particularly the unvaccinated.

Of note, none of the medical team who are on any of the Sunday shows today. The news is dominated by Ukraine and the issues of trump tearing up important documents and the outrageous statement by the **Republican National Committee** that January 6 represented normal political discourse. It is amazing that only 8 republican senators including Mitch McConnell spoke out that this was not an accurate portrayal which means that all of the rest of them of going alone with that preposterous position by the Republican National Committee. Again, I fear the direction our country is already in and is going. **Rand Paul** continues to rant that when the Republicans take over he's going to thoroughly investigate me.

I am a little bit concerned after a phone call with Jeff today (Sunday) about what they want me to present at the press conference three days from now on Wednesday is that they are shying away from the possibility that we may in the context of omicron have to give almost everybody a 4th dose since, as John Mascola has said, omicron is so different from the other variants that it is infecting vaccinated as well as unvaccinated people. Clearly, if you are vaccinated it protects somewhat against hospitalization and if you are boosted it protects pretty well against hospitalization. However, possibly as a function of mRNA vaccines, the durability of protection even against hospitalization does wane.

Feb. 14, 2022 – Global USA

Got a call today from Kevin O'Connor, physician to the POTUS. Kevin was asking my advice as to whether or not to give a fourth dose boost to the president. The president received his third shot about six months ago. Given the waning immunity following third doses that are just now becoming apparent from studies throughout the country in the world, I strongly suggested to Kevin that he give president Biden the 4th dose as soon as possible. Right now at four months following the third dose the protection against hospitalization is about 78%. I believe that that is much too low for the president given the fact that he is even a couple of months past that four month measure.

Press: Interview with Bloomberg News with Bob Langreth on universal coronavirus vaccines and 4th doses; CNN "Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer;

Feb. 15, 2022 Global – 412,351,270/5,821,004; USA – 77,837,693/920,097

I had a briefing before the Energy and Commerce oversight committee chaired by congresswoman Diana DeGette with ranking minorities McMorris Rodgers and Griffith. Except for a few of the Republicans who played the gain a function issue with me, the briefing went extremely well. I was able to articulate several points that I had not been able to in prior hearings/briefings where I kept getting interrupted. Clearly, there are Republicans who have a political motivation behind this, but there are also some who really have been swayed by false information that I think can be turned around. I finally broke out from the restraints of the department and said that I would be happy to give them all of my emails

completely unredacted. I did this in response to congresswomen McMorris Rodgers question that in the emails that they have gotten by FOIA, they are often heavily redacted. I told her something that she did not know and I'm glad I had the opportunity to say it, and that is that I do not do any redacting. The redacting occurs beyond me at the level of the department and the White House. I told her that I would be happy to defend every single word in every single one of my emails. She was very glad to hear that. They also pushed me about not testifying before the committee when they asked me to. I explained to them that I am not allowed to testify unless the chair of the majority asks me to. Diana DeGette was very good in defending me in that saying that she would be calling further hearings and that she would be definitely having me testify.

PRESS: WOR Radio.TV Healthcare Show; MSNBC with Hallie Jackson; MSNBC "All In" with Chris Hayes;

Feb. 16, 2022 Global USA

Cases and hospitalizations continued to come down sharply. Deaths lagging a little bit but are starting to come down also. There was a lot of discussion and the CDC is preparing to create new metrics for mask wearing. For example, instead of focusing on cases they will lean much more towards focusing on hospitalizations. They likely will come out with a new plan within the next couple of weeks.

With regard to the above, I met in the Oval Office today with President Biden together with the usual group from last week including Jeff, Natalie, Mike Donilon, Bruce Reed, and Ron Klain. We presented to him the options of what he might do with regard to the evolving change in recommendations by the CDC. This would relate to what he would be saying in the State of the Union address on March 1st. It was a lively discussion and I recommended that he go along with the CDC recommendations and support it but also leave open the possibility that people will be making a personal choice. In the course of the discussion the subject came up that if we go by the CDC guidance that is proposed and the District of Columbia gets to that critical metric where they no longer need to wear masks would we still require masks in the White House and would we still require vaccinations. Ron Klain was concerned that if the President wears a mask or requires vaccination for people to see him as well as testing that the world would see that as a double standard and other agencies would

ask for these requirments. I argued against this saying that the special situation with the president warrants that. In fact, the president agreed with me and at one point when the question was asked why should we make these special considerations for the White House, the president used the first profane word that I ever heard when he answered the question of Ron by saying because "I'm the fucking President of the United states". I totally agreed with him. All in all that was a good briefing.

PRESS: Reuters TV with Julie Steenhuysen; ABC Prime Time News with Linsey Davis;

Feb. 17, 2022 Global – 416,614,051/5,844,097; USA – 78,060,327/926,497

I received a nice email from Bono (see e-mail below from pdh = Paul David Hewson) informing me that one of the segments that I participated in with Julia Roberts is actually won and important award:

It was announced last night right before Francis Collins and I received the Elliot Richardson award from the National Academy of Public Administration that Francis Collins was appointed by Biden as Acting Science Advisor to the President. The **It is very interesting the value and importance that the President, Ron Klain, and Jeff signs put on my opinion** since I was the one who recommended to the president through Jeff that Francis be named as the science adviser to the president. Thinking back one full year, it was I who recommended to the president again through Ron Klain and Jeff that Rochelle Walensky be made CDC director and that Ned Sharpless be retained as the director of the NCI and Francis be retained as the director of NIH. I believe I did some good in those recommendations.

Email from Henry Richardson, the son of Elliot Richardson, to Christine on his reaction to the interview that Chuck Todd did of Francis and I receiving the ElliotRichardson Award from the American Academy of Public Administration (see above):

PRESS: PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff; CNN "A/C 360" with John Berman

Feb 18, 2022 Global – 418,650,474/5,856,224; USA – 78,161,630/928,723

I had a very good conversation with the vice president of Ecuador, Dr. Alfredo Borrero, together with the Ecuadorean Ambassador to the USA Ivonne A-Baki and Health Minister Ximena Garzon. Ecuador has done extremely well in getting about 80% of their population vaccinated. They had the same patterns of omicron spike and decline as we have. They were very gracious and extremely excited but having had the opportunity to speak to me.

Typical example of the amazing disinformation going on about me by the far-right:

PRESS: NBC6 & Telemundo 51; regional media - Hearst with Christopher Salas; Televisa (Latino outlet) with Ariel Moutsatsos; Betches Sup' (women's outlet) withAmanda Duberman

Feb. 19, 2022 - Global USA

Feb. 20, 2022 – Global USA

NY Times came out with an important article today by Apoorva Mandavilli severely criticizing the CDC for withholding data that they have until they are absolutely ready to almost publish it. This is a complaint that I have had about them for several years and finally it is becoming apparent to everyone that their system is outdated and antiquated and not at all up to snuff to handle a global pandemic. I don't mean to severely criticize the CDC, but this is really a problem. I know that Rochelle is trying to update the system, but the CDC has received billions of dollars in the past and have still not done so. Hopefully things will change in the future, and pretty quickly in the future.

I had a very important meeting with the President today together with the same group that met with him a few days ago (see above – Jeff, Ron, et al). We wanted to bring him up to date about the dynamics of the outbreak leading up to the release by the CDC next week of their new method of metrics to guide restrictions such as masking. The President was one hour late for the meeting since he was being briefed by the National Security Council regarding the imminent threat of Russia invading Ukraine. He went straight from that meeting to our meeting. The President was very adamant that he did not want to get out at the State of the Union address and say that we now have a system where the locals can get on a website to

find out whether the county that they live in is either blue, yellow, or red, which will guide them as to recommendations for masking and then find out that it is a difficult website for the ordinary American to use. Natalie said that it was only a B- website, which got the POTUS annoyed. Natalie did not want to throw the CDC under the bus but is it typical of all CDC website entries. They are mediocre regarding ease of use. She promised that they would get it to A+ in a few weeks. Also, Bruce Reed brought up as we were waiting outside the Oval to enter that we should not use the color "blue" for low infection and "red" for high infection since FOX news and the GOP would say that we did it to take a jab at blue state/red state. Good point. We will change the blue to green. It was anticipated that within a week or so that uh much of the country would be in a blue or yellow zone. The president was very clear that he did not want to get out there promising something that turns out to be a computer difficult process IE not user friendly.

[redacted] it is clear that the president and Ron and Jeff are going to want my input into certain aspects of the rollout of the CDC metrics as well as the delivery of the state of the Union address. [redacted]

[redacted] Hopefully, the dynamics of the infections will continue to come down as we go through the next few months. The president was his usual gentlemanly self and at the end of the meeting he said again that my greatest fan is Jill Biden. Right after our meeting, the president had to get up and take a phone call from president Macron of France regarding the imminent invasion of Ukraine by the Russians.

Natalie wants me to carefully go over the plan for the future which the White House has put together. I have to have my comments to her by tomorrow (Monday) at 1:00 PM. By the way, today as has been over the past days, and absolutely crystal clear sunny day but very cold.

Also today, we had our Sunday zoom meeting with our South African colleagues who confirmed that the omicron variant B.A2 is not more severe than B.A1. However it is clear that despite the fact that hospitalizations are less, they are now starting to plateau instead of going straight down. We must keep an eye on this. Of note, there are several individuals that they are following who have been infected two and three times. Clearly omicron is so transmissible that it easily infects people who

have been infected before as well as people who have been vaccinated. We are seeing the same thing in our own country. This underscores the importance of getting people vaccinated and boosted and so protecting them against severe disease leading to hospitalizations as well as having people wear masks when they are at high risk.

Interesting point. I went over the National COVID-19 Strategy that the administration is getting ready to put out. Natalie gave it to me to read and comment on. It really was very, very poorly written with many, many repetitions as if it had virtually no editing. I do not want to be the messenger they gets shot; however, I'm going to have to tell Natalie and Jeff how bad this is. They really need to do a major rewriting.

Feb. 21, 2022 - Global USA

Russia has begun their invasion of Ukraine. Crazy world!

I had an interesting conversation today with Barbra Streisand. She called me because she wanted advice about when she amd her husband Jim should get her 4th dose of her mRNA vaccine. She is 79 years old and she got her third shot in October. I explained to her about waning immunity and told her that she should call me in another couple of months to see whether the level of protection has waned below the 78% that it is right now for hospitalizations. She then went on to tell me how upset she was that I have been attacked by the far right. She said to me that she has been attacked all her professional life and that's one of the unfortunate aspects of being famous. However, she said that the level of attacks now are really worse than what she has seen previously. She said that all the people who are her friends in Hollywood are pulling for me and are very much admiring me. I told her I love her and she answered I love you too Tony.

Terrible Tragedy today. My good friend Paul Farmer was found dead in his sleep in his home in Butaro, Rwanda. he was 62 years old and [redacted] He was truly an icon in global health and a good friend to Christine, my daughters (particularly Jenny who know him when she was at Harvard), And beloved by almost everyone who comes into contact with him. He always told me that I was his inspiration from the first time he was a medical student at Harvard in the audience as I was giving a lecture up at Harvard. That must have been about 38-40 years ago 37 years ago. I am terribly saddened by this and as **Sheryl Stolberg reported in the**

New York Times, I broke down in tears during the interview when she asked me about him right after his death.

I was asked by Natalie and Jeff to review the 96 page long U.S. government strategy for COVID-19 that will be released in the next week. I went over it carefully and it took several hours. I believe the content is fine but it was extraordinarily poorly written. I am listing below an email that I sent to Jeff and Natalie describing my concern about the document:

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Quillian, Natalie H. EOP/WHO [redacted]
Cc: Zients, Jeffrey D. EOP/WHO [redacted]
Subject: RE: Close Hold - Draft Strategy for Your Review
Natalie:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review the national COVID-19 strategy. I have gone over it very carefully, particularly in those areas that relate more closely to what I do. Although the content issues are excellent, there is a problem with the presentation. Please do not shoot the messenger, but this document requires very serious editing. I have made my comments directly in the document so that you can see them. However, the overall issue is that it is not a "tight" document. There is an extraordinary amount of repetitiveness, in some cases saying exactly the same thing with exactly the same words over and over. It is a good idea as you have done to break up the discussion into: 1) what America (USG) has already done; and 2) what the US government will do. However, you repeat very often under #2 exactly what you said under #1. in other words, after you have said what the US government has done, when you get to what we will do, do not repeat what you said before in #1 and very succinctly say in #2 what we are going to do. I know that it is not easy to do this in every instance since sometimes the element in #2 is merely continuing something that we have already done very well as described in #1. And so it is understandable how we may need to refer to what we said in #1 in order to orient the audience as to what we are going to continue or improve on. However, very often repetition of elements in #1 is not necessary since you are proposing something that is entirely new.

Also, I would try to stay away from saying how bad things were before we got here. We just need to focus on what we have done since we got here. Sometimes you have to do a comparison with what went before, but we

should not overdo it since that would distract attention away from this being a forward-looking strategic plan and might have some think it is more of a political statement, which it is absolutely not. I hope that you find these comments constructive because that is the sense in which they are given. Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to see it. Happy to discuss further if you wish.

Best regards,

Tony

PRESS

Feb. 22, 2022 Global USA

Had another great conversation which I have been having on a regular basis with my UK colleagues – Chris Whitty and Patrick Valance. The UK is not seen an increase in severity with B.A2 which is increasing in Northern Ireland but it's still at a low level in the rest of the UK. As for the United States it is still overwhelmingly omicron (B.A1).

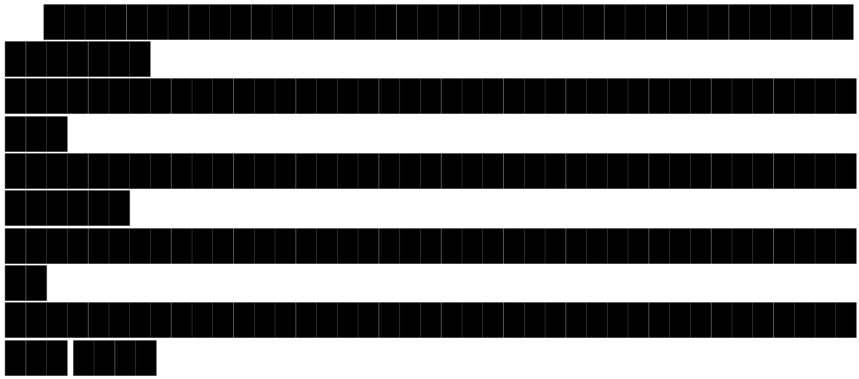
PRESS: Fox TV NYC – "Good Day" with Rosanna Scotto; CBC Canada Radio "As It Happens" with Katie Geleff

Feb. 23, 2022 Global – 426,624,859/5,899,578 USA – 78,518,045/936,162

I still am under the very constant strain vicious attacks from the far right led by Fox News, Breitbart, and the constant tweeting and increase from far right members of the house and the Senate. I am very frustrated about the fact that I am never given the opportunity to fully explain

Cases and hospitalizations continue to come down and for the first time, deaths look like they are coming down in a meaningful way. Yesterday for the first time the number of cases were below 100,000 and the number of deaths were below 1000 with a seven day average of less than 2000. There is going to be of considerable amount of tension when the States and cities pull back on the mass requirements in schools, which is the direction in which we are heading. The reason is that many of the teachers will not show up if the kids are not required to wear masks if they are not vaccinated. And only about 1/3 of the children from 5 to 11 who are eligible to be vaccinated have actually been vaccinated and only about 50% of the adolescents from 12 to 17 have been vaccinated. Again, it is a shame and tragic, but we are one

of the more under vaccinated countries in the developed world. The anti-vaxx movement and all of the misinformation and disinformation that is being spread on social media including by many politicians is in fact losing lives and killing people. This must be emphasized in my writings.



PRESS: Bloomberg "Balance of Power" with David Westin;

Feb. 24, 2022 —Global USA

Russia now in full scale invasion of Ukraine. Ukrainians fighting back hard, but the Russians are surrounding the capital of Kyiv. very tenuous situation with all of Europe condemning Russia. Putin, who is likely truly insane, does not seem to care what the world opinion is.

It is very important to read a thoughtful article in Time magazine by Bob Gallo and Dean Jamison on why it is not important and it may take years to determine but the actual origin of solace Kobe two is. We need to incorporate this in the book: By Robert C. Gallo and Dean T. Jamison

Another very important article in Scientific American that argues against the lab-leak.engineered virus claim:

PRESS: interview with Politico Europe on TB;

Feb. 25, 2022 - Cases continue to fall as do hospitalizations and even deaths starting to come down:

CDC came out with new guidelines based on the metrics that we lie heavily on hospitalizations and hospital capacity as opposed to the number of cases. This would then have the country immediately go from

97% of states fully under the guidelines of masking indoor and at schools whereas now with the new guidelines, 70% of the country falls within the guideline of not wearing masks in indoor settings. It will be interesting to see how the country reacts to this.

Absolutely critical article to read for the book by Joel Achenbach posted online for the Washington Post on Feb. 24. He says in that article what I would have been saying were I writing the book now:

Omicron (including B.A2) is dominating the world:

Some press (also see Yasmeen Abutaleb story above) starting to push back on the misinformation campaign against me. See Daily Beast:

Dr. Ladapo spreading dangerously false information – Orlando Sentinel:

There are some interesting paradoxes that need to go into the book. An example is the fact that Ron DeSantis, Florida governor, talks about getting rid of "Fauci-ism" Which stands for government telling you what you can and cannot do. He says this at the same time that he, the state government is mandating that you cannot require masks in school and public places even though the teachers, the school boards, and the owners of the private establishments might want to require masks in their venues. It is similar to the people who do not want to require vaccines when they say "my body, my choice" at the same time is that they are anti choice with regard to women's right to have an abortion. It is stunning how the irony is lost on the people who listen to them. I was recently asked on one of the regional Miami stations about what I thought about what government DeSantis was doing particularly with regard to his wanting to use unproven drugs such as hydroxychloroquine and ivormectin. I was very kind in that I said the CDC provides guidelines and the locals can do what they want; However, this is risky to the health of the citizens of Florida. In addition I said that the recommendation of unproven drugs that might also have toxicity is ill advised and dangerous.

PRESS: Regional press -Telemundo Miami with Ari Odzer; Univision National with Luis Megid; Cox with Kirstin Gariss

Feb. 26, 2022 Global - 430,257.564/5,922,049; USA – 78,644,344/942.301

NY Times article by Adam Nagourney on RFK, Jr. describes well his attacks on e and others:

The **"Fire Fauci" meme** is central at the **CPAC** meeting in Florida:

https://bit.ly/3hkaNTE - **Todd Starnes, Dr. Peter McCullough, Sebastian Gorka, and Rep. Matt Gaetz**

New "preprint papers" coming out from Kristian Andersen and Chinese investigators strongly indicating that the virus came from animals, not lab leak:

Another les compelling paper, but nonetheless "suggestive:

Hilarious SNL skit with me declaring that the new variant actually makes you feel great. Very funny: https://bit.ly/3IrrtF1

PRESS: Even Newsweek that was very much anti Fauci has now come around (see below):

Same with the New York Post (See title below):

And CNN:

And NY Times: (of note, Jesse Bloom was again quoted as disagreeing with the findings. There is no doubt that he is totally convinced that a lab leak hypothesis is equally as likely as a natural occurrence and he refuses to accept the fact that there are zero data so the lab leak hypothesis and much accumulating data for the natural occurrence. He is an immature person who most people believe likes the idea that he is now in the newspapers a lot because of his contrary opinion.)

And Nature:

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Very important Tweet thread from Michael Worobey: https://bit.ly/3BUjXjg and from Andrew Rambaut: https://bit.ly/3HmosnT

Feb. 27, 2022 Global - 430,257,564/5,922,049 USA – 78,732,221/944,517

Daily cases/hospitalizations/ deaths continue to come down. Critical to see what happens now that CDC has issued new guidelines based on hospitalization and hospital capacity by county.

The Ukrainians are fighting back fiercely against the Russians who are circling Kyiv. the entire world is pushing back with heavy sanctions against the Russians. This is a very tense time and could actually lead to an even further escalation.

Feb. 28, 2022 Global USA

The Republican insanity about me continues (Washington Examiner):

PRESS: Interview with the Financial Times – Donato Mancini re: mRNA hubs in the developing world;

March1, 2022 – Global USA

40 mile convoy of Russian troops and tanks heading towards Kyiv. the Ukrainians are putting up a fierce battle and the Russians are not making much headway. Putin has put his nuclear apparatus on high alert.

As expected the usual suspects (Richard Ebright – total asshole and Alina Chan – Harvard post doc) are trashing the recent studies about the Wuhan market being the epicenter and indicated in the Washington Examiner:

Last minute preparations for both the President's **State of the Union** address as well as the national COVID-19 preparedness plan which we will roll out the day after the SOTU address which is tonight. Jeff and Natalie called me during the day to run a couple of sentences that are in the address that they wanted to make sure was totally accurate regarding COVID-19. I had played, together with Rochelle, a major role in editing the **National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.** The original version that we got last week was very sloppily prepared and I spent a lot of time helping them to rewrite it. Tomorrow, we will have a press conference at the White House South court auditorium to make a brief presentation regarding the plan and to answer questions from the press.

Last night the president gave what I believe was an excellent **State of the Union address**. Given his difficulty with stuttering, he messed up a few words, which I am sure the far right will jump all over. However, the

content of his speech or superb as he laid out plans of how we get out of the COVID situation as well as our strong response against the Russians who are currently invading in a vicious way the Ukraine.

March 2, 2022 – Global -435,626,514/5,952,215; USA – 78,855,000/947,882

In New Orleans airport:

We had the big rollout today of the National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan with a major press briefing at the South Court Auditorium of the White House. It was the first time we had one of these without masks on with all of us in person as opposed to on a screen. It was the night after the state of the Union address in which the president mentioned that we would be rolling out the plan today. the presenters were myself, secretary Becerra, Rochelle, and Jeff. It was well received and we answered a whole bunch of questions. The critical issue is that we are hopefully approaching some form of the new normal, whereby we live with the virus at a very low level but we do not allow it to disrupt our lives. This is not so easy to do since we still have the threat of new variants that we must be able to respond to. And with the removal of mask guidelines for those areas and counties where the hospitalization rate are in a low to medium zone, people who are vulnerable such as the elderly and those with underlying conditions justifiably have some concerns that when everyone takes the masks off it might put them at a greater risk of getting infected, and even though they are vaccinated and boosted they still could go onto a serious outcome. There is a justification in their concern; however, wearing of a good fitted N95 mask could go a long way to protect them. Another example of no solution to a problem of this magnitude is perfect.

The person who threatened to kill me is:

PRESS: Regional media: Nexstar with Jessi Turnure; Gray with David Ade; Cox with Samantha Manning; Midday Flavor – Dothan, Alabama with Jimmie Doctrie; WokeAF – National with Danielle Moodie; Ryan Cameron Uncensored – Atlanta, GA with Ryan Cameron

March 3, 2022 Global – 438,968,263/5,969,439; USA - 78,977,146/952,223;

GOP candidates in their primaries continue to mount vicious attacks against me making up absolutely unbelievable conspiracy theories and demanding that when they get in power they will prosecute me to the fullest and put me in jail. This is truly an example of the dystopian nature of our society. They have completely normalized fabrication and lies. At this point it has become clear to me that I will have to lead the NIH while I am still vigorous passionate and energetic to begin to tell my story with books and with lectures about how what is happening in the scientific community is representative of what will happen in the entire country when we are overcome by a normalization of fabrication and lies. I believe that my decision has now been made on this day that I will have to leave this year well I am still energetic enough to tell the story to the American people

Secretary Becerra asked me to join him on a massive zoom call with virtually all of the ministers of health of the different countries throughout the world. He wanted to connect with them telling them what we've been doing and how we might help them. He asked me to give a scene setter that would outline literally in 5 minutes what we have done. I did that and I understand that the ministers of health were very grateful that I took the time to join them. This was followed by a press conference with the domestic press.

Our (Becerra and I) announcement about the C-TAP and the MPP is a BIG DEAL! - The New York Times: Top U.S. health officials say they intend to offer other nations tech that might be used against Covid.

I had an important telephone conference with senator Patty Murray who is the chair of the Senate appropriations subcommittee for NIH. I explained to her what our needs were for the next generation COVID vaccine as well as for the next generation of antiviral drugs she relied very heavily on me and it became clear that she will use what I tell her to try and get a supplement to carry us through this fiscal year as well as to put money into the omnibus bill for the fiscal 2023 budget. See below for WH talking points on the supplemental:

Total distortion of the FDA's vaccine adverse events reporting system (VAERS). This will feed very much into the conspiracy theories then vaccines do more harm than good. This will create yet again another

platform for anti vaxxers to claim that we scientists are killing people and making billions of dollars:

PRESS: Gave press conference with Secretary Becerra immediately after the Ministers call. I explained that the NIH will participate in the WHO-led COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) and Medicines Patent Pool (MPP); White House Black Press Roundtable;

Mar. 4, 2022 Global USA

I had a very interesting epiphany last evening on my walk which I did alone since Chris is in New Orleans with Megan. I listened to an AXE Files podcast of an interview between David Axelrod and Marc Short. it was truly revealing since I had the opportunity to get to know mark and among all the people in the trump White House I liked him the most. It is very clear that he is a deeply religious person and truly believes from a ideological standpoint the far right but not crazy conservative movement. He is an example of someone who lets his "faith" guide him which really makes me very nervous. He is not a bad person but he has allowed and has not fought against the absolute crazies in the GOP. Importantly, and to his credit, he condemned the January 6th insurrection in the podcast, but they did not see him or pence condemn it at the time. I feel like and I might actually reach out to Marc and see if we can talk a little bit about what he sees for the future of the GOP.

Mar. 5, 2022 – Global – 440,807,756/5,978,096; USA – 79,078,932/955,135

7-Day daily averages continue to come down: 15,000 cases and 1400 deaths

The GOP candidates in the primary are really going off the deep end. Their new issue is that I am not so much on TV since the Dems are keeping me off for political reasons since I am a liability. From the Daily Beast:

QAnon News:

NPR (Michaeleen Doucleff) gives really good description with interview with Michael Worobey regarding origin of SARS-CoV-2.

As mentioned above, as usual the "usual suspects" will ignore these compelling studies: https://n.pr/3CaiUMq

---------- **An Article in MIT Technology Review is an absolute MUST to read carefully for the book. It is about Shi Zhengli and effectively addresses all the issues of origin: https://bit.ly/3uIM4QW**

March 6, 2022 Global USA

Cases continued to come down. We had discussions with the FDA last week concerning the options of getting the elderly a 4th shot boost with mRNA in April since it is likely that the protection against hospitalization will wane. This would go along with a plan to anticipate giving everyone a 4th shot boost sometime in October coincident with the campaign to vaccinate people with influenza vaccine for the upcoming winter.

The Russians continue to hammer the Ukraine in a relentless barrage. The entire world this is against Russia right now. They are getting stiff resistance from the Ukrainians and Putin is threatening to alert nuclear strike readiness in Russia. he is stating that severe sanctions against Russia would be considered an act of war. The man is truly insane and for the first time in my lifetime there is **a real danger of a nuclear war.**

March 7, 2022 – Global USA

It is hard to believe this stuff but it is true. Please see below from Foreign Policy:

I believe that the AMA is being unfair in their criticism of this program. They do not take into account the fact that many people, particularly minorities, do not have access to a physician. Pharmacists are entirely capable of appreciating drug to drug interactions in the safe administration of drugs to needy patients. See below:

Tampa Bay Times – Florida Surgeon General Dr. Ladapo now saying children should not be vaccinated with COVID vaccines. The craziness continues:

March 8, 2022 Global USA

Washington Post by Philip Bump. Florida's Dr. Ladapo going off the rails. After saying that we should not vaccinate children against

COVID, he is blaming pubic health officials, i.e. me for malicious intent:

When I insisted on boosters months and months ago and several people pushed back such as Who and individual investigators such as Paul Offit and others, I was convinced that I was correct. History has shown me to be correct. See below announcement from WHO:

Went to Italian Embassy – to celebrate International Women's Day. Cristina Cassetti together with Isabella Rosellini and other Italian accomplished women were honored in a film "One of Us" produced and directed by Chiara Tilesi. Nancy Pelosi and Ukrainian Ambassador to USA Oksana Markarova were there. Strong support expressed for Ukraine and the Ambassador.

PRESS: Fiasco Podcast with Leon Neyfakh; CNBC with Meg Tirrell;

March 9, 2022 Global – 448,313,293/6,011,482; USA – 79,198,539/959,533

Despite all the clamor for getting more money for COVID research, we had a big disappointment today with the Congress trying to put together an omnibus bill for 2022 which will incorporate the supplemental that we need for COVID vaccine research. In the omnibus package it was $15 billion for COVID that was supposed to come from unexpended balances. As soon as some of the governors, mostly Democrats, heard that the unexpended balances will come from the states that you saved COVID money for, they decided they would not support the omnibus bill. And so, it is likely that they will pull out the $15 billion of which we were to get $750 million for vaccine trials. If they do that, we will have virtually no additional money for COVID research until the end of this Fiscal year. And so here we are in the middle of a historic pandemic and because the budget constraints to make better vaccines let's prepare for future pandemics. Welcome to Washington!!

Note from Nancy Pelosi to the Democratic Caucus:

PRESS: Interview with Brittany Shammas of Washington Post on 4th booster

March 10, 2022 Global – 450,229,635/6,019,085; USA – 79,248,406/961,620

More and more FOIA's are coming in for my emails, calendar, and other material from the usual right wing organizations but notably also from the Republican National Committee (RNC) in the person of Nicholas Erickson.

In light of the vicious attacks on me by the "far right" including members of Congress, several friendly members of Congress (mostly Dems but including some like Republican Mitt Romney) have expressed their outrage about how I have been treated. I'm listing below a handwritten note that I received from Senator Richard Durbin:

Continue to have close communication with my UK colleagues, particularly **Chris Whitty** and Patrick Vallance. It is becoming clear that the **UK is starting to see an increase** in hospitalizations. This has worried us, particularly Jeff, and Jeff has asked me to contact Chris to see what is going on in the UK since we very often follow them by a few weeks. **I called Chris on his cell phone** and asked him what his impression was regarding the increase in hospitalizations in the UK. He feels that it is a combination of pulling back on restrictions, the slight transmission advantage of the B.A2 variant, and waning immunity among those who have been vaccinated and/or infected. He also feels that many of the hospitalizations are people who have been hospitalized with COVID as opposed to because of COVID. In this regard, there has not been any increase in ICU admissions. In this context, they have decided that they will start boosting with a fourth mRNA boost elderly individuals and anyone who has any indication of underlying immune deficiencies. They believe that this minor surge will peak in the Spring as the weather gets warmer and they are not particularly worried about it.

China is doing "pay back" for the accusations against them about creating the virus. They are now picking up on the Q-Anon issue that the USA was doing bioterror research in Ukraine and that is why the Russians have invaded:

March 11, 2022 – Global USA hospitalizations; 1200 weekly average deaths

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Article in Salon indicates that many people have died of COVID in the USA because of the "culture wars" led by Trump:

March 12, 2022 - Global - 452,201,564/6,029,852; USA – 79,329,689/964,774

Big day for me. I went to Boston to give one of the eulogies for Paul Farmer's memorial service. Others who made comments were Jim Yong Kim, Catherine Farmer (Paul's daughter), Orphelia Dahl. The ceremony took place in the historic Trinity Church on Copley Square. Present in the audience with former President Bill Clinton, speaker of the house Nancy Pelosi, multiple members of Congress, and a variety of other luminaries. The text of my speech is given in the attachment below:

Cases are increasing throughout Europe due to the relaxation of masking and other restrictions.

March 13, 2022 – GLOBAL USA

Ukrainians putting up a heroic resistance to Russian advances. Critical issues is whether we will push in helping Ukraine to the point of World War III with nuclear threats.

Got an important call from Rochelle Walenski this morning (Sunday). She is very concerned about the pressure that is putting upon her to **reauthorize title 42** which prohibits the entry of immigrants from Mexico. This is a law that was passed during the trump administration in the very early months of the COVID outbreak whereby the CDC is the enforcer in keeping immigrants from Mexico out of the country on the basis of a "public health emergency". It was obviously a pretext to keep infected immigrants from crossing the border. Since then, it has been reauthorized multiple times by the CDC. Right now, she is being asked to request a reauthorization on the basis again of a public health emergency. She cannot in good conscience do this since 90+% of the states are "green" according to the new metrics. Hence, no "emergency". She is damned if she does and damned if she does not. The GOP want her to reauthorize and redeclare a public health emergency in order to keep immigrants out. On the other hand the Dems are very concerned about not doing it since the GOP will use it against them in the election. She feels she cannot do this and sleep at night. In addition, all her CDC colleagues would go in an uproar if she did this. It was originally put into place by Bob Redfield when he was the CDC

director and in typical fashion, Bob caved in to the Trump administration. She is asking for my support when she pushes back on this. I obviously will support her.

March 14, 2022 - Global USA

I do not often report on this in my daily notes, but today I had another very fruitful zoom meeting with my UK colleagues Chris Whitty and Patrick Vallance in which we compare notes about what is going on in the UK versus what is going on here in the United States. It proves very helpful to both of us. I look forward to continuing these discussions. Right now, as has been in the past, the UK is about 3 to four weeks ahead of us in what happens to them and subsequently happens to us. Right now, they are going through a mini-blip in cases without seeing a significant increase in hospitalizations, ICU visits, and certainly not any increase in all cause mortality. They attribute this to the combination of a slight to modest increased transmissibility of B.A2, opening up of social interactions, and waning immunity.

March 15, 2022 – Global - 458,479,635/6,047,653; USA - &9,418,377/963,244

Lack of congressional funding for the COVID effort in the Omnibus bill could cause critical challenges. The White House is publicly pushing the Congress to come through with the $22.5 billion that we originally asked for COVID

Although our cases continued to come down as well as our hospitalizations and our deaths, it is very clear that all the countries in Europe are starting to rebound with cases and we are very concerned that in the next couple of weeks we're going to see that here in the United states. More to come.

PRESS: NPR 1A Radio WAMU;

March 16, 2022 –

Interesting situation with Jeff Zients. jeff called me yesterday and asked if he could come over for a glass of wine last night or have breakfast this morning. I thought he was just trying to be friendly. Chris with suspicious that he was going to announce to me that he was leaving. Of course, Chris was correct and over a cup of coffee at 7:00 AM in my house

Jeff mentioned to me that he was going to step down since he had told the President that he would do this for about six months and it has already been 15 months. In addition, he mentioned that Natalie will also be stepping down. That is a big double loss. They will be **asking Ashish Jha** to take Jeff's place. Over my kitchen Table, Jeff and I had a serious talk that included Chris about what this means for the duration of my stay. Jeff strongly suggested that if I am going to leave that I announce it very soon, in the next month or two, and plan on leaving in the summer to avoid getting into the Fall season with all the complication of the upcoming mid-term election. I believe that this is good advice, and I will give it serious consideration. I am very sorry to see Jeff leave since my interaction and relationship with him over the past year and three months has been one of the most enjoyable and fruitful relationships that I have had with any professional partner; in addition, he has become quite a good friend.

The White House is putting me out there to give press interviews about Jeff which I gladly am doing. I am praising him to the hilt which he deserves.

PRESS: KGTV – San Diego TV – ABC;

March 17, 2022 - Global -462,758,117/6,056,725; USA – 79,486,762/965,575

– (Cold and cloudy day today after a sunny and warm 70 degrees yesterday)

There is much concern on the part of the press leading to multiple interviews with me about the possibility that we may see another surge based on the uptick in cases throughout the rest of the world. I have been giving caveats that we follow the UK usually by about 2-3 weeks.

The Far-Right has claimed that since "I am no longer popular or trusted", I have been taken off the airways. Politifact debunked that today:

I pleaded for including COVID money in the 2022 Omnibus budget package today down at the Capitol together with Secretary Becerra. In the negotiations for the budget, the Republicans and even some of the Democrats cut out the $15 billion for COVID of which $750 million was slated for the NIH. I was asked by the Administration to go down to the

Capitol together with Secretary Becerra and make the case to the Democratic caucus of why we need the money. The caucus was led by chairman James Clyburn and speaker Pelosi was there and gave an impassioned plea and expression of frustration that the Republicans will blocking the process by voting against a "rule" which would not allow negotiations. I got up and gave presentation of why it is so important to continue support for the work that is ongoing and for the important work that we have planned in order to address future variants as well as the possibility of another pandemic outbreak. I was extremely well received by all the democratic congressman whom I know well including Steny Hoyer, Frank Pallone, Raul Ruiz, etc. See tweet below:

PRESS: ABC News Podcast with Brad Mielke; PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff; NBC Nightly News; NBC Today Show; CNN "The Lead" with Jake Tapper;

March 18, 2022 Global USA

PRESS: ABC – GMA3 with TJ Holmes and Amy Robach (Amy referred to me as "a humble hero"); NPR with Rob Stein; WCBS Radio NYC;

March 19, 2022 (Saturday) Global – 464,809,377/6,062,536; USA – 79,555,0076/968,839

Big ruckus at my house today. A group of 20 demonstrators came to my house early afternoon with bullhorns shouting "Fauci, you are a murderer". I was at work at the time and the neighbors (Ellen Perry) gave me a call to let me know that a crowd was assembling in front of my house. Interestingly, before this all happened Yasmeen Abutaleb from the Post texted me and said she had heard from a reporter that there was going to be a demonstration in front of my house. I texted her back and said that nothing was going on, but soon it became clear that there was a demonstration. Brent pulled it up on the screen from the NIH office and called the DC Metropolitan Police and the Secret Service who arrived on the scene. By the time they got there, the crowd was actually breaking up. Another example of the fake news about me stirring up ridiculous incidents like this. I put the blame right at the feet of people like Rand Paul and others in the Congress who lie about me.

Cases continue to accelerate throughout the world, yet they are very stable coming down here in the United states. We expect that within the next week or so we will start to see an uptick in cases since we have recently opened up with regard to indoor masking.

March 20, 2022

Of note, on several media interviews, many of the interviews or asking me how long am I going to stay on the job and when would I be thinking of retirement. I believe that this is related to the fact that the outbreak seems to be calming down and people want to be rid of COVID. They juxtapose that with the logic of time that I might be thinking of stepping down. However, it is noteworthy that they are talking more about this then in the past.

PRESS: ABC "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos;

March 21, 2022 Global USA

******Very important issue to discuss in the book. The entire controversy with China as the source of the outbreak and the lab leak theory stems from the tension between Trump and China. Please remember that when it was brought to the attention of Trump that the NIH was funding a grant at Wuhan where the outbreak was first recognized, Trump ordered, with no evidence to support any suspicion, that we cancel the grant. As it turns out it is illegal to do that without cause and we had to re institute the grant and put conditions on it that they essentially were not able to meet. This led both to the deomization of Peter Dascak of EcoHealth and to an emergence of the theory of a lab leak and clouded the picture of our ability to further investigate the very likely cause of the outbreak which was a natural jumping of virus from an animal species to human. Because I am the director of NIAID and was involved in somewhat of a conflict publicly with Trump, I then became the focal point of the building conspiracy theory that somehow or other NIH played a role in the outbreak. This led to the preposterous accusations on the part of people like Rand Paul that I was responsible for the death of 5 million people. This led to my pushing back publicly against people like Senator Paul which among many other issues made me a "polarizing figure". However, remember to emphasize in the book that a lot of this really stemmed from Trump**

inappropriately ordering the cancelling of the Wuhan grant. This is a critical fact that should be developed in the book.

Fauci Denies Rumors Of Retirement. The Daily Mail (UK) (3/20, Talbot, 4.11M) reports, "Fauci has rowed back on hints that he will soon retire, with 81 year-old saying he thinks the COVID pandemic is still far from over." He "appeared determined to stay when asked on ABC's This Week if he really was thinking of quitting." Fauci said, "I want to make sure we're really out of this before I really seriously consider doing anything different. We're still in this." ---------- **The White House has put me together with Francis Collins as the leads in making recommendations to the President as to who the next NIH director is.** Frances and I have interviewed a bunch of candidates and we've just made our recommendation today to Jeff Zients, Bruce Reed, and White House personnel people – Gautam Raghavan and Corina Corte. as to the top two candidates: Mary Klotman of Duke University and Brendan Lee of Baylor. It is interesting and a bit unusual for the White House to get two people like Francis and I to be essentially the sole search committee for the NIH director's job. I consider this an honor and I hope it works out well.

I just went over with my legislative staff our response to a bunch of questions that predominantly Senator Rand Paul asked associated with a recent Senate hearing. He keeps probing with questions trying to box me in in what he thinks is my perjurying myself in front of the committee when I stated under oath that we did not fund "gain of function research and one period in fact according to the definition of quote gain of function research" at Wuhan, which in fact we did not. However, he insists that we did and he's trying to make a case that I lied. Therefore, he's asking a bunch of circuitous and clearly trapping-type questions for written responses. I will likely get this letter which we're going to send back to the Senate and run it by Neal Katyal to just let him know that they're trying to box me in and entrap me.

PRESS: Interview with The Economist with Ed Carr;

March 22, 2022 Global USA

Just heard from Melinda Haskins that the GOP members of the house Energy and Commerce committee want to talk to me and ask

me specific questions since I had said that I had nothing to hide and I would give him whatever they want that I am capable of giving to them. It is obvious that they are fishing for things just to see if they can trap me. This is a disgraceful hassling of me.

March 23, 2022 – Global -472,816,657/6,099,380; USA – 79,648,566/971,212

We had our usual weekly **White House press briefing today**. Of note is the fact that the administration is trying to get Secretary Becerra more visibly involved in the COVID seen. Jeff wanted me to come down to the White House to be physically present for the press briefing because secretary Becerra was going to be there. Jeff wanted to make it appear that we are part of one single team which I think is a very good idea. The discussion at the press conference centered around the possibility of a fourth booster shot as well as what the implications of the increased transmissibility of B.A2 variant.

Note increase in cases in the UK. Concern is that we are only weeks beyond and will follow them:

It should be pointed out that the **truckers are in town protesting** a variety of things and since several of them demonstrated in front of my house last week, Brett has engaged the DC Metropolitan Police department to participate in surveillance of my house. And so when I came back from work this afternoon there were two panel trucks with two Metropolitan Police officers in each truck parked right in front of my house and down the block a bit. What a sorry state of affairs this is.

March 24, 2022 – Global – 474,659,674/6,103,355; USA – 79,696,994/972,550

We find ourselves in a very difficult situation. From the very beginning of the work that we have done with COVID, we have gotten much of our funds through Operation Warp Speed with regard to the performance of clinical trials as well as a number of other activities. We were always concerned that that money came directly from HHS to us and never went into our base. This created a lot of anxiety on my part in the part of others in that if we are given money to initiate things that require several years of commitment and we are only given

money on a year by year basis there is a real danger that that money will then all of a sudden be discontinued and since we do not have it in our base we may have things like clinical trials and other activities that will have to be suspended and or stopped. **This creates ethical problems** when it relates to clinical trials where we have put people on trials and are not able to finish the trial. Right now we are in a very difficult situation where we have been informed that we now have commitments for approximately $700 million and we were told by HHS that there is no money forthcoming to us. More later on how we are going to sort this out.

Rand Paul continues his relentless attacks on me: Saying on FOX that I have been wrong on everything I have said or done except for the COVID vaccines PRESS: WUSA Channel 9 local TV with Jess Arnold;

March 25, 2022 – Global – 476,374,234/6,108,976; USA – 79,736,014/973,515

I had breakfast at their invitation at The Four Seasons in Washington DC with Klaus Schwab, the founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum and Borge Brende, the President of the World Economic Forum. They are here in Washington for a number of other reasons including visiting the White House and they wanted to have breakfast with me to get to know me better since as Mr. Brende, who is the former minister of foreign affairs of Norway, said that if I ran for president of any European country I would win the election. Also, the real reason for the meeting was to put some pressure on me to accept the invitation to be a major speaker at the upcoming Davos meeting of the World Economic Forum in May. My schedule is extremely tight and I doubt whether or not I will be able to do that. However, I will give it a second look.

FOIA'd e-mails continue to stoke nonsense by the far right. Recent FOX news:

B.A2 becoming increasingly dominant globally:

PRESS: BBC TV; WTOP Radio; FOX News with Neil Cavuto

March 26, 2022 - Global - 476,374,234/6,108,976; USA – 79,766,087/974,277

It is noteworthy the attention that people are putting on the fact that the **Republicans will very clearly target me** and come after me if they take over the Congress this coming year. Neil Cavuto specifically brought this up in an interview with me yesterday on Fox News. He was very good about it unlike other Fox News commentators, but he made it very clear that he expected that I would be an even bigger target as the election approaches. He was asking me how I felt about that and am I willing to go through this.

I am in the process of preparing a number of my upcoming commencement addresses for the Spring. A major underlying theme that will permeate most of the commencement addresses will be the warning on my part to the young people to **not** give in to the normalization of untruths. I see this all around me and the most recent example of egregious behavior by the GOP is how the Republicans are treating nominee for Supreme Court Justice Ketangi Brown Jackson. the overt expression of racism on the part of Senators Lindsey Graham, Ted Cruz, and Thomas Cotton is disgraceful. This is very similar in many respects to the total lies that are being thrown around about me by the far right including several of these senators and congressmen.

March 27, 2022 –

Far right idiocy continues to say that they will "get me" and punish me for "crimes against humanity" when the GOP takes over. Every once in a while you hear this in the far right wing media. It is a chronic persistent chorus of right wing radicals stating this almost on a daily basis.

March 28, 2022 - Global USA

Cases continue to come down as do deaths with no indication of any rebound yet despite significant surges in Europe and in the UK. Will watch closely.

The same situation arises as did arise before. It relates to the fact that the CDC is always behind the times when it comes to making recommendations. The point in question is whether or not we should make a recommendation for people 60 years of age or older to get a fourth shot of the mRNA vaccine. It is very clear from the Israeli data that there is a benefit with regard to hospitalization and death if you compare people who received a fourth dose with those who received a third dose. However, the CDC is just not ready to make a recommendation of what "should" be done

as opposed to what "may" be done. Secretary Becerra is very concerned that there is disagreement among his own people. Clearly Rob Califf, Vivel, and I feel that we should be more proscriptive in what we say. Jeff is very, very adamant that we make a definitive statement one way or another. It is really strange how the CDC tends to waffle on things and never come out with a clear message. Rochelle is in a compromised position is that she's trying to abide by her people, but what I don't think she fully realizes yet is that they are often very incorrect as has been shown in multiple situations over the years.

March 29, 2022 – Global -481,76,671/6,127,981; USA – 79,827.918/975,505

Participated in the Kumpuris Distinguished Lecture Series - It was a celebration of the eight years of the **Clinton administration** and the impact that that administration had on the NIH. It was my role to discuss in the panel the progress that was made during the Clinton administration in the context of HIV aids. I spoke about the major advances in therapy that transformed the lives of persons living with HIV, and I told the story of how we brought up the concept of a vaccine Research Center on December the 3rd 1996 in the Oval Office with President Clinton. Participants included former secretary of HHS Donna Shalala, Harold Varmus, Francis Collins, John Gallin, Gary Nabel. The Arkansas Democrat Gazette reported on this event and quoted Clinton talking about me:

Deaths in the USA are lower than they have been in several months. They are now consistently below 1000 and the latest number was around 800 per day. Eric Topol had a nice table comparing B.A1 with B.A2:

PRESS: NPR with Rob Stein;

March 30, 2022 – Global - $83,556,595/6,132,461; USA – 79,853,683/976,229

Following my meeting with Klaus Schwab of the World Economic Forum, they really wany me to go to Davos in May (See letter below) to attend their meeting in person. I just have so many Commencement Addresses at that time; it will be very difficult:

PRESS: MSNBC Peacock Show with Zerlina Maxwell; Regional Media: Spectrum with Reena Diamante; Gray with Natalie Grim; Nexstar with Reshad Hudson; ABC Streaming with Lindsey Davis

March 31, 2022 Global – 485,243,022/6,137,553; USA – 79,904,464/977,495

Had a very notable night tonight. Bono was in town to receive the Fullbright Prize at the Omni Shoreham hotel. I was invited to sit at his table. It was an extraordinary evening. I got completely mobbed by the large crowd in the ballroom at the Omni as much or even more so then did Bono. This is really strange And somewhat unnerving. I was concerned that I'd get infected since there were people hovering all over me wanting to take pictures with me. Bono gave an absolutely magnificent poetic speech. I have developed a warm friendship with him over the years, and we reminisced that it was 20 years since he came to my home and we discussed my working with President G.W. Bush with my actually telling him about PEPFAR. He clearly loves America, and his speech was about America. There were many senators and congressmen there then I had the opportunity to chat a lot with senator Chris Coons of Delaware. There's a lot of back and forth going on in the Congress about COVID money. Apparently as a last minute they pulled out the $5 billion for international COVID much to the dismay of the people involved in the international distribution of vaccines to low and middle income countries. Bono had met the POTUS at the White House and several Senators and Congressmen and tried to lobby to keep that money in. The White House wants to keep the money in but several senators and Congressmen want pull it out since they feel there is a lot of money in unexpended balances still able to be tapped.

PRESS: Newshub Nation – New Zealand TV;

April 1, 2022 Global - USA

Christine and I had an amazing evening last night at Adrienne Asht's new mansion on Chevy Chase circle in celebration of her 80th birthday. She has actually converted part of the mansion into a nightclub and a full entertainment space. She had told Chris and I previously but that is the reason why she bought the new house. Her regional house on 30th St was an amazing mansion in and of itself, with the most amazing highly expensive and creative artwork throughout the house. The function at her new mansion was amazing. All the glitterati in Washington were there and

that was only one day of a three day celebration. In a typical fashion of late which actually worried me a lot was that everyone was gathering around me asking for handshakes and selfies and essentially nobody had a mask on. I took mine off in order to eat and drink as well as to chat with some people. At one point in the evening the maitre-de announced that I was in the room where everyone was sitting watching the show and everyone got up and gave me a standing ovation. It was really rather embarrassing. However, many people came over to me with the same theme saying how sorry they were that I was being attacked by the radical right, but that every attack on me makes me look even better to the people who love me because of the highly dignified way but I continue to do my job despite major attacks and threats from the far right. I began to think that maybe I should stick this out even a bit longer if I can be a representative of what the truth and dignified behavior is in the context of the craziness that's going on in the world. I will have to think about this a lot pull over the next several weeks to months. Of note, Brett Baier of FOX was there and since I was on good relations with him before FOX started a full blown attack on me. I went up to him and said that I was sorry that relations between me and FOX are so bad and that I still consider him a friend since he has not attacked me on TV. He said something interesting when I said that. He said, "It is not me (Brett), it is the network and that I am always welcome on his show".

PRESS: CNN+ interview with Sanjay Gupta; Buzzfeed interview with Dan Vergano; WCBS TV New York City with Jessica Moore; Yahoo Finance with Anjalee Khemlani

April 2, 2022 Global - 486,761,597/6,142,735; USA – 79,947,165/978,254

Gridiron Dinner - went to the 135th black tie dinner of the Gridiron Club held at the Renaissance hotel on 9th St NW. It is the first Gridiron Club dinner that I went to since the early years of the George W Bush administration. It was a typical galer affair; however, it was very similar to the night before where everyone crowded around me wanting selfies and expressing sincere thanks for what they say I am doing for the country. It was much more of a Washington DC diplomatic crowd and journalism people then last night. However, the sentiment was the same. One typical example of what happened among several people was that Jane Pauley came up to me to express her admiration for what I am doing am tears came to her

eyes nd she almost could not speak. She said she was embarrassed that she was "tone-tied" since this never happns to her and she has interviewed presidents and Kings. **I am starting to realize now with these rather emotional reactions to me that it is not totally at all about me, but about what I represent to the country that has been severely negatively impacted by this pandemic**. People are hungry for someone that represents hope and truth in an arena of misinformation and fear. And for that reason, I have become somewhat of a cult figure or even a "saint" to some when in fact I am just a simple person trying to do a job that I actually have been doing over the decades of my career. It is the circumstances of what is going on in our country and the world that has brought upon me stardom and sainthood for some and the epitome of evil for others.

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Had very nice farewell brunch for John Mascola over Bob Seder's home in Bethesda. John is leaving as director of the VRC to become chief scientific officer for a company started by Gary Nabel and Elias Zerhouni. John is really one of the most outstanding scientists and leaders in medicine that I have known. He is brilliant, collaborative, unselfish, and has not only very granular scientific knowledge, but also as a very good perspective from 40,000 feet. I had relied on him for counsel many times over the last several years. I am very sorry to see him leave. ----------

The New Yorker – Andy Borowitz satire:

April 4, 2022 – Global USA

April 5, 2022 Global – 490,853, 129/6.155.344; USA – 80,031,627/ 979,610

Cases, deaths, and hospitalizations continue to come down on the country average. However, some counties in upstate New York and in Texas are starting to see a mini surge in cases. Hopefully, this is not the forewarner of something bad to come.

Sad day since it is the last Press Conference to be led by Jeff Zients. Jeff is stepping down as the head of the White House coronavirus team. Very likely he will come back within the next year or so either as chief of staff to the president or as a cabinet secretary, likely treasury.

Jeff arranged a call today between me and Patrick Collison who is a billionaire entrepreneur Irishman – CEO and Co-founder of STRIPE - who has been funding some of our investigators including Pamela Bjorkson, Akiko Iwasaki and David Veesler. He would like to hasten the process of developing a pan coronavirus vaccine and feels that there are obstacles that they have spoken to him about that they need help with. They have never developed a product before and it's a combination of getting them connected to the right people in the development and regulatory arena as well as his willingness to get them more money. I will meet with them by zoom in the near future and see if I can help them out.

I was the guest of honor at the German ambassador's home tonight. Ambassador Emily Haber hosted the dinner. I made some opening remarks and we discussed predominantly COVID but also the role of the G7 in the coming year since Germany is now the presidency of the G7. Present at the dinner was the French Ambassador Philippe Etienne, Italian Ambassador Mariangela Zappia, Congressman Ted Deutch (D-FL). Interesting that whenever I talk to foreign people they mention that I am one of the best known people in their country. I have heard this at other receptions from Norwegians, Swedes, Australians, and now Italians and French and Germans.Good discussions.

PRESS: CNN+ with Chris Wallace; Remember – we do 1 or 2 White House press Conferences per week.

April 6, 2022 Global – 492,189,439/6,159,474; USA – 80,066,744/980,220

It gets crazier and crazier – From the Daily Beast:

I met today with Jeremy Farrar, Director of the Wellcome Trust in the UK. We discussed what are plans will be for addressing the next pandemic. We specifically discussed the "100 day mission" of getting interventions in the form of diagnostics, therapies, and vaccines deployable to people within 100 days of recognizing a new micro and getting it fully operational in the 2nd 100 days. I explained to Jeremy And his colleagues Alex Harris andJagmeet Sra that I had discussed this in detail with German Ambassador Emily Haber at dinner last night at her home. Jeremy and I agree to stay in close touch and our mutual plans for these activities.

PRESS: Bloomberg Radio with David Westin;

April 7, 2022 Global - 493,392,853/6,165,833; USA – 80,111,065/981,197

Christina and I had a wonderful dinner over the home of Jeff and Mary Zients. Jeff will be leaving the White House COVID response team next week. This was a combination of a farewell dinner and a confirmation of what we hope will be a very long and dear friendship. They have become very close to us over the past year and three months and I consider Jeff one of my truly good friends. He has been advising me and we had a very good conversation tonight about what my future would be and what the best time for me to step down and get on with writing my books and getting to the next phase of my efforts at promoting public health. Jeff favors my stepping down sooner rather than later because he feels that I should get on with enjoying life as well as writing the books. It was a great conversation - good food and good wine and terrific friendship.

April 8, 2022 – Global – 494,587,638/6,170,283; USA – 80,146,451/981,748

Cases beginning to creep up with have the States having increases, even though small, but nonetheless increases. You can expect a surge similar to what we are seeing UK and Europe; hopefully, this will not result in an increase in severe illness, hospitalization and death.

PRESS: CNBC with Meg Tirrell; NPR "All Things Considered" with Alisa Chang; CNN "the Lead" with Jake Tapper

April 9, 2022 Global – 494,587,638/6,170,283; USA – 80,191,020/982,663

53 people have thus far tested positive who went to the Gridiron Dinner last Saturday. That is almost 10 percent (8%) of the people who attended. Included are Merrick Garland, Adam Schiff, Sen. Susan Collins

April 10, 2022 Global USA

The uptick is starting in earnest! 21 states have now shown an increase in cases based on one week average. It is almost all B.A2. we have not yet seen an increase in hospitalizations; however this was the pattern in the UK and in Europe before hospitalizations began to increase. We are now just waiting to see the extent of this uptick in cases and whether it will result in increases in hospitalizations and death.

We had our usual intermittent phone call with our South African colleagues including Glenda Gray, Alex Sigal, and Tulio deOliveira. The South Africans starting to see a bit of an uptick in a new sub variant of omicron B.A4/B.A5. It is just barely showing an increase preference over be a 2 however the totality of new cases has not significantly increased at all yet. We need to wait and see what happens over the next couple of weeks. We will keep an eye on it.

Ashish Jha is now on the job. We had the first of what will likely be many phone calls in the future this evening (Sunday). the question he wanted my opinion on was whether we should lift the requirement from masks on planes and public transportation. The requirement runs out on April the 18th, and it is now being discussed whether to continue the requirement. I agree with Rachel and Ashish agrees with me that we should probably delay the lifting of the requirement for a few weeks after April 18th since we clearly are going into a surge in cases. It would look very foolish if we lifted the requirement and then had to re institute it soon thereafter.

PRESS: ABC "This Week" with Jonathan Karl

April 11, 2022 – Global USA

GOP far-righters still agitating about putting me in jail for "perjury":

Cases continue to creep up. There are now at least 80 documented cases from the gridiron dinner. In addition, Philadelphia has now reinstituted the mask mandate due to increasing number of cases in that city. It appears that some of the cities will now be jumping ahead of the CDC recommendations and not waiting for green to turn to yellow and red but they will likely be reinstituting mask mandates knowing that the trend is going up. I believe that that is a very prudent approach.

I gave the Packard lecture at the uniformed services university. It was very well received and I was completely **mobbed by all the uniform medical students**, physicians, and other workers at Walter Reed. That lasted for 25 minutes people who wanted to take pictures with me. It was the first time that I had actually given a lecture in person and it's still really good.

PRESS: Taped the CNN series "The 2010s"; MSNBC "The Reid Out" with Joy Reid;

April 12, 2022 Global – 497,960,492/6,181,850; USA – 80,146,451/981,748

Two important events today that worked out very well. I gave a fireside chat to the National Academy of medicine fellows form For emerging leaders in health. It was a fireside chat on the stage of the National Academy medicine headquarters on C St and 23rd, northwest. The moderator was Victor Dzau. I'm beginning to see at the best forum that I'm quite good at all these fireside chats and when I leave the NIH and do speaking tours I believe that I will favor this medium for communication. The second important events was a fireside chat like gave at the Duke-Margolis Health Policy Institute dinner in Washington DC. Again it was a fireside chat this time with my old friend Mark McClellan, former commissioner of the FDA and the director of CMS. It was a wonderful discussion and again it is becoming clear to me that the fireside chat approach is the way I want to go in the future.

PRESS: NBC Nightly News with Miguel Almaguer; CNN Blog with Brenda Goodman;

April 13, 2022 - Global – 499,119,316/6,185,242; USA – 80,289,105/984,018

An example of innocent politics complicating a public health issue. The press has been concerned and asking a lot of questions about the president getting exposed and possibly infected because he greets people without a mask in the White House. The White House responds by saying that following the CDC guidelines of a contact being somebody who is in close contact for a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour. Therefore since people go by the president one or two minutes at a time that he is not really your contact. Quite frankly even the CDC admits that their data about 15 minutes is really based on almost no science particularly when you're dealing with a situation in which you have an aerosolized virus like omicron that has a great degree of transmissibility. Rcohelle called me up and he asked for my help in bringing this up because she does want to change this guideline which she realizes is not based on any really solid science, and she just wants to say we should avoid crowded places and close contacts. I brought this up at one of our first meetings with Ashish. He seemed amenable to re

examining this whole issue. The White House will likely push back on this because they don't want the president to stop interacting with the public and to be walking around with a mask all the time since we are trying to act like we're pulling out of this outbreak. It isn't pure political but it does have a political connotation to it.

Cases continue to increase without any increase in hospitalization....yet. Philadelphia on their own has decided that they were going to re institute indoor mask mandates. What we are seeing now is what is to be expected that the CDC is still having everybody in the Green Zone which means masks are optional and not necessarily recommended for indoor activity. However, since they are basing their metrics on increases in hospitalizations, the hospitalization increase is always at least four weeks following the increase in cases and so by the time the hospitalization goes up, it is already too late to optimally contain the rate of infection. **The system is really broken** as far as I am concerned and although I don't want to be openly critical of the CDC, they need to be out there explaining to the public that the cases are going up and if they feel that they want to diminish the risk as much as possible there was nothing at all wrong with continuing to wear a mask.

Craziness continues on social media:

PRESS: CNN with Kate Bolduan; Interview with Erin Banco of Politico; MSNBC with Andrea Mitchell;

April 14, 2022 - Global - 500,186,525/6,190,349; USA — 80,341,159/984,744

The Scourge of COVID is now being realized See below:

New variants now in upstate NY (88% of isolates) — B.A2.12 and B.A2.12.1. It spreads about 27 percent more efficiently then does B.A2. this has led to certain counties in New York state going from the green two yellow and even red with increased hospitalizations. That part of the state is under vaccinated compared to New York City and so there is a concern that when this new variant inevitably gets to the southern states that are under vaccinated, we may start to see an increase in hospitalizations as well as deaths.

April 15, 2022 Global USA

There is a very important blog by Gregg Gonsalves shown below that absolutely needs to be analyzed and scrutinized and described in the book. Gregg can sometimes get a bit melodramatic about things; however, in this case he has a really good point. There is some political connotation to the fact that we need to get back to normal and so we are acting like getting infected is just one of the things that we have to accept. Given the fact that the vaccines do not give any prolonged and durable protection against infection but seems to do well in protection against severe disease, to shut things down merely to prevent infections even among those who are not at high risk would mean a prolonged shutdown of society. However, now that we have readily accessible vaccines as well as therapies (for those who have access) it is unlikely that there will be a major surge in hospitalizations that would stress the system. However, this does not take into account the fact that the vulnerables including the elderly and those with underlying conditions will clearly be at risk if the virus continues to spread. This is especially true for underserved populations who don't have health care and who don't have ready access two boosters or who even know that boosters are available or for those who refuse to get vaccinated. They are the ones that are going to suffer disproportionately. And so the real social, political, public health, and ethical questions get all mixed up. We cannot keep society shut down until the virus goes away, since it is not going away. If we accept that, then we must do everything we can to protect the vulnerables and inform people that it is quite risky if you are a vulnerable person to go to a big closed event like the White House correspondents dinner. I believe that the CDC needs to be much more proactive and warning people who are at risk not to go to closed indoor events that are unmasked and that have no proof of vaccination or testing.

Very clear now that cases are increasing in many juristrictions. Here is about a 20% increase in cases on the seven-day average. Hospitalization still staying steady. However, they are usually lagging by a few weeks. It appears that the UK has peaked in their surge and they are now starting to slightly come back down again. David Morens, Jeff Taubenberger and I wrote a very timely article on why herd immunity is unlikely given: 1) variants arising unlike measles and polio; 2) waning immunity to infection and vaccination (unlike measles and polio, and 3) lack of universal acceptance of the vaccine. See JID article below:

April 17, 2022 (Sunday) Global – 500,186,525/6,190,349; USA – 80,440,151/986,042

Last night on SNL, Kate McKinnon played me yet again. She is brilliant. This time it was me talking about Easter. It also was a major spoof on former president Trump. The person who plays him has his voice down absolutely brilliantly

Cases continue to surge up throughout the country. Still waiting to see if it has an impact on hospitalizations.

I have a breakfast meeting with Jeff tomorrow morning and a dinner meeting with Bob and Neil on Wednesday. I have just about come to a firm decision that I will be leaving the NIH to work full time from a different venue on my books.

April 18, 2022 Global USA

PRESS: CNBC with Meg Tirrell (by phone)

April 19, 2022 Global – 503,131,834/6,200,571; USA – 80,526,422/986,545

Cases continue to surge without any noticeable increase in hospitalization thus far. However, in the northeast, particularly in upstate New York, we are starting to see an increase in hospitalizations and deaths. There is a considerable concern that as the southern states get the wave of the BA.2 or the new variants BA.2.12/BA.2.21.1then they will start to see hospitalizations and deaths. The CDC metric once again needs to be adjusted to take into account the trajectory of increase as opposed to where we are right now since everything looks green and we know it is going to turn yellow and orange very quickly.

The country is going to the dogs in some respects. The GOP and the far right radicals are doing everything they can to sway the election at the midterms and the interaction by suppressing voters rights and other nefarious activities. In addition they're instituting policies that are extreme such as a "non say gay" policy in schools, suppressing the right to abortion in certain states, and doing things as crazy as criminalizing Paris who have their children who are transgender pursue medical interventions period.

I have decided to cancel my commitment to attend the White House correspondents' Association Dinner on Saturday April 30.

There is clearly the beginning of a surge of cases, and given the high percentage of infections that occurred at the Gridiron dinner, I have decided to pull out both for my concern about a severe outcome of an infection but also even if I got infected without any symptoms I still would have to isolate for 10 days which would overlap with several of my commitments including the University of Michigan commencement address on May 7th. I was going to write an email to the ABC folks and tell them about my decision, but I wisely called Courtney Row and Ben Wakana to inform them that I was going to send the email. They told me that that would not be a good idea since the email would be leaked and then there would be the question of whether or not the President should be attending. **They said that they would let Kate Bedingfield know about this so that she could tell the President and he will not be surprised if someone asks him about what I have decided and about how that impacts his decision.**

Argument against those who say it is OK for children to get infected:

Scalise and GOP continue to go after Peter Daszak: **Press ReleasePublished: Apr 19, 2022**

PRESS: RTL German TV; Tblisi Georgia TV;

April 20, 2022 Global USA

A couple of days ago, Trump appointed judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle just overruled the CDC and struck down the extension of the airplane mask mandate for 15 days until May 3 following April 18. Another egregious example of Trump appointed judges interfering with sound public health measures. Public health officials uniformly criticizing this 34 year old Florida judge whose appointment was controversial since the ABA judged her as unqualified at the time of her appointment: **Daily Beast – Larry Gostin:**

Had a great meeting tonight with Neal Katyal and Bob Barnett. We discussed the broad strategy of what I will do when I step down from the NIH and go to the next phase of my life particularly with regard to writing books. They have met with the OGC of HHS (Barbara McGarey) and the NIH Ethics person Gretchen Weaver To make sure that everything I do during my remaining time at NIH and immediately after is absolutely unassailable. It is very clear that the far right GOP will be attacking me before I leave and certainly after I leave. Neil feels that it very likely will turn

out to be uh Benghazi type of a seen for me. They are very enthusiastic about the things that I can do once I leave and I'm going put my faith and their ability to keep me on the right track and maximizing my impact.

Mallory McMorrow, A Democrat state senator from Michigan gave an incredible speech that went viral throughout the world in which she attacked the far right GOP for marginalizing kids who are not straight white and Christian and by pushing back on the idea that teaching children about sexual identity is somehow harming them. She was extremely eloquent and her speech was viewed by literally 10s of millions of people throughout the world.

PRESS: Tennessean/USA Today Interview (herd immunity paper); Peter Aldous – Politico – discussing the White Coat waste Project's attacks on me;

April 21, 2022 Global - 505,0335,185/6,20,719; USA – 80,648,481/987,601

Interesting media thing happened today. 20 minutes after I gave a terrific 30 minute interview with Kasie Hunt from CNN+, the newly formed company announced that they were shutting down the very recently formed company due to a merger between Warner Brothers (original owners) and Discovery with a new CEO coming in who did not like CNN+. WOW.... I quickly sent a text message two both Kacie and Chris Wallace who would be severely impacted by this move of shutting down CNN+. I expressed my concern for them and my empathy with them. They both wrote back to me and Chris Wallace said: "Tony – you are such a mensch"

Had a SCIF meeting today with NSC and Kevin Barstow, Larry Tabak, and Tara Schwetz. Discussion involving Dr. Tedros – listening device

PRESS: CNN+ with Kasie Hunt; CBS Streamline with Robert Costa;

April 22 – Global – 505,817,953/6,213,876; USA – 80,700,973/988,287

Deb Birx's book "Silent Invasion" is out. I have not read it yet but I understand that it hits pretty hard at the trump administration for interfering with the proper response to the COVID outbreak. She will be

doing some of the morning shows to promote the book over the next few days. Will follow up later with commentary.

The far right GOP has already indicated that they are going to come after me if they take over the house and or the Senate in the upcoming midterm elections. See Washington Post story from today below:

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April 23, 2022 - Global - 505,817,953/6,213,876; USA – 80,768,446/988,589

I had a very good and fair interview with Neil Cavuto a Fox News. the question at hand was the overruling of the CDC's mandate on planes by a Florida judge (see above). I maintained that this is a public health issue that should be decided by public health officials and not by a judge or other authorities. Neal pushed back a bit, however he was very fair and non combative with me. He also asked a highly political question even though we started off by saying he knew I stayed out of politics. He asked if I would stay on if trump won the presidency in 2024. Without telling him that I'm going to step down within the next several months I went on to say that my decisions about my public health and scientific career have been always and are now completely unrelated to who is in the Oval Office and who is running the Congress.

More GOP conspiracy theories regarding the initial phone call among a number of scientists including Christian Andersen with me and Francis Collins:

PRESS: Fox News with Neil Cavuto

April 24, 2022 - Global USA Far right GOP people as well as Fox News is now criticizing Neil Cavuto for being "too nice to me" on his show.

PRESS: WGN Radio (Chicago) with Steve Dale

April 25 – Global USA

Had a zoom meeting with Mikael Dolsten and Pfizer people Regarding the anecdotal reports that treating people with Paxlovid during acute infection suppresses virus temporarily but when the drug is discontinued many people rebound and viruses isolated for several days

longer than expected following resolution of symptoms. The Pfizer people present the data indicate that this is not the case when one looks at real-world evidence. We will have to follow up on this to see what the right answer is.

PRESS: Globo Brazil Radio Interview;

April 26, 2022 Global – 508,041,253/6,224,220; USA – 80,874,929/988,991

VP Harris tested positive for COVID-19.

Many people who we know of are getting infected all around us. Most of the time it's a mild illness but several people have spent several days in bed; none have required hospitalization. It appears that in the United states as well as throughout the world infections are surging but hospitalizations have remained very low. Question is will that be sustained or will hospitalizations also surge. If the outbreak stays as an omicron outbreak even with sub lineages of Omicron, we should be OK, i.e. it is unlikely that there will be major increases in hospitalizations Variant distribution in the USA:

PRESS: WINS 101 Radio – New York City; NPR Interview with Judy Woodruff for the "Crosscut Festival"

April 27, 2022 Global – 508,827,830/6,227,291; USA – 80,938,963/989,408 Very big Kerfuffle today regarding misinterpretation of a statement that I made to Judy Woodruff in an NPR interview. I had said that we were out of the pandemic phase of the outbreak. However a longer version of the int indicated that I said there are multiple phases of the pandemic and we are no longer in the acute fulminant phase and that we are transitioning into a more of a control phase. I also went on to talk about why we won't multiple media as indicating that I said the pandemic was over in the United states. And so I spent most of the day trying to rectify the situation and do damage control about a misinterpreted headline that came out in the New York Times in the Washington Post. I think we did a pretty good job of cleaning up the mess. However, it is another example of how every single word I say is watched with great intensity by everybody in the United States and throughout the world. Again, lesson learned!

Met with Member of EU Parliament Dr. Cristian-Silviu Busoi (Romania) to discuss collaborations between EU and NIAID/USA on COVID and emerging infections **As we approach the White House correspondents dinner the press is starting to buzz around about why I am not going to attend** and the president is given the fact that we are about the same age. It's a reasonable question to ask. I am responding by saying that it is a personal individual choice based on my own personal risk and that my individual choice should not influence anyone else's individual choice.

AXIOS: Gave a list of all of my predictions over more than 2 years and they all turned out to be 100% correct:

PRESS: Bloomberg News interview with Jeanne Baumann; NPR 1A Radio with Jen White; Interview with Lauran Neergaard of AP and Weijia Jiang of CBS; NPR Detroit Radio; NPR with Rob Stein;

April 28, 2022 Global – 509,531,232/6,230,357; USA – 81,028,797/990,208

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch wrote a very favorable editorial about me:

In USA, cases continue to go up with slight increase in hospitalizations (still at very low level). Deaths at around 300/day (lowest since March 2020.

Early signs in RSA of potential new surg with B4/B5:

Still a little blowback about my statement regarding end of the pandemic phase; however, my clarifications and multiple media seem to have settled things down a bit.

Magic Johnson was on "The View" on April 27 and thanked me for helping him with his HIV. He also joked that when we see each other we recall the 30 years ago time. He called us "Mutt and Jeff" since he is so tall and I am "so small". He said it in a very warm and endearing way. Story by Robert Marvi:

April 29, 2022 Global USA

Sad times! Chris and I visited our dear friend Rob Stein last night in the Hospice portion of Sibley hospital. He is on his last few days. Luckily, he

was able to give his terrific speech virtually to the Democratic conference in Colorado.

Joan Baez called me up last night just to check up on me and to see how I was doing. She does that intermittently and always expresses how pissed off she is at the far right radicals because of their attacks on me.

I had sent Barbra Streisand happy birthday video a few weeks ago and she just sent me the following response via her assistant Joan Rosen:

Along the line of misrepresentation in the press, the New York Times is still emphasizing that I've said that the FDA is waiting on the approval or children's vaccines so that they can align the Moderna with the Pfizer approval. In fact, that is not what I said. There was a story in Politico saying that this was the case about delaying approval of one to wait for the other and I was asked what I thought and I said I don't know exactly what is going on, but if they were going to align the release it likely was so that people do not get confused concerning one vaccine coming out before another. Yet, they made it seem like I was the originator of that statement. In fact, I have been saying all along that the FDA cannot approve an intervention or make a determination until they get all the data from the company and have time to analyze the data. The latter is the truth and what I said, but the press seems to like to distort things. **It is what it is!!**

April 30, 2022 Global – 510,270,667/6,233,526; USA – 81,094,164/990,527

Chairman James Clyburn's C & E oversight committee on the pandemic is now investigating the Trump administration interfering with good public health practices:

Went to the pre-dinner garden party for the White House Correspondents Dinner at 2920 – R Street, NW (the usual place) hosted by Tammy Haddad among others. As usual it was the Triple A list of Hollywood stars, television stars, media stars, etc. As has been the case recently, **I got completely swarmed by everybody wanting to take pictures with me**. Even though it's outdoors, I was concerned about getting infected since people were all over me hugging and taking selfies. This is such an unusual situation of this fame that I have that after a while becomes uncomfortable. However, I did get to meet a bunch of really nice

people who were excited about meeting me and taking pictures with me. Besides all the media people that I know in Washington there were also movie stars like Sophia Bush and Mario van Peebles who were delighted to chat and take photos. As mentioned above, I have decided not to go to the White House correspondents dinner because of the fact that there will be 2600 people in a crowded ballroom at the Hilton Hotel. Too much of a risk for me right now.

Trevor Noah made a couple of jokes tonight about my not attending the White House Correspondents Dinner during his comedic monologue at th event. He also joked that Trump claimed that he, not Fauci, developed the vaccine.

May 1, 2022 (Sunday)

Had usual call with colleagues from RSA (Alex Siegal, Glenda Gray, etc.) Looks like RSA is seeing upsurge of BA.4 (Gauteng) and BA.5 (KZN). It appears that people who had been prior infected with omicron who are unvaccinated uh very susceptible to being reinfected with BA.4 or BA.5. People are getting more ill but I'm not requiring hospitalization. We do not have much BA4/5 in the USA since we are having a growing amount of BA.1.12.1 which may be preventing BA.4/5 from becoming dominant. We just need to wait and see. However, this ominously predicts successive ways that we may be experiencing over the coming several months. It seems that we get a new wave about every four months or so even though the hospitalizations seem to be less than in the prior wave.

The New York Times had a front page story on Tucker Carlson in which they described how Carlson has stoked "white fear" in his cable news ramblings. They describe his concept of "American nationalism" and show that he has picked out multiple prominent figures on the American scene who are encroaching upon the rights of the common people. He listed me prominently among those people along with Joe Biden, AOC, Nancy Pelosi, Kamala Harris, among others.

My life is really now changed forever with regard to my notoriety. I went to the **National Academy of Sciences garden party** this afternoon and I thought that the situation would be somewhat different than the standard garden parties that I go to. Specifically, I thought that there would be less people swarming me for my picture. Unfortunately that was not the

case with the NAS garden party. As soon as one or two people recognize me that everyone came around wanting selfies. I left within 15 minutes of entering without even saying hello to my immunology and infectious diseases colleagues who are in the Academy. This is getting to be a bit too much.

May 2, 2022 Global US

Had a nice visit today at the Italian embassy with Italian Minister of Health Roberto Speranza followed by dinner with him and Sec. Becerra at the home of the Italian ambassador Zappia.

Jonathan Karl (ABC TV) called me tonight informing me that he has COVID. I advised him about taking Paxlovid. He attended the White House Correspondence Dinner. I wonder how many other people got infected there.

PRESS: Interview with "Foreign Policy" TV air on "FP Live"

May 3, 2022

PRESS: Interview with CNN Health Blog – Brenda Goodman;

May 4, 2022 – Global - 512,607,587/6,243,038; USA – 81,391,274/993,341

Cases continue to trend upwards with 77,000 cases yesterday and slight increase in hospitalizations. Mostly BA.2 and some BA.2.12.1. Big question is what is the level of surge will we see over the next couple of weeks.

PRESS: German ARD TV (Marschberger); BBC World TV "The Context" with Christian Fraser; ABC Providence TV

May 5, 2022 Global USA

Cases creeping up:

Had a visit today with Takayuki Kobayashi, Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy of Japan. Bright young guy. We discussed potential collaborations with Japan. Reminded me of the close interactions I used to have with Japanese scientists when I was full-time in my lab many years ago with several Japanese scientists doing fellowships in my lab.

May 6, 2022 Global USA An example of people's uncontrollable desire to leak things. Yesterday, we had an off the record conversation with the so-called TV docs to fill them in on what is going on. It was me, Ashish, and Cameron Webb. I had mentioned in the discussion something about the importance of not declaring the pandemic as being over and making sure that we protect the vulnerable. I said that an example of society acting as if the pandemic was over was the fact that we had the White House correspondents dinner with over 2600 people in an indoor enclosed space. The discussion was absolutely supposed to be off the record and Marissa mentioned that multiple times during the discussion that this was all off the record. Sure enough, someone leaked that I had been criticizing the administration and the organizers of the White House correspondents dinner for holding it, when in fact that's not at all what I said. Politico wrote an article about it which was misleading. Kevin Munoz tried to straighten it out and actually did a pretty good job of helping them get the story right. But it just goes to show you that you really can't trust anyone other than the press when you say something is off the record.

May 7, 2022 (Saturday) Bright sunny but cold day in Ann Arbor.

I gave the Commencement address belatedly to the 2020 class of the University of Michigan. It was the most extraordinary experience. The commencement was held in the University of Michigan football stadium. The enthusiasm over my presence was absolutely amazing. As we made the processional into the stadium the students as soon as some of them saw me started waving and screaming out "Hello Dr. Fauci, Hi Fauci, we love you Fauci." As soon as the rest of the stadium saw what was going on 10s of thousands of people started chanting "Fauci, Fauci, Fauci". Then, when I got on the stage and they introduced me to give the commencement address I got a prolonged ovation that just went on and on. In addition, my commencement address was punctuated and then interrupted with rounds of applause when I said something that struck them. Another amazing part of the ceremony was when everyone came up on stage in a very quick fashion to get the opportunity to wave to the audience, many of them stopped and came over to me wanting to take selfies and wanting to shake my hand. This created a considerable amount of disruption and dismay for the Deans who were trying to keep the process orderly. The

students would have nothing of it and kept on coming over to me wanting to say hi, shake my hand, take a selfie, etc. It was an amazing experience and it made me fully realize what is meant by Rockstar status. I don't think my life is ever going to be the same as I mentioned several times before. However, in the big picture it was a wonderful experience and a show of great warmth and affection towards me. This is obviously contrasted with the venom and the hate that the far right have towards me.

Part 6 – Continued from Part 5

May 31, 2022 Global USA

Conspiracy theories about me continue and abound:

PRESS: Korean Broadcasting System documentary "Corona Chronicles interviewed by Yoonki Kang

June 1, 2022 Global 527,603,107/6,290,452; USA – 83,949,036/1.002.067

It is becoming very clear that there is a different dynamic now that Ashish Jha has taken over from Jeff as the COVID coordinator. He clearly likes very much and wants to be the primary person dealing with the press. And for the first time we're seeing him wanting to do the White House press briefing alone without anyone else when it was always with Rochelle and I and sometimes Vivek. Also, it is clear that when calls are coming in for Sunday shows that the White House is putting him on instead. Since he is the boss of the coms people related to COVID, it is clear that he is telling them to do that. I do not begrudge him that because I know that he does want to be on TV a lot (and he is good at it) as he was before he took the job. But this is certainly a change in the dynamics. I'm still doing a lot of TV during the week but when it comes to things like the White House press conference and Sunday shows it is very clear that he is promoting himself above me and the rest of the team.

Emily Bass wrote a terrific "Guest Essay" in the NY Times today both praising and criticizing the Biden administration or not taking a strategic approach globally towards COVID the way George W. Bush and I took towards aids with PEPFAR. It is a really good article to read for historic purposes:

A day or two ago Ashish, David Kessler, Rochelle, Vivek and I had an important meeting with Andrea Palm and Dawn O'Connell regarding the fact that we are running out of money and have no money left to purchase anymore monoclonal antibodies. If we do not purchase any the company will stop making it and an important tool in our toolkit will now be missing this could be disastrous for people who are immunocompromised and who do not have the capability of making anybody in response to vaccines. We pushed really hard but Andrea and Dawn had no solution for us since the Congress is still not granting us the supplement that we've been asking for for some time. We pushed hard and there was a bit of tension in the room, but we found out today have we made an impression on them since they have found some extra money to keep the antibody production going for at least a few weeks. The company, Lilly, does not want to commercialize the antibody (Bebtolivumab) and will only make it if the government pays for it. It looks like we had an impact on them when we stood together and insisted that we needed the money.

Today, we had another important conversation among the team.I have been pushing and I was very explicit about it that we should make vaccine available to anyone younger than 50 years old who wants it. The emergency use authorization does not allow this right now but we are trying to find a way around this by setting up a meeting with Rob Califf to see if there is any mechanism that would allow us to make vaccine available. The reason we want to do that is that we have plenty of vaccine that we're not using and even though a fourth dose does not substantially increase the protection against severe disease (it does it a little bit), it could prevent symptomatic infection which could in the long run diminish the amount of long COVID that we experience. I came on very strong with my opinion that we should make vaccine available to anyone who wants a fourth dose at any age. Rachel was uncomfortable with this because she did not think we could get it through the FDA or the ACIP. I still insisted that we should go ahead and try.

Had a very important meeting on Monkeypox today organized By Raj Panjabi (NSC pandemic preparedness leader). The meeting was attended by Rochelle Walensky, Harold Phillips of the White House AIDS office and a whole bunch of activists including Peter Staley, David Barr, and a wide range of others. Emily from my group was present as was several CDC folks. We all agreed that we need to put all our resources together and

engage the LGBTQ community in our planning about testing, treating and vaccinating people with monkeypox. It was a wonderful meeting because it showed right from the beginning of what could be an important outbreak that the White House was working with the health authorities like myself and Rochelle as well as with the activist community. We vowed to continue to work together to try and make sure that this disease gets properly addressed and we do not underplay it or overplay it. There obviously is a danger of stigma generating from this disease because of its propensity to be infecting gay men. More to come on this new partnership.

The New York Post is truly fabricating This has to do with the proposed "Pandemic treaty":

PRESS: FOX with Neil Cavuto; "Life Itself" with Sanjay Gupta and interviewed by Seth MacFarlane (Virtually – I received a standing ovation from the audience at the Coronado Hotel in San Diego).

June 2, 2022 Global USA

Monkeypox continues to spread now involving over 23 countries with 800 cases. There are 19 documented cases in the USA but this is likely a very significant undercount at this point.

PRESS: South Florida PBS interview for Town Hall with Michael Zinner; USA Today interview on HEROS study (food allergy and COVID)

June 3-6, 2022 –Global – 528,816,317/6,294,949; USA – 84,424,159//1,003,308

I had an idyllic weekend at Jeff Zients's palatial estate in Annapolis. Chris and I (together with Brett and Tony....) had a spectacular weekend. The weather was absolutely perfect at 85 degrees with a cool breeze and not a single cloud in the sky for the entire 2 1/2 days that we were there. We did everything: swim, boat, fish, basketball, tennis and most importantly – bird-watching. There were osprey all over the place with a nest in a tree in his back yard. There were copious varieties of birds that we saw and heard. Gave me the opportunity to return, however briefly, to some form of "normality". it was entirely refreshing.

I received an important call during my stay in Annapolis. Secretary Becerra wanted to speak to me to get my advice about

whether we were doing all we can as a department to address the emerging monkeypox challenge. He was calling upon my experience in previous outbreaks to make sure that HHS (particularly CDC) was doing everything that they could. This was triggered by the fact that Ron Klain is very concerned about whether the CDC is up to the job and would not drop the ball again with regard to things like making a number of tests available. The secretary asked me what I thought the potential vulnerabilities were and I emphasized the fact that we cannot accept the CDC saying that they are the only ones that can do a test for monkeypox. We've got to convert this to a commercialization as quickly as we possibly can so that we don't have the same problem with not enough tests to understand whether or not we are dealing only with the tip of an iceberg. I offered up the cohorts of stored server that we (NIAID) have from the days of HIV/AIDS to see if there was smoldering below the radar screen infection with monkey pox among the gay population for some time before we even recognized it. Right now, as the results are coming in, it is clear that overwhelmingly the cases in the non-endemic areas of the United States, Europe, and other continents are predominantly among gay men. It is striking that the secretary "hinted" that Ron Klain is on the verge doing something dramatic with the CDC, such as removing Rochelle, which I believe would be a mistake since it is not her fault; it is the institutional rigidity of the CDC that has been the problem for decades. I explained this to the secretary and told him that it was not Rochelle that was the issue it was the structure beneath it. I got the impression that he completely understood this and was asking for my help and making sure things get done correctly.

June 6, 2022 –

Angela Rasmussen did an excellent job of blasting Jeffrey Sachs (and also co-author Richard Ebright) for their article claiming that COVID was due to a lab leak. See link and some selected excerpts from Angie's tweets:

Link - https://bit.ly/390lafa Cases starting to come down in Northeast, but still cases going up in undervaccimated areas, mostly in the South

Monkeypox problem growing:

Global.health tracker -- 921 confirmed MPX cases, 70 suspected (non endemic countries) https://bit.ly/392v2F1

June 7, 2022 Global - 5630,266,292/6,299,364; USA – 84,762,952/1,004,260

Note for the memoir regarding my PTSD around memories of my HIV/AIDS experience: I did an interview today (see below) with The Independent", a UK News outlet on the issue of what I described in the NAT GEO book "Expect the Unexpected" talking about my PTSD around HIV/AIDS. The reporter asked me to describe how the PTSD expressed itself in me and what triggered it. In my description of it to the reporter, it became clear to me that it is something that I should include and expand a bit in my memoir.

Last night, Stephen Hoge of Moderna explained their booster data using hybrid boosts to a group of us from HHS. The bottom line is that boosting with an omicron together with wildtype bivalent, The response protected against omicron – B.1, but not against BA.4 and BA.5. This has important implications in what decision the FDA and CDC make about what the 4th dose boost should consist of. Should it be an omicron boost or should we steer it towards BA4 and BA5 which does not seem to be protected against by maybe one boost.

Met withVidar Helgesen CEO of the Nobel Foundation; Anna Sjostrom Douagi of the Foundation and Dr. Franklin Carrero-Martinez of NAS. They want me to be a lead speaker at the Nobel/NAS Symposium in May, 2023 on "trust and information", a theme right in tune with my commencement addresses on "the normalization of untruths"

PRESS: Interview with "The Independent" (UK) by Io Dodds; Interview with Theodora Tsoli for "The Bima" – Greek Newspaper;

June 8, 2022 Global USA

Io Dodds piece came out. Excellent historical piece:

Met with a delegation from the UAE on the 6th Floor of Building 31. Leading the delegation was Sheikh Abdulla Al Hamed, Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Department of Health. They are here to try and generate collaborative efforts between their group and our VRC and other

elements of our program, particularly Danny Douek and Adrian McDermott In the context of the PREMISE program that was started at the VRC. This would be the first time that we are having any substantial interaction with the UAE.

Cases not going down very much over past week although certain regions are plateauing:

PRESS: Bloomberg TV Quick Take – "Emma Barnett Meets"; Interview with Robert Gaynes for his book second edition of "Germ Theory"

June 9, 2022 Global USA

The big discussion items over the past 24 hours have been the growing number of cases of monkeypox which at last count is over 1400 globally and over 70 in the United States. In addition, there was concern about what kind of decision will be made regarding the 4th shot boost with the mRNA vaccines. Although the Moderna data indicate that the bivalent vaccine of wildtype plus omicron gives quite good response to omicron, their data show only a modest protective effect with a three to fourfold decrease in efficacy against BA4 and BA.5. The data from Pfizer are even more dramatic in showing the lack of a good response against BA4 and BA5 when you vaccinate with a bivalent consisting of wildtype and omicron. The real issue is going to be that by the time the Fall comes it is very likely that neither omicron (BA.1) nor BA.4/BA.5 will be dominant since even though BA4 and BA5 are starting to take over dominance, they will likely peak and come down by the time the Fall comes and so we will be making a booster for a virus that very likely does not exist in society at the time that you are using the vaccine. Clearly, this is a major dilemma that we are all facing with the virus that moves so quickly.

Good history of the evolving of variants:

PRESS: NBC Medical Unit Interview with Akshay Syal;

June 10, 2022

Last night I received another humbling honor associated with the honorary doctorate in science that I received from Rockefeller University in New York City. I could not attend in person because of scheduling conflict and so I taped my acceptance speech. However, last night there was a black tie affair in which individuals presented the life work

of the degree recipients. Jeffrey Ravetz did an amazing job in presenting my story going back to my early days in Brooklyn. At the end of his presentation Rockefeller President Rick Lifton was very generous in his praise for me and pointed out that the audience at the celebratory dinner was giving me a standing ovation, which I could not see since I was connected to the affair by Zoom. It has been an extraordinary spring with all of these wonderful honors that I have received. This will have been my 58th honorary doctorate.

Major issue that I am involved with regarding the choice of the 4th dose boost in the Fall. Everyone is trying to decide what 4th dose boosts will be given to the entire population in the Fall. A recent study by Moderna showed that there was a modest advantage of the bivalent omicron plus ancestral strain vaccine boost over ancestral strain alone when one measures antibodies against omicron. They are pushing this now to be the candidate for the 4th dose boost in the Fall. However, there is no Omicron (BA.1) around right now and even though BA.4 and BA.5 are emerging, by the time we get to the Fall we will have already peaked and declined with BA.4/5 and so we will have a vaccine that is directed against a variant that very likely will not be present in the fall and winter. We have hundreds of millions of doses of ancestral strain vaccine and in order to get a new bivalent boost available we would have to make a decision in July or August to get it ready for October or November or later, which actually might be too late. If we do not use those hundreds of millions of doses of ancestral strain they will go to waste and have to be thrown away. And so as far as I'm concerned the ancestral strain boost may not raise the titers against different variants to a very high level, but it does keep them within a protective range so I would make an argument then rather than waste millions of doses and invest in a candidate that might not do anymore of protection against a given variant in the fall and winter, we should go ahead and utilize the ancestral strain vaccines that we have which might do just as good a job against any future variants. I will try to make that case as we talk about future plans for boosters.

PRESS: Zoom wih Clara Lussich of El Pais (Uruguay); Radio interview with Marc Siegel Sirius Doctor Radio;

June 11, 2022 – Global USA

Had a glorious and historic day at Holy Cross today. The college named their integrated science complex – "Anthony S. Fauci Integrated Science Complex" in my honor. The outpouring of love, affection, and admiration on the part of the students and the faculty at Holy Cross was very moving. I gave a Q and A session with about 30 students, which was really terrific.it is a beautiful renovated building of laboratories and classrooms. My visit to the college was on the occasion of my 60th reunion. I ran into some old friends that I have not seen in decades including Jim Mulvihill, Jack Fellin and Mike Leding. President Rougeau gave a wonderful introduction of me, and one of the thrills of the day was to see that Bob Cousy drove himself to the campus just to be there and honor me. I had a great conversation with "Cous" who is 93 years old. All in all, it was a wonderful day.

I did a terrific fireside chat with David Rubenstein at the meeting of the Trilateral Commission at the Mandarin Oriental hotel in Washington DC. David was his usual humorous self and we had a typical interview that we have had several times in the past. He asked the usual questions about his own health am I kidded him about the fact that he is a hypochondriac. Prominent people at the meeting were David Petraeus, Meghan O'Sullivan, Jake Sullivan, Fareed Zakaria, among many others.

PRESS: I gave an extended and exhausting all day interview with a half day photo shoot to Anna Peele, who is a freelance reporter doing a front page extensive Washington Post magazine article on me to be published in the next few weeks.

June 13 – Global USA

Net cases and hospitalizations coming down, but very slowly. Some counties/states coming way down while others rising or plateauing. BA4/5 becoming more dominant. Sec. Becerra got infected for the 2nd time in 4 weeks.

Monkeypox getting considerably more attention. >1400 cases in non-endemic areas with ~50 cases in USA

Wonderful memorial for Rob Stein at the Evermay Estate in Georgetown. I gave one of the Eulogies. Remarkable man in life and as he was dying. He was beloved by many and a very dear friend to me and my entire family

June 14 – Global – 533,816,957/6,309,633; USA – 85,520,045/1,006,8890

BA4/5 creeping up in dominance:

I had another very productive discussion, which I have had on a regular basis, with the UK chief medical officer Chris Whitty. We discussed the evolving situation in the UK and compared it to that in the United States. He mentioned to me that they were starting to see a surge of cases of BA5 which he feels will ultimately become dominant. In addition, unfortunately hospitalizations are starting to tick up and he believes that they are likely going to see a bit more of a wave in the coming weeks. This is very disconcerting since we were hoping that there would be a sharp downturn in omicron sublineage viruses in the UK which usually foreshadows what is going to happen in the United states.

Egregious example of "PORK" on the part of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee concerning the earmarking of funding for the BSLs

June 15, 2022

Big tragedy is that I will be missing my daughter Megan's wedding in New Orleans. This is much more painful and disturbing then the fact that I have a disease that could possibly kill me.

Getting literally hundreds of texts and e-mails from all over the world wishing me a speedy recovery. Very much appreciated. Write-ups in all major news media (Times, Post, NPR, etc.). My symptoms fortunately are relatively mild with one bad night tonight with flushing feeling and a lot of primary and some cough. I started Paxlovd

June 16, 2022 Global – 535,248,141/6,313,229; USA - 85,825,048/1,007,964

Feeling considerably better today. I bit the bullet and testified before the Senate HELP committee. Rand Paul was his usual stupid self asking questions about royalty payments. It was a three hour hearing and I was exhausted but I made it through.

Cases, deaths, and hospitalizations seem to have stabilized and are not coming down any further:

PRESS:

Politico:

June 17, 2022 Global USA

Symptoms still relatively mild. I'm on day three of Paxlovid. many texts and emails wishing me well from friends and people that I do not know in the USA and around the world.

PRESS:

The Independent:

June 18, 2022

FDA gives EUA to Moderna and Pfizer for vaccines for children 6 months to 5 years old. CDC recommends!

I'm really starting to feel the depression and sadness that I will be missing Megan's wedding today in NOLA where I would have been with my entire family had I not contracted COVID. I viewed the ceremony buy live stream as well as interacting with people during the reception and the picture taking via FaceTime .Will Fekeci and Sam provided the face timing for me.

The usual stuff is going on regarding my infection with Tucker Carlson doing A5 or 10 minute discussion tearing me down but the usual accusations and belittling the people who are supporting me. What a total asshole!!

I just finished Yasmeen Abutaleb's and Damian Paletta's book "Nightmare Scenario". They did a very good job and I should use that book heavily as a reference in my own upcoming book.

PRESS:

Gov. DeSantis not recommending vaccines for children 6 months to 5 years:

June 19, 2022

PRESS: Book about the disgraceful behavior of authorities at NY Hospital-Presbyterian (particularly Laura Forese) during the outbreak peak in NYC:

June 20 2022

Tested negative today and have had an essentially asymptomatic course.

Began reading Deb Birx's book "Silent Invasion" and it is clear already from the first couple of chapters that she is revising history regarding her initial involvement. I am sure that part of it is true but it wants me to be careful that I have to be strict to the truth of exactly what happened and not pad it in my favor

Important discussions today by phone with me and separately David Kessler, Larry Horowitz, Richard Koup and Peter Marks regarding what the ultimate choice for the booster vaccine for the upcoming fall surge. I have been very concerned of late that we are not carefully analyzing the immunological basis for the choice of a booster shot to be administered before the potentially upcoming Fall surge. The companies Pfizer and Moderna apparently want to give a bivalent of wildtype plus omicron since that is what they already seem committed to and are making. It is my opinion that by the time we get to the fall season omicron will be completely gone and off the map since it is already gone. The closest thing that we likely would see would be a surge of BA4/5. Yet everything seems to be pointing to the decision of doing an omicron/wildtype bivalent. Peter Marks who will make the ultimate decision at the FDA agrees with me that we will be fighting yesterday's war if we go with omicron. There will be many discussions this week that I will catalyze to make sure that we get all the appropriate information for the FDA to make a good decision about the booster.

June 21, 2022

GOP threatening me if they assume control over Congress:

Clyburn's Committee has finally shone a bright light on the destructive nature of the Scott Atlas dogma of "herd immunity" and the Great Barrington Declaration:

PRESS: Read this. More preposterous nonsense about me by the radical right media. This is one of hundreds of such items coming out on a daily basis:

Regional Press – Nextstar with Raquel Martin; Hearst with Christopher Sales; Gray with Molly Martinez; "Fatherly" with Tyler

Santora; Telemundo National with Francesco Fajardo; Parents Magazine with Nicole Harris;

June 22, 2022

There has been some considerable tension between the new H-CORE group who is headed by Jason Roos and the rest of the HHS tream. They are involved in making major decision about distribution of money. Yet the leadership component of H-CORE consisting of the following has not been consulted on any major decisions:

Several people including Cliff Lane and I are concerned that decision are being made in a vacuum and Jason seems uninterested in calling the leadership group for advice and consultation

PRESS: regional press: The Klay Kane Show (Sirius XM) with Klay Kane; Revolt TV with Ryan Dennis; The Midday Party on Hot 103 Jamz (Kansas City) with Julee Jonez; Cox with Kirstin Garris; WSB (ABC Atlanta, GA) with Linda Stouffer; WDIV (NBC Detroit, MI) with Dr. Frank McGeorge

June 23, 2022

Real problem evolving with people having got infected at Megan's wedding on June 18. Megan is devastated since at least a dozen family members and friends seemed to have gotten infected while in NOLA, likely, but not definitely at the wedding.

Rep Steve Scalise is agitating with Rep Jim Jordon about getting me to testify or be questioned in closed doors by the **House Select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis** chaired by Rep. Jim Clyburn. They are saying that the USG is "hiding" me. Clyburn does not want to allow it since he knows they will make it into a circus. However, they are playing it out publicly that I am hiding something and that is why I do not want to testify. If it were up to me, I would absolutely testify.

PRESS: BBC News TV; White House Press Briefing (of note, this is the 1st one that I have briefed at in several weeks (see my comment above about Dr. Jha)

June 24, 2022

We are stuck at around 100,000 cases/day and this is very likely a significant underestimate. Deaths remain low:

Had and important Zoom conversation with Peter Marks and a whole bunch of people (see below) regarding the upcoming choice of a booster for the fall season. I am in favor of a bivalent wild-type/BA4/5 or a monovalent BA4/5.

June 25, 2022

Bad day with rebounds sxs. Started on 2nd course of Paxlovid

June 26, 2022

Feel much better this morning, on my second day of Paxlovid. Will take it very easy today and see what happens over the next couple of days.

I'm reading Deb Birx's book and it can serve as a really good reference for me to refresh my memory about dates and events.

June 27, 2022

Just for the record – Ashish Jha is promoting himself on all major TV and clearly excluding Rochelle, Vivek and me. Rather obvious and a big deviation from Jeff Zients approach We seem to be "stuck" at around 100,000 cases per day (surely an underestimated since most cases are not reported due to home Ag tests) and 300 deaths per day:

June 28, 2022

Monkeypox cases continue to increase. USA activists (James Krellenstein et al) now increasing pressure on HHS (ASPR) to be explicit on how many tests, antivirals, vaccines are available for distribution.

PRESS: National Press Foundation Roundtable; Foreign Policy Global Health Forum Keynote;

June 29, 2022

Patterns starting to show insidious increases in all parameters:

PRESS: Monkeypox press briefing (with Raj Panjabi) for LGBTQ community press; Multi-cultural media briefing for children vaccines

Daily Mail: Anthony Fauci says that he's experienced rebound Covid symptoms after taking a Pfizer's antiviral Paxlovid - which studies now show is NOT effective for people who are vaccinated.

Washington Post (Online)

June 30, 2022

Still recovering from COVID. I had a rebound as indicated above after stopping my first course of Paxlovid. Have now finished my second course and my antigen positivity is very very slight. Hopefully it will disappear by tomorrow.

Little by little going in the right direction.

Important zoom meeting with Karl Lauterbach (Minister of health of Germany), Ugur Sahin (CEO, BioNTech) and Ashish Jha. We discussed the pros and cons of what the optimal booster would be in the fall. Carl and Ashish called upon Ugur and me to give the scientific rationale of why our FDA has come down on the side of recommending a BA.4/5 bivalent (with Wild type) boosts for the fall. Although it may take a little bit longer to get enough doses to start off early in the fall, the advantage of having a powerful BA.4/5 stimulus and response may be worth the slight delay. We also agreed that if we get a surge very early in the fall before we have enough BA/4/5, then we can actually boost with the ancestral monovalent since this does induce a reasonable response although not optimal against BA. 4/5. Karl mentioned that Germany had been leaning towards and omicron bivalence, particularly in the context that this is what Moderna has been pushing since that is what they have decided to make at risk and they don't want to lose the use of those dosages. At the end of the discussion it was clear that Ugur and I convinced Karl that the better direction to take would be as discussed above with BA. 4/5. It was a very good discussion and I came away impressed that Ugur is a brilliant scientist and seems to be a really nice person.

Had my usual every two week zoom call with Chris Whitty of the UK. Chris and I have developed a very good relationship and we exchanged information about what is going on in the UK compared to what is going on here. They are unclear as to what boosts that they would use given the fact that they do not believe that they will have enough time to get enough BA. 4/5 boost made to meet a potential false surge we both agreed that if the

surge comes early they can utilize the unused ancestral Wuhan vaccine that they have plenty of.

PRESS: The New York Times (Shery Stolberg):

July 1, 2022 Global – 543,352,927/6,331,059; USA – 87,298,343/1.012,767

Tested Ag negative today!!

Importance of vaccination + boosters:

Cases clearly going up everywhere in the USA and in UK:

I am struggling with the issue of what the precise and most appropriate time to step down from my current position to move on to writing books and entering the next phase of the winter of my career. It is very difficult for me to pull away from being the director of NIAID given the extraordinary history that I have created and lived through over the last 38 years as director. As we approach the decision making time of this summer although I lean very strongly two announcing my departure in August and leaving at the end of 2022, the thought of this still causes considerable anxiety in me as to whether or not I am doing this too soon. However, I will be 82 years old at the end of the year and I have always said that I want to go out while I am still very much on top. That is the driving force that has me feel that I will go through with the plan

PRESS:

July 2, 2022

2nd day in a row Ag negative

Noteworthy is that Senator John Kennedy (R-LA) despite his seeming antagonism of me sent me a very nice, handwritten "get well soon" note.

Monkeypox problem growing.....

Global.health: 6178 confirmed MPX cases in 67 non-endemic countries; 51 suspected. 459 in USA

July 3, 2022

UK reporting anther "concerning variant – BA. 2.175

July 4, 2022

I had a very relaxed day today. Went on a nice walk. After that we hung around the house and towards the evening we went fishing on the canal but, as usual, we didn't catch anything. Yesterday was a fun day in that not only did we go for a good walk, but I also threw the baseball around in preparation for my trip to Seattle, and then Brett and I shut around some baskets at Horace Mann school. Next week is going to be a tough week in that there's a lot of stuff going on in addition [redacted]

July 5, 2022 Global USA

Recent article in The Atlantic by Cary Gross and Zeke Emanuel criticized the NIH for not moving quickly or effectively enough on research on COVID. Larry Tabak wrote a letter in strong response:

July 6, 2022 Global USA

Activists including James Krellenstein, Gregg Gonsalves and Peter Staley among others are getting agitated at HHS and NSC (Raj Panjabi) for the lack of Jynneos (MVA – Bavarian Nordic) for PrEP for Monkeypox for the Gay community (MSM)

MPX cases increasing greatly in USA especially in DC, NYC and Chicago

July 7, 2022

BA.2.75 increasing in Australia, India and several other countries. Some cases in USA. Watching it closely Met with Adam Russell, Acting Deputy Director of newly formed ARPA-H

PEPFAR Oral history: https://www.bushcenter.org/publications/essays/pepfar.html

PRESS: Newsy TV Interview; Radio New Zealand RNZ;

July 8, 2022 Global USA

PRESS: Mother Jones Interview on HIV Vaccines with Jackie Lynn Mogensen

July 9, 2022

People are acting like and hoping that COVID is over, but it is not. There are still >100,000 cases/day which is likely a gross

undercount since many cases (perhaps x5) are not reported and deaths are stuck at ~300 with hospitalizations increasing:

I had a conversation with Rochelle and Vivek about this today (Saturday) indicating that I believe we are not doing enough in a proactive way of getting out there with the press and in other venues talking up how we need to increase mitigations such as reminding people about the importance of wearing masks as well as pushing to get people vaccinated and boosted. Also, as I have said in the recent discussion with Dan Diamond of the post in which he tweeted I would discussion that we need to be more liberal in getting people a fourth shot who are less than 50 years old but might have some underlying conditions without necessarily being immune compromised. Bottom line is that I am pushing that we be more aggressive. I am disappointed that I have not been out in the classic media of TV and radio either because the media are not interested or because the White House is not sending them my way. The same holds true for Rochelle and Vivek. They are not being out there as much as I believe we all should be.

MPX still increasing in USA and around the world. In USA 790 reported cases. Likely and undercount.

Global.health 9060 confirmed MPX cases in 71 non-endemic countries, 40 suspected

Politico – Story about BARDA contract to company Phlow to make continuous generics. They did not fulfill their contractual responsibility.

Peter Navarro was likely influential in picking the company that was not even a company yet when BARDA gave them hundreds of millions of dollars:

July 10, 2022

We need to be careful that we do not fall into the same issue that we did early on with COVID, i.e. not appreciating the importance of asymptomatic spread.

Follow-up Chest CT – Unchanged!!!

July 11, 2022

On our weekly call with the secretary, I brought up the issue that we need to be much more proactive in warning people about the spread of infection and that we have to be pushing the wearing of masks and getting people vaccinated and boosted. The secretary agreed and we're going to discuss this even more with Ashish tomorrow.

Washington Post article describes my pushing to be more aggressive during this surge of BA.5 variant:

July 12, 2022

Was called to the White House for a meeting with Ron Klain, Ashish Jha, Sec. Becerra, Richelle Walensky and Dawn O'Connell. Ron was really **** that he is getting a lot of Flack from New York City who feels that they are not getting enough doses of monkey pox vaccine. Ron is upset with the formula of distribution among the states. He feels that doses are being sent to places with few cases and not being used and there are lines of people waiting to get vaccinated in New York City and they are making a big stink about this causing what may turn out to be a political problem for POTUS. I kept quiet through most of the discussion which was pretty tense between secretary Becarra and Ron. However, it became clear to me that the lesion was that the contractor who is shipping the doses from Denmark to the United States do not appear to realize that this is an emergency and they're talking about sending one plane per week with about 140,000 doses per plane. I brought up the point when Ron mentioned that I was being very quiet and he wanted to know my opinion. I said that it is inconceivable to me that we cannot do better than 140,000 doses shipped per week when we have about a million doses in Denmark sitting ready to be shipped. I believe that this is an example of people not pressuring to get things done during an emergency and accepting business as usual. The astounding fact is that they said that the reason they have to rely on the plane flying back from the United States to Denmark to reload with another bunch of vaccines is that they only have limited carriers to put the vials in when they are shipped on the plane. What are they talking about?? One can make carriers with 3D printers. In addition, I don't understand why they can only do 140,000 at a time. After the**

meeting I emailed Dawn and expressed to her my astonishment that we can't do better than this. She checked and found out that all of a sudden they could now ship 400,000 doses of vaccine per plane instead of 140,000. In addition I encouraged her to work with the Department of Defence to get more planes in the air. This is another example of a serious logistic snafu that could have easily been solved if somebody was just thinking with a clear head.

Good coverage of the White House press conference where I emphasize the need to take the current situation seriously without letting it disrupt our lives:

PRESS: White House Press Briefing; MSNBC with Chris Lansing; Nexstar with Don Kauffman; Interview with Eileen O'Reilly for Axios; Fox TV with Neil Cavuto;

July 13, 2022

Hospitalizations going up. Deaths stable at ~300/day. BA4/5 >80% of isolates with BA5 >50% Europe having a big surge of BA5.

Met with Bob Barnett again last night planning the announcement of my stepping down and the subsequent linking up with publishers and speaking bureaus after I actually leave.

GOP in Congress inappropriately trying to shut down all research collaborations with China:

PRESS: CNN "New Day" with John Berman

July 14, 2022 Global – 5546,897,312/6,356,812; USA – 88,932,987/1,018,035

Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths now going up:

Rochelle called me up tonight and arranged to have a zoom with me to get my advice about pressure she is getting from the White House who is responding to New York pressuring them to get more monkey pox vaccines (see above on July 12). This relates to the meeting we had a couple of days ago with Ron Klain where he was very concerned that we are being perceived as being unresponsive with regard to vaccines and the POTUS is getting a lot of pressure from NYC for more vaccines. The White House wants her to distribute the vaccine according to the

number of cases and she feels correctly that that is not a totally fair way since there is a consideration for the at-risk population in certain locations that don't yet have a lot of cases. Also, southern states with black MSM are not really tresting since they are stigmatized and cases are not being recognized. I counseled her that it is a battle she will lose if she insists on distribution other than just by case numbers. She will lose the fight with the WH. In 1 to 1 and 1/2 weeks there will be hundreds of thousands of vaccines shipped from Denmark. At that point we can do what I would strongly suggest is to blanket the at risk community with vaccines for everyone who is at risk particularly those who are on prep for HIV or who are infected with HIV and are suppressed with their viral load due to antiviral drugs. Those are the ones that are out there having sex and not feeling vulnerable because they are on antiviral therapy. I told her to hang tight for week or so and the problem will solve itself.

PRESS: Rickey Smiley Radio Show; KAMR TV Amarillo, TX; NBC Livestream News with Phil Lepof; CNN with Erin Burnett;

July 15, 2022 Global USA

After talking with Ashish this morning, Rochelle decided to allocate vaccines for monkeypox at 75% according to the number of cases and 25% for the level of risk and a given community. That seems like a reasonable compromise which I agree with and will back Rochelle on. As mentioned above, in two weeks this will be a moot point since there will be hundreds of thousands of doses of vaccines arriving from the outside.

We are not keeping up very well on booster shots:

PRESS: Univision Digital with Borja Voces; Skimm TV ONLINE with Maria Corpus; Bloomberg TV "Balance of Power" with Joe Mathieu

July 16, 2022

PRESS: CNN with Laura Coates

July 17, 2022 (Sunday)

Important conversation with Ashish Jha. But she's called me up and wanted my opinion and backing on what he wants to bring up to Ron Klain. He wants to propose putting billions of dollars into a program that

would mimic operation warp speed in which he has been calling **"hyperdrive".** The purpose is to put a full court press on getting you closely administered vaccines to prevent infection and transmission as well as next generation platform and imagine designs for greater breadth and durability of response. These latter concepts word described by me to him. The reason Ashish wanted my help was that he heard from Ron that unless we're proposing something that is more than just incremental and that would actually be transformative and play a major role in turning around how Americans think about COVID, then he doubts that Ron will take the step to go to the president to have the president use a chit with the Congress to get the money. The trick about all of this is that Ron will want a product to go into the arms of Americans within 18 months to coincide with approaching the end of the administration and the election for the presidency. I told Ron that I would back him on the transformative nature of the two pillars that I mentioned above, but I have considerable skepticism as to whether or not we can do this in 18 months. I suggested to Ashish that week altogether a group comprised of him, me, Peter Marks and Rob Califf from the FDA as well as some knowledgeable people from biotech and pharma. Unless we have corporate sponsors we are not going to go anywhere with this and we will never be able to do it in 18 months. Ashish will set-up the meeting and hopefully we can make a determination and get back to the president. Ashish feels that if we cannot convince Ron about this then there is no way that we can get the money.

July 18, 2022

Sarah Ohermohle wrote an article in Politico where I mentioned that I would be leaving the NIH sometime before the end of President Biden's first term to which is January 2025. This is being interpreted by many in the press that I'm announcing my retirement. This is obviously not the case because I have given no date for stepping down and I am not retiring when I leave government service. However given the interest in me it is not surprising that this is now gone viral:

I had a very good talk today with Sam Bankman-Fried and his brother Gabriel Bankman who runs a foundation called "Guarding Against Pandemics". Also on the call were their associates Jacob Swett and Annabel Snidow. (see above) . We spoke about how Sam with

his billions of dollars could partner with the NIH and pushing the scientific agenda for the **prototype pathogen approach of pandemic preparedness**. Sam is a good friend of senator Joe Manchin and Joe is the one who originally pointed Sam in my direction to see if somehow we can all work together to having some sort of a partnership where the Congress puts in a certain amount for pandemic preparedness using the prototype pathogen model and Sam puts in an equal amount to support the effort through NI AID. We left it that they put together a proposal and that I serve as the scientific advisor for the amount of money that Sam wants to put into this even though I must be careful and will be careful about not getting involved in writing any legislation since Manchin has been talking about writing this into a reconciliation bill.

PRESS: CNN with Kate Bolduan; Reuters interview with Julie Steenhuysen; NBC Online Web; NPR with Rob Stein (talking about the Politico article (see above)

July 19, 2022

I had an important conversation this morning with Peter Staley in which I asked his advice about messaging to the gay community regarding monkey pox. There seems to be a debate in New York City among public health officials versus some gay leaders. The tension is whether or not to tell gay men to hold off on multiple sexual partners until they get a PrEP version of the vaccine. Some people are saying that that would increase the stigma against gay men. However, Peter agrees with me that there is nothing wrong with and probably a good idea to tell gay men to just hold off and cool it for the next couple of weeks until we get enough vaccine to vaccinate all people who are at risk namely those who've had multiple sexual partners within the last 14 days. I will be out in the press talking about this and I just wanted to check with Peter as to whether he agreed with me and in fact he does.

BA.5 dominating isolates:

PRESS: The Hill Health Summit Interview and streaming with Steve Clemons; Good Housekeeping with Zee Krstic; WHUR 96.3 FM DMV/ HBCU Network with Harold Fisher;WJLB 97.9 Detroit with Bushman; WNYM (FOX-NYC) TV with Lori Stokes;

July 20, 2022

I just had an important conversation with Rochelle in which I related to her the conversation that I had last night with Carlos Del Rio in which Carlos articulated that there's a great deal of concern and agitation in the gay community, which I already am aware of, regarding the difficulty in getting TPOXX for the treatment of monkey pox. I decided to call Rachel and give her a heads up that the community is really starting to get very agitated to the point that they may be attacking the administration and her and the FDA and all of us in the press if we don't do something soon to cut down the difficulty in getting TPOXX to those in need. I suggested to her that she and the FDA think in terms of doing something akin to the **parallel track approach** that I initiated decades ago during the HIV pandemic. She will look into this with her people.

I had a great meeting today in building 31 with Dr. Karl Lauterbach, the Minister of Health of Germany. He relied heavily very heavily on my advice about how to handle the decision about and distribution of booster shots for COVID in Germany. He is having some of the same problems as we are having here in trying to decide what the correct booster should be in the fall. He has already ordered millions of doses of Moderna bivalent which is an omicron plus ancestral as well as Pfizer which is a BA.4/5 bivalent plus ancestral. Moderna is obviously pushing their product, but Karl was very interested in what my opinion was. I told him that on the advice of me and others, the FDA has already authorized the bivalent of BA.4/5 and ancestral for the full dose. It is now up to the CDC and teir ACIp to make a recommendation f who "should" versus "may" receive the dose.

We also spoke about the tension regarding vaccinating people now who are at risk of severe complications given that there is a wave of infections in Germany as well as in the United States versus waiting until a more variant-specific boost is available in the fall. Germany is facing the same dilemma as we are in that some people in Germany are arguing in a very similar way to Paul Offit who is saying that we should not be vaccinating people now. Paul is smart and a good friend but he is a victim of what I consider making the perfect the enemy of the good. From a purely immunological standpoint it is obviously not optimal to have a boost now (ancestral) and require an even better boost (bivalend BA.4/5 + ancestral) just a couple of months down the pike. However, you have to balance the public health benefit of getting some form of vaccine to people who are at risk for infection and severe disease

now compared to the relatively minor negative effects of giving a vaccine shot now followed in 2 to 3 months by a vaccine shot with a better boost. I was surprised that bloggers such as Paul Offit have a major impact globally. Karl mentioned to me that he and his colleagues listen very carefully to what I say and it would be very helpful to them to hear what I am telling him today and that I agree completely with him since he is absolutely in the same lane as I as well as many of my NIH colleagues including Rick Koup and others. It was a very stimulating conversation and I was on my A game.

We then went on to discuss the issue of monkeypox. According to Karl monkey pox is out of control in Germany and similar to what we are seeing in the United States the gay community is very frustrated with the lack of as many vaccines as they need as well as the lack of easy access to antivirals. They seem to be having no trouble with diagnostics which are plentiful. I explain to him that our situation is very similar here in the United States. The conversation ended with him wanting to take a picture with me since his daughter who is 15 years old apparently is a great fan of mine. We exchanged cell phone numbers and he promised me that he would be calling me frequently.

John Laureman (Bloomberg) wrote a very nice laudation of me today:

July 21, 222

Harassment from the far right continues:

President Biden tested positive today (Thursday)! Tested negative on Tuesday, went to Boston on Wednesday; had mild sxs this AM and tested positive. https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Letter-7.21.pdf

Obvious media storm. He has mild sxs.

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[redacted] I mentioned this to a sheesh during a briefing called this evening since we are all going on television tomorrow. **Couple of interesting things related to the infection of the president.** 1) **I called up Kevin O'Connor who is the physician to the president and got a briefing from him** for the simple reason then when I go out on TV and I'm asked whether or not I have been consulted with it would be rather embarrassing to say that they did not call the so-called most famous infectious diseases expert in the world, who happens to also be the chief medical advisor to the president. I explained to Kevin my concern about the anticoagulation. He understood my concern and said that he has started the president on low dose aspirin which is a good thing. Kevin explained that the president was negative for an antigen test on Tuesday, did not sleep well on Wednesday evening, and woke up on Thursday predominantly with fatigue. Tested himself on a routine basis which for him is 2 to three times per week. The test came back positive, confirmed by a PCR. Throughout the day he then began to get sniffles, at first a dry cough and then a loose cough. His temperature rose to 99.4 F, which came back to normal with tylenol. His oxygen saturation was 97 to 98%. He was resting reasonably comfortably when Kevin left him tonight. 2) We had a meeting with the comms people and Ashish Jha this late afternoon in preparation for media requests tomorrow. I was under the impression that they were going to spread out the request for morning shows between Ashish and me. I found out later in the evening that all the morning shows will go to Ashish and they will give me regional meeting in the afternoon. As mentioned several times above it is very clear that Ashish is trying to dominate the media scene with regard to COVID-19 and is telling his staff to lead me out of the major media hits. Again, he does a good job but it is a bit of Bush league to do that. I have asked Courtney to communicate with the White House calms people and two in a very nice way ask them just what is going on here.

Monkeypox continues to spread throughout the world. 15,000 cases worldwide in 70 countries; >2000 in USA: Monkeypox Virus Infection in Humans across 16 Countries — April–June 2022 J.P. Thornhill, S. Barkati, S. Walmsley, J. Rockstroh, A. Antinori, L.B. Harrison, R. Palich, A. Nori, I. Reeves, M.S. Habibi, V. Apea, C. Boesecke, L. Vandekerckhove, M. Yakubovsky, E. Sendagorta, J.L. Blanco, E. Florence,

D. Moschese, F.M. Maltez, A. Goorhuis, V. Pourcher, P. Migaud, S. Noe, C. Pintado, F. Maggi, A.-B.E. Hansen, C. Hoffmann, J.I. Lezama, C. Mussini, A.M. Cattelan, K. Makofane, D. Tan, S. Nozza, J. Nemeth, M.B. Klein, and C.M. Orkin, for the SHARE-net Clinical Group*

The activist community is very angry. See Washington Post article:

PRESS: FOX "Good Day" NYC TV with Rosanna Scotto; WGN Chicago Radio with Peter McMurray and Rob Martier;

July 22, 2022

Kevin O'Connor called me this morning at 10 48 AM to give me an update on the president's condition. He is quite stable has a slight fever up to 99F that is easily brought down by tylenol. He has a cough which started off as dry but now is a bit "loose" as described by Kevin which means it seems deeper in the chest. However, the president feels well enough to continue to work from the White House although he is a bit fatigued as you might expect. More later.

Letter from Kevin O'Connor to the USA – POTUS doing well:

The Guardian – Gay community in revolt about monkeypox. Article about Peter Staley:

Rochelle has pleaded with me to back the CDC plan of distributing vaccine more on the basis of at risk population then on the actual number of cases since it is anticipated that with a variety of gay pride galas coming up including "Southern Decadence" among others that although there are not a lot of cases in the southern states including Louisiana, there will be soon and although New York City and other large cities but particularly in New York City is hammering the White House about the lines that there are to get vaccine in people who perceive themselves and in fact are practicing risk behavior even though they have not been in direct documented contact with an infected person. The White House is responding to the complaints of the gay community that the response to the monkeypox outbreak has been a terrible disaster (see above with Peter Staley) and they are pushing Rochelle and the secretary to distribute it favoring New York since they have the most cases. Rachel wants me and I agree to back her in making it a 75% on risk and 25% on cases whereas the White House wants the distribution to be 25% on risk and 75% on cases. I believe that this is

short sighted because we are quickly going to see areas that do not have a lot of cases now but will very soon not having enough vaccine to prevent the outbreak. I was very forceful in the zoom call with the secretary and the HHS team in saying that I would back Rochelle; however, we must have the flexibility of apportioning doses to the at risk locations in small allocations so that if they don't use them we will not have given them all of their doses at one time and thus cannot recall them to give them to cities and locations that actually have a large number of cases. Once you send doses to a location, by FDA regulations, you can't pull them back and send them somewhere else. And so smaller allocations are the answer. Whether or not Ron Klain will accept this is a big question. He is very interested in the political blowback from New York. This is understandable since he is a politician but he is not looking at it from a purely public health standpoint. I was very forceful with the HHS team when the comms people were suggesting that we explain this gap that we have in availability of vaccines on the lack of funding. I told the secretary on the zoom that I have to be frank with them, but I thought that this would be a total disaster since that is an excuse and not an explanation and the gay community would kill them for making excuses. I mentioned that we had to own the problem and tell them that it would have been nice to have all the doses that everybody needed, but the fact is we don't have all the doses and therefore we will do everything we can to get as many doses to people as we can in an equitable manner. Bottom line is that I told them what I told the Trump administration, and that is the only way to solve a problem is to first own the problem.

Was on multiple TV shows (see below). One of the things that came up was why the president's physician, doctor Kevin O'Connor, was not out there describing the president's condition. I answered that I was not in the loop and I did not know why. However it is very clear as mentioned above and as confirmed by Dori Solcido that Ashish really wants the spotlight and wants to be the one talking about the president's condition. I consider that an unforced error because that's what the press is going to focus on that we are hiding something. I do not want to get into that seen Ashish wanting to essentially be on every single possible major TV show, but that's the way it is. Also, the White House was concerned that Kevin mentioned that the president had a temperature of 99.4F. the temp responded very well to Tylenol and I brought up too Dory as to how foolish it is to get upset because Kevin mentioned his temperature. It is the perfectly

normal thing to have a low grade temperature with a upper respiratory infection. Even though this White House is a good White House they're concerned about message control is ill advised and they are only making unforced errors.

I spoke again tonight (10:00 PM) with Kevin O'Connor and he brought me up to date on the President's condition. He still requires Tylenol to keep his temperature down. He is very comfortable and even played some golf on the putting range in the White House outside because he was getting a little bit cabin fever. According to Kevin he continues to improve, but Kevin is concerned about Paxlovid rebound and is considering giving him eight days of the drug. He wanted my opinion as to whether or not that was a good idea. I am ambivalent about this since there will be a lot of blowback about why he was treated differently than the recommendations. Cliff lane would not treat him for an extra few days but would take the chance that he was going to rebound. I will recheck with Kevin tomorrow.

I had a long talk with Raj Panjabi (NSC) who sought my advice about how to deal with the activist group who feel that he is lying to them and that they have lost confidence in his ability to give them straight information. I mentioned to Raj that he needs to be straight with the activists and put himself in their shoes where they are looking at hundreds of millions of dollars invested in a product to be put in this row tegic national stockpile, and now that we need that product it is not available to the gay community. They are outraged and all he and his colleagues are doing is making excuses for it (see above about owning the problem). I made it clear to Raj and cannot have his comms person speak to Peter Staley, David Barr, and James Krellenstein et al. he must do it himself otherwise it would be showing disrespect to the activists. Raj was extremely grateful for my tutoring of him in this regard.

PRESS: CBS Livestream Online; NY1 Spectrum News TV with Kevin Frey; Alice Park with Time magazine; ABC World New Tonight; NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt; CNN "The Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer; FOX News with Brett Baier; MSNBC "The Beat" with Ari Melber; KMOJ FM (Minneapolis) with Freddie Bell; Univision National with Andrea Linares; Telemundo National with unknown

July 23, 2022

Yesterday I spoke with dawn O'Connell and told her that I would be very much in favor of the secretary declaring a public health emergency for monkeypox. She is now running it up the chain to see what others think about that..

I had my usual call this morning with Kevin O'Connor, the president's physician. It was a disturbing call because Kevin told me that Ashish is really trying to manipulate what Kevin says regarding the health of the president and Kevin is starting to get very aggravated by this. For example, Ashish did not want Kevin to mention that the president's temperature was 99.4F because then that would be a topic for the news discussion. That is completely ridiculous because it is totally expected that someone with a URI would have a mild temperature responsive to Tylenol. In addition, Ashish did not like the use of the word "malaise" which was the exact word the president used to describe how he felt. Ashish was afraid that that word would bring up recall of president Jimmy Carter and the negative response that the country had to his describing "malaise" in the country. And then finally in today's report Kevin wanted to put in a new symptom that the president complained of which was muscle aches, an entirely understandable symptom that has nothing to do with progression of disease. They insisted that he not add that. Kevin pushed back and said that he would not sign off on anything if they force him to hold back on what the true symptoms are.

Call from Larry Horowitz regarding Ron Klain saying to him (Larry) that the President wants to make some changes since Health area (COVID/MPX) is not going well. "Someone needs to get fired." Primary target is Becerra, but they feel that they cannot fire him since they never would get a replacement confirmed in he Senate. Next in line in Rochelle. They really are disappointed with Rochelle and want to fire her. They asked Larry for suggestions for replacements. Larry called me about this. He suggests Mark McLellan or Anne Schuchat. Wants names from me. Larry also called Jeff Z. They do not know that Jeff is working with me regarding my stepping down. Could get complicated. I called Jeff and we discussed

the situation. See below my discussion the next day (Sunday) with Jeff.

Had a long conversation with Jeff about the above issue concerning firing someone at HHS/CDC. Similar to the situation that I faced years ago with Secretary Burwell wanting to fire Tom Frieden because of poor performance with Ebola where I defended Tom, I found myself defending Rochelle. Rochelle is a wonderful person, but she does not have control over her agency and she has to learn to balance the politically expedient thing while still maintaining solid scientific principles. The problem is she relies too heavily on the entrenched people at CDC who are smart and will meaning but who have no oversight or quality control from the outside. This allows them to proceed with somewhat antiquated if not ossified ideas. As the discussion went the options were to fire Secretary Becerra; however, this would be very difficult since it would be tough to get a Senate confirmation for a secretary within a relatively acceptable period of time. The other option is to fire Rochelle, but now is not the time to do that and it would be against my recommendation. One of the points that Jeff made is that they are considering in a humane way to ask Rochelle to step down at the end of the year before the beginning of the second-half of the first term. Despite my trying to protect Rochelle there is a very good chance that that will happen.

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have him wear a mask in order to avoid him inadvertently infecting people if he rebounds, I would just test him every morning before he gets up and goes out to meet with people. If he is negative he will be OK, if he is positive continued isolating.

Emergency phone call among HHS people (Becerra, Dawn et al) regarding convincing POTUS (and Ron) to declare a Public Health Emergency (PHE) for MPX. Becerra says that POTUS will rely heavily on my opinion. Problem is that they are concerned that if you declare a PHE for monkey pox then why not declare it for gun violence or for reproductive rights. That sounds very much like the negativistic attitude of RON.

PRESS: ABC "Good Morning America" Weekend; CBS Mornings (Weekend); CNN "New Day" Weekend; Fox News with Neil Cavuto

July 24, 2022

Kevin O'Connor continues to call me 2x/day. The President continues to improve and is completed his 4th day (Sunday) on Paxlovid. He was out for four hours today by the pool doing reading work. The next big question is whether to give him eight days or 10 days instead of five days of Paxlovid. That would be a problem since it would be against FDA authorization and the public would cry out that we had treating him differently than other people. The concern on the part of the White House is that if he rebounds after he is negative for several days, he will likely be out talking and mingling with people. If he infects someone following an unrecognized rebound, he will be blamed for infecting other people. My suggestion would be to treat him for five days, have him stay in the White House virtually up to an additional five days testing him everyday. If he turns negative, as soon as he turns negative send him out even if it's before the 10 day period. And have him wear a mask in order to avoid him inadvertently infecting people if he rebounds, I would be OK, if he is positive continued isolating.

Had long conversation with Ashish who was asking my advice. He started off the conversation by saying that the White House continues to have a lot of problems with Rochelle, the latest of which was the apportionment of vaccine doses. (See discussion above about strong consideration of asking her to step down). Ashish said

that Ron wants my take on the situation with Rochelle/CDC and the distribution of vaccine doses. She wants to divide the vaccines for monkey pox according to the formula of 25% according to cases and 75% according to risk. This is something that we had discussed yesterday in a call with the secretary. During that call I promised that I would back Rochelle's proposal because of the fact that if they do not distribute more, namely 75%, according to risk, when we have outbreaks related to "Southern Decadence" and other gay pride functions we will not have vaccine in place to counter it. However Ron Klain is adamant that he does not want vaccines shipped to locations in which there are few cases and when they do not get cases or they do not administer vaccine to their case countthat the vaccine goes to waste (you cannot reship vaccine). I made the following point to the secretary yesterday and I repeated it word for word to Ron today. I would be supportive of a 25% for cases and 75% for risk distribution only if the jurisdictions that received the 75% for risk are given the vaccines in small apportionments. For example if they were scheduled to get 400 vaccines, you would give them 100 and tell them that if they don't use that 100 expeditiously the next shipment of 100 would not be given to them but would be given to a jurisdiction that has a high number of cases. I explained this to Ron when he called me today and told him that that would be my position. He said that Ron is very interested in what I would do and that this would hold a great deal of weight in the discussions that we will have tomorrow, which is Monday.

Had a long conversation with Jeff about the above issue concerning firing someone at HHS/CDC. Similar to the situation that I faced years ago with Secretary Burwell wanting to fire Tom Frieden because of poor performance with Ebola where I defended Tom, I found myself defending Rochelle. Rochelle is a wonderful person, but she does not have control over her agency and she has to learn to balance the politically expedient thing while still maintaining solid scientific principles. The problem is she relies too heavily on the entrenched people at CDC who are smart and will meaning but who have no oversight or quality control from the outside. This allows them to proceed with somewhat antiquated if not ossified ideas. As the discussion went the options were to fire

Secretary Becerra; however, this would be very difficult since it would be tough to get a Senate confirmation for a secretary within a relatively acceptable period of time. The other option is to fire Rochelle, but now is not the time to do that and it would be against my recommendation. One of the points that Jeff made is that they are considering in a humane way to ask Rochelle to step down at the end of the year before the beginning of the second-half of the first term. Despite my trying to protect Rochelle there is a very good chance that that will happen.

Kevin O'Connor continues to call me 2x/day. The president continues to improve and is completed his 4th day on Paxlovid. He was out for four hours today by the pool doing reading work. The next big question is whether to give him eight days or 10 days instead of five days of pax livid. That would be a problem since it would be against FDA authorization and the public would cry out that we had treating him differently than other people. the concern on the part of the White House is that if he rebounds after he is negative for several days, he will likely be out talking and mingling with people. If he infects someone following an inadvertent rebound, he will be blamed for infecting other people. My suggestion would be to treat him for five days have him stay in the White House virtually for an additional five days testing him every day if he turns negative as soon as he turns negative send him out even if it's before the 10 day. And have him wear a mask in order to avoid him inadvertently infecting people if he rebounds, I would just test him every morning before he gets up and goes out to meet with people. If he is negative he will be OK, if he is positive continued isolating.

Of note, Ashish states that he wants Kevin to go up in front of the cameras to describe the President's condition, but it is Ron who does not want him to go up as well as Karine Jean-Pierre. That is interesting because I am hearing that it is Ron who does not want Kevin to get up in front of a camera.

PRESS: MSNBC with Jonathan Capehart

July 25, 2022

Spoke with Kevin O'Connor again this morning and evening. the president is doing extremely well and continues to improve. He we'll

complete his fifth day of Paxlovid today. The next question will be when he can go out into society. I have a phone call with Ashish this afternoon and I will recommend that we not give him additional days of drug but that we have him stay masked inside for 5 days or until he tests negative by antigen test. They are concerned about rebound; however, I have told them that if he tests every morning for five to 10 days after his Paxlovid course ends and he does not show any positivity, he can go out that day and proceed with business. That would be much more acceptable to the general public then to give him an extra few days of drug which would not actually guarantee that he does not rebound.

PRESS: The Hill "Rising"; CBC Radio with Robin Bresnahan;

July 26, 2022

Continuing my twice per day discussion with Kevin O'Connor regarding the president's condition.The POTUS Is doing very well and improving substantially each day. Today is one day following the termination of his Paxlovid therapy and his CT level is 35 which means that he has very little replication competent virus in his nasopharynx. He feels very well and we had a long discussion this evening with Kevin, Ashish Jha, and Ron Klain as to what the presidents activities could be looking forward. He tested negative today by antigen test and has a very nice CT level as mentioned above. The White House staff is concerned about possible rebound and I made a suggestion that he stay masked and in isolation until he gets two negative antigen tests in a row. After that he can go out and do duties on the outside provided that he does not travel and that he wears a mask. I would test him intimately a few times a week to see if he rebounds. It became clear to me that Ron Klain and the president rely heavily upon my advice but what to do with the president's condition. I have developed a very good relationship with Kevin O'Connor and he calls me twice a day.

We had some serious discussions with secretary Becerra about having a consistent message about the distribution of the monkey pox vaccine. See above about the concern of having vaccine in places that are not being utilized well there are lines in other jurisdictions. I supported the CDC recommendation of distributing the vaccine

with 75% to risk areas and 25% to actual cases so long as individual jurisdictions utilize the vaccine. The CDC will send out the vaccine in tranches that will not be followed up with more vaccine until the jurisdiction actually utilizes the vaccine so that we don't have unused doses in one area and demands more than supply in another area.

We also discussed whether or not we should declare monkeypox a public health emergency. I argued strongly that we do that in order to send a signal to the MSM community that we are very serious about the situation that they find themselves under.

We had the vaccine summit today in the Indian treaty room of the executive office building. I gave a talk on the NIH research agenda. Also I did an enormous amount of press today which overlapped with a number of meetings with the White House as well as with secretary becerra. Big time stressed today and I feel it.

PRESS: CNN "New Day" with John Berman; MSNBC "Morning Joe"; NPR "All things Considered"; News Nation Now TV; MSNBC "The Reid Out" with Jason Johnson

July 27, 2022

Paper in Nature today validates my disagreement with the CDC last year when Vivek and I pushed back against their saying that you do not need to test after 5 days of isolation after infection since most of the transmissions occur in the first few days of infection and after day 10 you are OK (see prior notes):

POTUS back to work. The letter below is based on conversations I had last night with Ron, Kevin, Anita Dunn, Mike Donilon, etc.:

I was part of the opening panel of the introduction of the UN aids report very beginning of the IAS meeting in Montreal. The name of the report presented by Winnie Byanyima (Exec Director of UNAIDS) is "In Danger". Also on the panel was John Nkengasong (PEPFAR), Adeeba Kamarulzaman (President of IAS), Andriy Klepikov (Dir. Alliance for Public Health in Ukraine, Keren Dunaway, International Community of Women Living with HIV, Anita Vandenbald Canadian MP.

AP reporting on the above:

Yesterday it was a little bit of a distributing and embarrassing situation where Raj Panjabi piggy-backed his own little mini session on

monkey pox right after Vaccine summit at the White House at the very last minute without letting dawn or Connell know until literally I have to now will before he was asking her to speak. bottom line is it all is that although everyone agrees that Raj is a really good guy and his heart is in the right place he is really over his head in his job at the NSC in charge of pandemic preparedness. Dawn believes that the White House is well aware of that and that is the reason why they are appointing any "Monkeypox Tsar"

Washington Post:

Variety:

Went to a terrific social function at the incredible home of Adrienne Arsht at 6 Chevy Chase Circle. It was a cabaret night where American Pops Orchestra founder/leader had a contest played old songs and had the audience guess the singer. I thought that I might win since I got only 2 wrong, but Renee Fleming won with an even better score. Had interesting conversation with Brett Baier where he finally admitted that the 2 recent Science papers by Worobey, Andersen, Rasmussen et al convince him that the lab leak theory is really not true.

PRESS: New York Daily News interview with Tim Balk; NPR WBUR Boston with John Ringer;

July 28, 2022

Cases and hospitalizations continue to rise slowly with very little increase in deaths.

I recommend to Becerra to declare PHE.

Monkeypox:

Global.health: 20,671 confirmed MPX cases, 42 suspected in 84 non-endemic countries. 4600 in USA. 2 children infected in USA from mother who had sex with bisexual man

The Montreal Gazette concerning my comments (virtually at the UNAIDS report unveiling):

I was involved in a very difficult zoom cool this evening with Peter Marks. Rob Califf, Vivek, David Kessler, Julia Tierney (FDA), Hillary Marston, among others about the potential conflict that might occur tomorrow when Ashish has convinced the president to come out and say that anyone who's not been boosted recently should

get boosted. However, we now know that both moderna and Pfizer will have the BA.5 bivalent boost available the first week of September. This will create a major messaging problem since we are telling people to get boosted with the vaccine that doesn't cover the current BA.5 variant when the actual variant-specific boost will be available 5 weeks from now. Somehow or other Ashish took the initiative to convince the president to say this without consulting with the FDA or the CDC. If these mixed messages go out it will be a major cluster. I tried to bring this up to them and suggested strongly that they have a zoom in the morning before any of these announcements are made in order to get a common message otherwise it will look like one of the worst mixed messages to come out in a long time. I'm starting to see right now the advantage of having Jeff as the coordinator since he understands the interactions among the different agencies of government whereas Ashish is smart, a very good communicator and is well meaning, but he is more about looking like he's taking the lead on things than coordinating.

Later in the evening, I had dinner over jeff's and Mary's house which was a great evening. Guests at the dinner besides Chris and I were: Susan Rice, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and his wife Charlene, Deb Harmon, Wally Adeyemo. The discussion was very stimulating particularly Susan Rice telling us stories of her escapades during the Obama administration and secretary Austin telling us about the tension in his multiple responsibilities. One of those discussions of the night was the desire of Nancy Pelosi to go to Taiwan which everybody feels is a very bad idea given the geopolitical situation. However for some reason she feels she needs to go there and everyone seems to be against it.

July 29, 2022

See e-mail chain below regarding the confusion about mixed messages related to my note yesterday:

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 7:35 AM
To: Marks, Peter (FDA/CBER) < [redacted] @fda.hhs.gov>; Califf, Robert < [redacted] @fda.hhs.gov>; Tierney, Julia (FDA/OC) < [redacted] @fda.hhs.gov>; Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E] [redacted] @nih.gov>; O'Connell, Dawn (OS/ASPR/IO) < [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Levine, Rachel (HHS/OASH) [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Murthy, Vivek (HHS/OASH) [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Kessler,

David (HHS/IOS) < [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Varrone, Michael (HHS/OGC) [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Roos, Jason (OS/ASPR/H-CORE) [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Mahon, Barbara (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/OD) [redacted] @cdc.gov>; Goldstein, Robert (CDC/OD) [redacted] @cdc.gov>; Berger, Sherri (CDC/OD/OCS) [redacted] @cdc.gov>; Marston, Hilary (FDA/OC) I [redacted] fda.hhs.gov> Subject: RE: Confidential — Next Steps on Expanding Eligibility for Additional Booster

Team:

I know that we are all struggling with this and trying to get it right, but I really have a problem with the 4/8/12 message. It is not that it is incorrect from a medical and/or immunological standpoint. It is that it will it be very confusing. I know that we are trying to save lives by getting people vaccinated and boosted; however, for the overwhelming most part, the people who are going to get vaccinated (particularly the elderly) are already vaccinated and I am not sure how much we are going to move the needle in getting the "unboosted" to get boosted when we are simultaneously saying that in 5 weeks we will have a much better and more specific vaccine. That is an inherently confusing message that would be counterproductive. Right now if we were three months away or even two months away from a variant specific boost I could see making a big push to get people boosted now. However, starting with Monday we will be five weeks away from a variant specific boost. If we want to have one cogent prevailing message it is that we have a very important boost that will be available in five weeks. The message should be focused on that. Anything that confuses that will work against us. Just my take…

Thanks,

Tony

Had a very interesting conversation with the HHS team regarding a memo at the secretary will be sending to the president regarding the declaration of a public health emergency (PHE). the secretary expressed some concern about whether we should do that or not but his staff actually wrote a memo making it seem like he definitely wanted it I brought this out to them when I read quickly the memo while we were on the Zoom and the secretary requested that I can't fully look at the memo and make comments. I actually think we should definitely declare a PHE and I

modify it the conclusion of the memo to be unambiguous about this. It was really strange that the secretary said he had reservations and his staff wrote a memo that strongly recommended that we do it. In my memo back to them I told them that they have to make up their mind one way or the other and have the memo strongly recommend what he actually wants. I rewrote the conclusion assuming that he will take my recommendation to declare it

July 30, 2022 (Saturday)

Just got a call at 12 noon from Kevin O'Connor that the president has had a rebound with a positive antigen test today. He is asymptomatic. This is the real problem since there are no guidelines from the CDC which dictate what to do when you have someone who you are testing virtually every day. The CDC health advisory on what to do following a rebound after Paxlovid treatment does not mention testing at all. the duration of isolation is based purely on symptoms and time from resolution of symptoms. Here again it goes back to my objection many months ago of the guidelines the CDC put out about reentry into society following infection. I had insisted back then that even though it might not be practical for everyone to get testing and often people need to get back to work after five days, they still should have put some guidance in for people who can get tested period now we are flying in the dark. Ron Klain is going to want him out as soon as possible; however, given that he is known to now be antigen positive he has to isolate for five days and then the question will arise of how often to test him and if he is positive should he be let out even with a mask. Cliff Lane feels strongly that he should be in isolation so long as he is antigen positive and can go out once he has two negative tests in a row.

Got a call from Ashish making sure that we are on the same page. Also, he asked me if we should start a 2nd course of Paxlovid. I told me not to unless the POTUS gets significant sxs ********Wall Street Journal piece by Peter Loftus on July 29, 2022 is critical in its historical portrayal of the interaction of NIAID and Moderna/Pfizer. Important for the book!!**

WSJ: The Partnership That Made the First U.S. Covid Vaccine

Gay community getting very agitated about that they perceive as the government's slow response and resting the rapidly evolving multi pox outbreak:

July 31, 2022

I gave the special session plenary lecture at the International AIDS Society (IAS) meeting in Montreal via a virtual presentation. I have given a plenary lecture and virtually every one of the IAS meetings since 1984. I reflected on what has transpired since the last meeting in Montreal which was in 1989. My presentation triggered a prolonged standing ovation from the audience. The session was chaired and moderated by Laura Waters of the UK.

The president remains antigen positive for the second day in a row following his rebound. His CT values are 16 to 18. He has had no additional symptoms although he still has somewhat of a lingering cough. The plan is to keep him isolated until he asked two negative antigen tests in a row.

I got a call from Rochelle who is stuck in Amsterdam following the cancellation of her flight from Amsterdam to Washington. She is coming back from a trip to Uganda and Kenya. She thanked me profusely for sticking up for the CDC's decision about allocation of vaccines for monkey pox.

Got a call from Jen Ashton of ABC expressing concern about something that I have been almost obsessing about today and most recently. That is the fact that the public may be taking monkeypox too lightly assuming that it will stay confined to the population of men who have sex with men. In addition, we are doing nothing proactively to encourage people to cancel such events as "Southern Decadence" and Black gay pride galas. We are starting to see cases of spillover into non men who have sex with men populations. Also, there is so much that we do not know about the Natural History of this disease and with the potential is to spread beyond MSM. I will have to talk to people at HHS and the White House that we cannot under play this outbreak.

Call from Francis Collins, Acting Science Advisor to POTUS regarding NIH Director Choice – Charles Sawyer at MSKCC. Francis wants me to talk to him about the possibility of his being considered for the job of NIH director. It is essentially a recruiting call that Francis wants me to have with Charles. Apparently the president is not satisfied with either of the two names that was submitted to him: Mary Klotman (Duke) and Kimryn Rathmell (Vanderbilt).

August 1, 2022

I have been somewhat concerned about Monkeypox the very beginning, but I am getting more and more concerned about it as time goes by. It clearly is spreading rapidly throughout the world the community of MSM with an estimated doubling time of about seven days; my concern is that we are all seeing some spray into the non-MSM communities such as the recent is very much bothering me is the continued plans to have MSM and gay pride galas at the same time that we are having acceleration of COVID as well as outbreaks of monkeypox (see above my conversation with Jen Ashton)

I got my usual follow up call from Kevin O'Connor regarding the President's condition. He is concerned that his viral load is going in the wrong direction, namely, his CT value went from 18/16 to 16/14. He called me together with Walter Reed ID physician Wes Campbell to see if I agreed with them that they should not restart Paxlovid since the president does not have any new symptoms and his oxygen saturation is 98%. His chest is clear despite the fact that he has his typical nagging cough that antedated his illness. I agreed with them that they should not start a second course of Paxlovid.

The administration will announce tomorrow that they are appointing a monkey pox Coordinator (Bob Fenton) and a Deputy Coordinator (Demetre Daskalakis). Clearly the response or at least the perception of the response of the government to monkeypox has not been good. They are hoping to reinvigorate the response by this appointment. Tonight, Kevin Munoz (WH Comms) called me and he asked me if it was OK to put a quote in the press release supporting this decision. The White House feels that because of my street credibility with the gay community that this would make the choice more acceptable. I agreed and provided a brief quote.

Overwhelming evidence of benefit of vaccines and boosts:

July 2, 2022

*****Important debate going on that relates back to the conflict that I had with the CDC I was concerned that they did not call for antigen testing following infection before someone is able to go back out into society.** The president got infected, went on Paxlovid, and then rebounded. And so the question is when can he go back into society. Since

he is the president and we test them every day he is staying isolated until his antigen test reverts to negative. At the same time, a number of papers including in the NEJM have shown that the median time of reversion to negative antigen test is actually five days and many people stay positive until day 8,9,10 and beyond. The CDC recommendations say that after five days since no requirement is made for testing (which I was very much against this decision and caused a ruckus by disagreeing with the CDC many months ago), A person can go out into society after five days with the mask so long as they have no symptoms. And after 10 days, if they still have no symptoms they can take their mask off. This obviously Will lead to people going out into society who are still antigen positive and are likely spreading the virus. That was my original concern when I disagreed with the CDC.

BA.5 now 86% of isolates in USA:

A lot of activity working with Rob at the FDA and Ashish and CDC to get the right messaging about recommendations for the booster in the fall. The FDA would like to say that the bivalent BA.5 boost is significantly better then the mono valent ancestral strain boost. There is a lot of pushback from the immunology community led by John Moore saying that the bivalent BA.5 boost is only marginally better then the monovalent ancestral strain. The data is somewhat confusing as explained below in an e-mail from Rick Koup to me. The debate is whether to ask people who are otherwise that low to moderate risk to get vaccinated now with the ancestral strain will wait until September when a supposedly much better boost is available. Most of us have no problem with low risk people waiting, however, I and others are concerned about overselling that the bivalent boost is much better then the ancestral boost, which is not the case I will list a couple of emails below that outline the dilemma:

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <afauci@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 6:53 PM
To: Califf, Robert < [redacted] @fda.hhs.gov>
Cc: Murthy, Vivek (HHS/OASH) [redacted] @hhs.gov>; Kessler, David (HHS/IOS) [redacted] @hhs.gov>; O'Connell, Dawn (OS/ASPR/IO) [redacted] @hhs.gov>; [redacted] @who.eop.gov [redacted] @who.eop.gov>; Salcido, Dori A. EOP/WHO [redacted] @who.eop.gov>; Barclay, Lisa L. EOP/WHO [redacted] @who.eop.gov>

Subject: Follow-up of our call Rob: The point that I was making during the zoom call was that we should get the data which I believe is available that looks specifically at the titer of neutralizing antibody against BA.5 induced by the bivalent BA.5 boost versus the title of the neutralizing antibody against BA.5 induced by the monovalent ancestral boost. The reason I say we need that data at hand is because if we are going to say that the BA.5 bivalent boost is far superior to the ancestral boost and that is the reason should wait for it until the Fall, we better make sure that we have data that substantiates that. This is important, since there are people out there saying that the BA.5 variant boost is really not that much different from the monovalent ancestral boost when you compare neutralizing antibody titers against BA.5. If the data show that the BA.5 bivalent boost is only marginally better than the ancestral monovalent boost, we should say that the bivalent is "somewhat" better and not make it look like the bivalent is a major advance. Having said all of that, I still believe that the scenario that we agreed upon as delineated in your not to me is sound. I just do not want us to oversell how good and different the bivalent boost will be because this will trigger pushback from the immunology community. Best regards, Tony ------

Had my twice daily follow up conversation with Kevin O'Connor regarding the condition of the president. The POTUS continues to remain with minimal an unchanged symptomatology characterized by fatigue and his usual post nasal drip related cough. It is still rather concerning that his CT levels are still very low and have not come back reflecting a very high viral load. We maintain the decision discussed above about not treating a lab test and only reinstituting therapy if he has an exacerbation of symptoms. **I emphasized that he must be followed closely for return of significant sxs, which might trigger retreatment.**

August 3, 2022

Spoke with Kevin O'Connor. POTUS stable, but still Ag positive.

Monkeypox spreading globally:

My comment in NY Times article by Sheryl Stolberg:

NY Times keeps hammering HHS for slow response in getting vaccines out to the community for monkeypox. Article by By Sharon LaFraniere, Noah Weiland and Joseph Goldstein:

NYT: "U.S. Could Have Had Many More Doses of Monkeypox Vaccine This Year"

I met with Rino Rappuoli in my office today. They are planning to make him the chief scientific officer of a pandemic preparedness program by the Italian government in Sienna. Rino wants me, either before or after I leave the NIH to help them in an official way to set-up their program.

I gave an interview with Nate Silver about a book that he's writing about risks in society.

Rand Paul together with Roger Marshal, Rick Scott, Josh Hawley, Ron Johnson is holding a "hearing" on origins with the witnesses: Richard Ebright (Lab Director Waksman Lab. Of Microbiology, Rutgers), Kevin Esvelt, (Assistant Professor of Media Arts and Sciences MIT Media Lab) and Steven Quay (CEO, Atossa Theapeutics) all totally non-credible. Angel Rasmussen is blasting them on twitter as hacks. Once per year the minority are allowed to call a hearing and so Paul et al are using this as a publicity stunt. The majority has not even showed up. It is a total farse. I got a follow-up from Chase Crawford from my legislative staff who listened to the hearing and the result was expected in which Ebright came out strong saying that we did do gain of function and that I lied Quay also said that. However Esvelt said that some may call this gain of function whereas other scientists would say it's not since gain of function is such an ill defined term. He came the closest to reality. The rest of them would just pounding away that NIH funded gain of function and it likely caused the outbreak and that I lied saying that we did not.

COVID:

August 4, 2022

The Wrap:

*******Critically important issue with CDC. Usual problem The CDC surprised us all by announcing that they are going to come out tomorrow with an updating of their guidelines across several areas including how one addresses getting back in to the public after a bout of COVID. The updated recommendations that they give are really inherently inconsistent. A number of things about them are troublesome, but the one that really stands out is the fact that they say that if you are infected you must isolate for five days and if you**

decide to test and have tests available you cannot go out into society with positive tests until after day 10. If you test negative for two days in a row within the 10 day period, you can go out into society but you still have to wear a mask until day 10. Importantly and disturbingly, if you test positive on day 10 since you have already reached the 10 day mark you can then still go out into society without a mask!!!! On the other hand, if you decide not to test at all, on day five you can go out into society with a mask and then on day 10 after day 10 you could take the mask off without knowing whether you're positive or not. This seems just so inherently inconsistent that it's going to be very difficult to explain that to the public.

When Ashish heard that this was going to be announced tomorrow he demanded that Rochelle brief us on it tonight. When she did it became clear that the above contradictions existed (see above). Prior to that meeting, Rochelle called me up during the day and tried to explain what they were doing and it immediately didn't make any sense to me. I called up Cliff and he agreed with me. They seem to think that a positive test on day 10 doesn't necessarily mean that you're dangerous to go out into society because you should really be not infective after day 10 when in fact if you have a documented positive antigen test on day 10 all the data indicate that you definitely are transmissible since a positive antigen test means that you have replication competent virus. And so, the recommendations for those who cannot test because they don't have access to test are inherently contradictory to the recommendations for those who can test. This is going to drive Ron Klain completely crazy. In fact, Ashish called me up and said that Ron Klain is already so furious with Rochelle (even before he has heard this) that he fears that her job is in serious danger.

Covid perhaps plateauing:

POTUS continues to improve:

William Patrick Connelly, Jr who threatened me and my family goes to jail. This is the guy yhat Brett Rowland tracked down. See Washington Post article:

COVID cases:

United States

•Total Cases: 91,676,264, 7-Day average: 117,351 (-7.3%) •Total Deaths: 1,027,370, 7-Day average: 378 (-4.9%) •Total new hospital admissions: 5,078,893, 7-Day average 6,112 (-4.4) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 578,142,444 (972,954 new) •Total Deaths: 6,405,080 (2,491 new)

PRESS: MSNBC Black/Hispanic Journalists Fireside chat with Alicia Menendez;

August 5, 2022

Met with Hans Kluge – WHO Regional Director for Europe. He is seeking my advice on multiple issues such as COVID, MPX, and vaccine related polio. He said the Europeans rely very heavily on my opinion:

Heard from Rochelle last night. Latest decision is that they wil hold off on the above announcement. Had meeting with Bruce Tromberg, Rochelle, Robbie Goldstein and CDC folks together with FDA folks (Rob Califf and team) and Steve Sha to try to get an agreement about guidelines for testing for isolation/quarantine when to stop isolation/masking, etc. We are coming to an agreement that is not perfect, but that is workable. Had another Zoom with the same team + Dawn O'Connell to explain to her our

POTUS still positive on day 7 following rebound.

******Had a really major victory today resulting from a great collaboration between FDA, CDC, BARDA, me and John Beigel who was responsible for the design of a trial that would confirm that the study published in the journal Vaccine in 2015 by Frey et al and Bob Belshe showed that 1/5 the dose of the MVA monkey pox vaccine administered intradermally was as effective as a full dose of the subcutaneous administration. When we made this known to Bavarian Nordic (BN), lower level marketing people in the company objected strenuously, very likely because they saw this as a diminution in the need for full doses. Amazingly, they distorted the data and tried to marshal congressional support for blocking the use of the doses in the 1/5 dilution intradermally. This was an egregious**

attempt to interfere with the sound public health maneuver. To make a long story short when John Beigel showed all the data from the 2015 paper come it became clear that this was a very important way to expand the number of doses that were available. We finally got the leadership of BN to agree to continue to ship us the doses since their lower level people as indicated above were trying to block shipment in order to prevent us from distributing the vaccine in the 1/5 dilution. After much discussion with the FDA, we finally convinced them to issue an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the administration of the MVA vaccine in the1/5 intraderma; dilution. This is a major victory for the prevention of monkey pox because it turns 300,000 doses into 1.5 million doses and 1,000,000 doses into 5,000,000 doses. I consider this one of the major victories that I was a part of in trying to expedite the response to monkey pox.

PRESS: WTOP Podcast with Luke Garrett & Megan Cloherty; CNN with Erica Hill; MSNBC with Andrea Mitchell;

August 6, 2022

Continued drama now involving Larry Horowitz calling me up talking about how angry Ron Klain is at Rochelle for wanting to come out with a statement that the vaccines do not protect against infection at all. I have to look at the data but I think that although protection against true infection is low to modest at best, it is not zero and so I cannot figure out, and I am sure that this is what is bugging Ron, why the CDC needs to put that statement out now exactly at the time when we are pushing people to get the new BA.5 variant in early to mid-September.

August 7, 2022 (Sunday)

Long conversations with the CDC team (Sherri Berger; Rochelle), Steve Sha, Vivek, Kessler to get the wording correct on the condition to end isolation regarding testing and masking.

August 8, 2022

For some time now the issue of "Long COVID" has been gaining momentum with much frustration in the community since recent studies showed that up to 20% of people develop more COVID

following infection. Senator Tom Kaine (D-VA) has been a strong advocate for support since he is suffering for well over a year from long COVID characterized by dysesthesias. The NIH has been given $1.15 Billion to study long COVID. However, I have been very disappointed in the initiatives that have been brought forth under the leadership of NHLBI with Gary Gibbons and Amy Patterson as well as Walter Koroshetz. Rachel Levine is now been given the leadership for this at HHS. Recent description: Politico:

We had important conversations with activists James Krellenstein, Gregg Gonsalves, Peter Staley and Emily Bass regarding MPX vaccination. Peter alerted me today that James and other activists are concerned about misrepresenting the effective of the 1/5 approach to Jynneos (see above). I put together a hastily arranged Zoom at 12:45 PM to get us together and figure out what the problem is. The problem is that the activists are concerned that the data are not strong that 1/5 the dose of Jynneos intrasdermally (ID) will be protective. their argument is a bit inconsistent since the antibody titers induced by Jynneos ID are exactly equivalent to a full dose delivered subcutaneously (SC). The activists do not seem to be concerned about the efficacy of the SC dose, but they are concerned that we might be overselling the efficacy of the 1/5 dose. This may be an example of their making the perfect being the enemy of the good. It is much better to have some vaccine rather than no vaccine and so we needed to settle what their concern was since the FDA will be issuing tomorrow an EUA for the 1/5 ID dose. I got the activists on the zoom with Cliff, John Beigel, and me and we hashed it out. Peter Staley was agreeing with us and we finally got James and Gregg to come to the agreement that it is best to go ahead with the 1/5 ID program at the same time as trying to get data with a clinical trial that John will do as to the efficacy. That is better than having not enough doses and having a 5 minute notice getting the activist community together with my team to try and straighten out a potential disagreement.

We had another zoom discussion with the HHS team led by Sherri Berger (CDC) to try to get the precise language for the CDC updating of their website discussion of the efficacy of the vaccine in preventing infection and transmission (see above). I believe that we got it right after a very good discussion among the group. The critical issue was to indicate that the vaccine protection against infection and transmission is

only modest and diminishes with time. The concern was on the part of the White House that the CDC would say that it was zero. Now this is not really a consideration since the wording indicates in a positive way (by my suggestion) that although the protection against infection and transmission wanes overtime, that is a good reason why we encourage people to get the updated BA.5 bivalent boost. I believe we avoided a confrontation between the CDC and the White House which would have endangered Rochelle

PRESS: Interview with Giuseppe Sarcina of Italian newspaper – Corrierre Della Sera;

August 9-11, 2022 Global – 585,086,861/6,422,914; USA – 92,426,945/1,030,777

Cases and hospitalization plateauing but deaths still at ~300-400/day Had a wonderful trip to Seattle where I received the honorary "Hutch" award from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research center and the Seattle Mariners baseball organization. I did a fireside chat at the Medical Center with Larry Corey and then threw out the first pitch that evening for the Mariners and New York Yankees baseball game. In contrast to the disastrous pitch at the Washington Nationals game two years ago, this was a perfect pitch to the manager of the Mariners, Scott Servais, who served as the catcher. Sat in the "owner's box" at the stadium and watched the game. Had a great conversation with Eddie Vedder (lead vocalist and guitarist for the rock band Pearl Jam.) and his wife Jill. Eddie reminds me a lot of Bono.

One of the things that was striking about the evening at the ball game was that when they announced me as receiving the award with giant pictures of me on the photocam, I received a prolonged **standing ovation from 45,000 people in the stands.** Yet, the far right as exemplified by the newspaper The Washington Examiner put on YouTube the headline "Fauci booed at Mariners game. They put the microphone next to about five or six people out of 45,000 who were booing and saying I should go to jail and they completely ignored the 45,000 people that gave me a prolonged standing ovation. **This is so exemplary of the distortion of reality by the far right.**

Monkeypox continues to surge:

August 12, 2022

Deaths seem to be up a bit at around 400/day!

August 13, 2022

More drama with regard to the CDC and Rochelle Walenski. After much going back and forth between the CDC and the other docs including me, Vivek, Steve Cha, and to some extent David Kessler, we thought we had gotten them pulled back from making the statement that the vaccines were not effective at all in preventing infection and transmission. The reason this is an issue is that if they came out with that statement, which in fact is not entirely true since there is some degree of modest but declining protection as you would expect, then this would conflict with the statement and effort of recommending that people get the updated bivalent BA.5 vaccine in September. In addition, it would undermine the DoJ's efforts at mandates for vaccines under certain circumstances. In any event, the CDC agreed to pull back on the statement of absolute lack of efficacy of vaccines against infections and transmission and take a more measured approach of saying that the vaccines provides only modest and waning efficacy against infection and transmission and that is why we should heed the advice of getting the updated booster in Sept. However, although they did this on their website, the MMWR that cam out yesterday had the same original damning language. **When Larry Horowitz and Ashish noticed this, Larry went off the wall and in a somewhat agitated manner called me up this AM and said that this is the last straw and he was sure that when Ron Klain gets back from Spain this weekend he would fire Rochelle.** Ashish was more measured and seems to have come to the conclusion that sooner or later (maybe not right now) Rochelle would have to go. Let us see what happens.....probably nothing

August 14, 2022

Had a wonderful dinner last night at the extraordinary home of Adrienne Arsht at 9 Chevy Chase Circle, Chevy Chase, MD. Guests included Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave (Chairman. Light of Healing Hope Foundation and former war correspondent), Jonathan Capehart (MSNBC and Washington Post), Pamela Melroy (former astronaut and Deputy Administrator, NASA), Sen Bill Nelson and Wife Grace (Administrator, NASA), Vivian Salama (WSJ – war correspondent), Jonathan Goodrich (Attorney, Interior Department).

35,000 cases of MPX globally:

August 15, 2022

Great disparity of COVID deaths comparing USA and other countries:

PRESS: The Shade Room (Online streaming); The Grio TV;

August 16, 2022

I had a very important and moving conversation with Ron Klain in his West Wing Office today at 11:45 AM (bright, sunny, mild day). I announced to Ron that I would be stepping down from all of my positions including chief medical advisor to the President. I will make the announcement next week and my date for stepping down will be sometime in December of this year. One of the concerns that Jeff Zients and I had would be that Ron would want to push back on my leaving giving all the trouble that he's having with the CDC. However, he somewhat surprised me by saying that his instinct would be to push strongly to convince me not to leave, given that he considers me "one of the most important public servants in the history of the country" given that I have saved millions of lives over the last several years. He would be almost embarrassed trying to convince me to change my mind about something that I obviously have thought about for some time and that I thoroughly deserve. He went on to say so many nice things that I was embarrassed. He said that he considered it a major privilege in his life to have had the opportunity to work with me both during the Obama administration with Ebola and now with COVID and monkey pox. He said that he would arrange tomorrow for me to either see the president if the president comes to the White House tomorrow; if he does not come to the White House then arrange a phone call between me and the president tomorrow. It was a most moving meeting the extraordinary praise shown towards me and the sincere appreciation for all that I have done for the country and the world during my long career. He sounded extremely sincere.

NIH will write a Science Forum on NIH accomplishments in COVID. Below is a preliminary outline of what will be said. I added a mention of the role of the COVID - 19Prevention Network (CoVPN) in the clinical trials of all the vaccines:

Monkey pox cases in the UK starting to trend downward:

August 17, 2022

E-mail from Ron Klain after I met with him and asked to speak with the POTUS:

I just had a wonderful conversation with President Biden. He called me up (started the conversation with "Hi, Joe here...") and told me how much he admired me and how much of a pleasure it was to work very closely with me over the past year and three quarters. He told me that he wanted to guarantee that I would have as much protection as I need for as long as I need it. I told him how much I enjoyed working with him and that I was actually thinking of leaving government at the end of the last administration. However, when he became president and offered me the job as his chief medical advisor it was a job that I absolutely could not refuse. I also told him that working with him over the last two years was the capstone of my career. He was quite moved by that and seemed to be very pleased with hearing that.

PRESS: Interview with Rolling Stone (Matt Sullivan) regarding story on Steph Curry

August 18, 2022 Global – 590,659,276/6,440163; USA – 93,124,238/1,034,118

CDC (Rochelle Walensky) comes out with a strong statement of "mea culpa" admitting that the CDC is broken and has failed terribly in the response to the COVID pandemic. LONG OVERDUE!

NY Times (La Franiere and Weilland):

RFK, jr continues his destructive ways:

Ars Technica: Anti-vaccine activists giddily celebrate as poliovirus spreads in NY

I defend CDC and Rochelle regarding their admission of their botched response by commending them for honesty and trying to reform. I did this on MSNBC with Andrea Mitchell.

PRESS: MSNBC with Andrea Mitchell; Podcast "In the Bubble" with Any Slavitt; CNN – "The Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer

August 19, 2022

Cases seem to be plateauing throughout the country with some exceptions. Perhaps we are coming into a downswing as we enter the Fall

PRESS: Interview with Marissa Evans of LA Times on racial disparities in MPX; WTOP Radio;

August 20, 2022

Had my usual every three-week zoom meeting with Drs. Li and Hellmann. I explained to them that as of Monday at 11:00 AM when I made the announcement of my stepping down from the NIH, I will enter a new chapter in my career and in my life. There's obviously stress and anxiety associated with this decision. However, there's also excitement for the new adventure and unknown.

Had a wonderful Zoom meeting with Nathan Chen at 12:30 PM. He had been wanting to meet me for some time now and we finally connected by zoom. He was so modest and nice and kept expressing what an honor it was to meet me and speak with me. He is going into his third year at Yale having taken off most of two years to practice for the Olympics where he gave probably the most historically perfect performance to win the gold medal. He plans to go to medical school after he graduates. I was struck by his maturity and modesty when I asked him why he was interested in medicine. He said all his life he had been practicing to make himself better and better and better, but it was all about himself. Now he wants to do something that has a positive impact on society and on other individuals. The sign of a very mature young man.

I had a very long (1 hour and 10 minue) exclusive interview with Yasmeen Abutaleb (Washington Post) concerning my upcoming stepping down from Government service. Embargoed until Monday at 11:00 AM

August 21, 2022

Interesting trivia (Sports Business Journal):

August 22, 2022

TODAY IS THE DAY! I announce that I will be stepping down from the NIH as well as from my position as chief medical adviser to the president effective December, 2022.

There has been a literal avalanche of positive feedback about my announcement with hundreds and hundreds of texts and emails of congratulation and praise for me. President has come out with a statement as have a number of other prominent individuals. See the president statement below:

Statement of Sec. Becerra:

Larry Tabak statement:

PRESS: Beautiful article in the Washington Post by Yasmeen Abutaleb:

NY Times by Cheryl Gay Stolberg:

MSNBC with Rachel Maddow (Rachel was extremely laudatory)

August 23, 2022

NY Times Opinion piece by Gregg Gonsalves is really nice:

PRESS: WTOP with Nick Iannelli; CNN "New Day" with Kaitlan Collins; WGN Bob Sirrott Show (Chicago Radio); Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC Radio); FOX News "Live" with Neil Cavuto; BBC Newsnight TV; NPR "All Things Considered" with Mary Louise Kelly

August 24, 2022

The number of texts and e-mail of thanks and praiseupon the announcement of my stepping down are stunning, ranging in the several hundreds. I am getting truly exhausted trying to answer all of them.

Jill Biden rebounded after a course of Paxlovid just the way I did!!

Cases slowly (very slowly) coming down:

Very nice article about me and retirement in Nature:

Probably the best article ever written about me in the Washington Post today:

With all of the praise and adulation that I'm getting from so many sources, the far right GOP keep saying that they're going to investigate me after I stepped down even though there's absolutely nothing to investigate me about; they are looking very mean spirited.

August 25, 2025

Interesting cartoon in Washington Post concerning my stepping down:

We are really not coming down in cases/hospitalizations/ or deaths very sharply. We seemed to have hit a plateau with a very slight trend downward.

United States

•Total Cases: 93,777,133, 7-Day average: 90,676 (-6.7%) •Total Deaths: 1,037,281 7-Day average: 390 (-11.6%) •Total new hospital admissions: 5,198,924 7-Day average 5,614 (-6.6%) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 596,119,505 (829,163 new) •Total Deaths: 6,457,101 (2,564 new)

In Science indicating how Tucker Carlson was ranting about me after hearing of my stepping down:

Tweet from Bill Gates:

PRESS: Bloomberg News with David Westin; Spectrum News Los Angeles with Giselle Fernandez;

August 26, 2022

Dan Diamond story in the Washington Post:

This panel report documents the attempts of Peter Navarro and Hatfill to undermine me and get me fired since I pushed back on Hydroxychloroquine:

PRESS: London Times Radio with Carole Walker; Gray TV interview;

August 29, 2022

Previous 2 days my daughters and partners were here for the weekend. Very slow with regard to COVID.

Clearly people like John Moore (who is the most reasonable) and Paul Offit (not so much) are pushing back on the drive to boost people in September with the "updated" BA.5 bivalent since they say that boosters are not needed (Offit) or that the original vaccine is as good as the bivalent (Moore)

Ashish Jha called me today asking advice on when to give the POTUS the bivalent BA.5 boost. I told him 3 months after his recent infection. Same for the First Lady.

Monkeypox cases starting to plateau – probably a combination of behavioral modification + vaccine availability:

With COVID, we are still doing worse with deaths than any other country:

PRESS: Interview with Swiss newspaper -Finanz und Wirtschaft;

August 30, 2022

USG (FDA) getting ready to issue EUA for BA.5 bivalent boost

PRESS: JAMA Interview with Editor-in-Chief Kirsten Bibbens-Domingo;

August 31, 2022

NY Times Opinion piece by Ari Schulman (rather critical of me):

Growing evidence that people who get COVID have higher incidence of heart disease, diabetes and other chronic disease compared to those who have not been infected (see Financial Times): ft.com

---------- Call today from Rajeev Vankayya inquiring about whether I might want to be on Board of CEPI and also his new company after I step down. I told him I cannot talk about this until I

actually step down. ------ I received a phone call today, former vice president Richard Cheney congratulating me on my career and thanking me for all that I have done over the decades that I had been in public service. We went on to reminisce about the things we did together to take away the creation of project bioshield. I told him how impressed I was with what his daughter lives was doing and pushing back against the extreme right and the trump people. He is obviously very proud of her and expressed that.

PRESS: Sirius XM Radio – "The Briefing" with Steve Scully; Bloomberg News Interview with Jeanie Bauman, John Lauerman, Riley Griffin;

Sept. 1, 2022

United States

•Total Cases: 94,385,669 7-Day average: 85,762 (-6.6%) •Total Deaths: 1,041,280 7-Day average: 404 (-5.4%) •Total new hospital admissions: 5,235,025 7-Day average 5,106 (-5%) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 600,555,262 (670,371 new) •Total Deaths: 6,472,914 (2,676 new)

Very telling graph about the role of vaccination in preventing death:

FDA gave EUA to BA.5 bivalent boosts and USG has ordered 170 million doses to be administered starting next week. As usual some concern among some "talking heads" about doing this from Paul Offit who generally feels that most people really do not need boosters to a milder John Moore who is concerned about the immunology of a poor response. Eric Topol gives the pros and cons today in his usual blog:

Recent article in Salon (worthwhile reading whole article):

Nice cartoon from 2020 by Mark Tatulli :

Other Tatulli cartoons with Lio:

Nice article in Science by Jon Cohen:

PRESS: KNSD NBC (TV) + KUAN Telemundo, San Diego with Mark Mullen;

Sept. 2, 2022

There is a very interesting situation that has emerged from the White House particularly involving Ron Klain and Ashish Jha in the context of the BA.5 bivalent booster shot. The FDA has authorized and the CDC has approved the use of the bivalent BA.5 booster for individuals 12 years of age and older. The concern of Ron and Ashish is that we need to sell it to the American people in a manner in which they feel this is something "new and different" that they really should partake of. However, even though we all feel that people should be getting a booster shot, to sell it as something that is going to be much better than the prototype boost would be somewhat of a stretch since although one can project that there would be an advantage of a variant specific boost, early indications from an immunological standpoint indicate that although it is likely going to be somewhat better it is not going to be a lot better. In addition, there is the push back from some in the scientific community that we are doing this with very little human clinical data. One can extrapolate from clinical immunological data using a BA.1 bivalent variant boost where the data are plentiful. In addition, we have extraordinary amount of data on the safety of using this type of vaccine in billions of doses and billions of people worldwide. Also, the preclinical mouse data with the specific BA.5 bivalent vaccine indicates that it gives an anti-BA.5 response much higher then the prototype vaccine does. Ron and Ashish are struggling with ways to sell this and the latest thing they're trying to do is to say that it could be part of a yearly booster similar to what we do with flu. All of this is fine except that they're straining to get a message so that a lot of people will get boosted when in fact this is unlikely going to be the case. No matter what we say, the message will not change the facts and we're getting close to the line of overselling something. In one instance today, Ron was upset that Vivek had said that this was an updated "boost" instead of an updated "vaccine" because he felt people don't want this to be yet again another boost whereas if we sell it as an updated vaccine in the context of making it a yearly occurrence then that would be perceived as something that is truly new.

PRESS: NPR with Rob Stein; MSNBC with Yasmeen Vossoughian; CNN with Ericka Hill; PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff;

Sept 3, 2022

Email exchange between Ron Klain and me regarding the above:

Ron:

I just spoke with Dori about your concern that I did not mention the planned strategy of a yearly updated COVID vaccine for most of the population in the PBS (Judy Woodruff) interview. As you probably know, I clearly mentioned this strategy in the CNN Interview and the MSNBC interview earlier in the day. I was planning on mentioning it in the PBS interview, but then she steered he conversation towards resources available for the distribution of the updated vaccines. I was hoping to get back to the subject to bring up the yearly issue, but then towards the end of my last comment they said in my earpiece that we were done. I probably should have squeezed in the concept earlier when she asked "who should get it and when". Sorry.

Thanks,

Tony

Sept. 4, 2022

MPX stabilizing globally and in USA:

Sept. 5, 2022

Very nice counter and fact check about the misinformation spread about me by ther Annenberg Public Policy Center:

FactCheck.org: Correcting Misinformation About Dr. Fauci https://bit.ly/3eo3g86

Nature Medicine:

Sept. 6, 2022

Washington Post/Bloomberg:

Crazy Peter Navarro in the Washington Times:

COVID cases trended down more now:

PRESS: We had our regular White House Press briefing – this time with Jha, Walensky, Becerra and me. Since Jeff left, we are only have these every few weeks.; Canadian Broadcast TV; Government Executive interview

September 7, 2022

From Government Executive interview:

I had an interesting evening last night. I went over Zeke Emanuel's together with Chris to celebrate a surprise 65th birthday party. At the party was Rahm and Ari Emanuel Together with some of Rahm's children. The dinner was catered by Pineapples and Pearls restaurant. The dinner took place is Zeke's almost renovated amazing new home at 3303 Highland Place, NW

MPX – 55,000 globally and 21,000 in USA

PRESS: Sinclair News "The National Desk" with Jan Jeffcoat; Florida PBS Town Hall; "Positive Living" Fireside Chat with Kurt Goodman and Butch McKay

Sept. 8, 2022

I was supposed to be with the President today in the Roosevelt room of The West Wing for his announcement about how we are going to approach the upcoming full season with regard to our response to COVID. This relates to the new message of trying to get updated COVID vaccines (in this case BA.5 bivalent) to be given on an annual basis similar to the flu. However, sadly, Queen Elizabeth passed away within minutes of the scheduled press briefing and so we called it off and we will reschedule.

The PBS documentary film coming out in April, 2023:

PRESS: Interview with Il Messaggero (Italy); Sways Univese with Kelly Kincaid; Rolling Out TV with Munson Steed;

Sept. 9, 2022

United States

•Total Cases: 94,888,931 7-Day average: 70,488 (-18.8%) •Total Deaths: 1,043,921 7-Day average: 314 (-28.1%) •Total new hospital admissions: 5,267,624 7-Day average 4,620 (-10.5%) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 603,711,760 (472,582 new) •Total Deaths: 6,484,136 (1,277 new)

MPX cases continue to come down globally and in USA (see graph below). We are having trouble getting supplemental funding from Congress to vaccinate a wider group of moderate risk people suchas

commercial sex workers, prisoners, trans people, etc. I have been pushing for elimination of MPX with wider vaccination and ring approach as opposed to elimination.

Had a wonderful evening last night going with Chris to a concert by Dionne Warwick at the Warner Theater in DC. Met her after in her dressing room. Lovely woman.

Marc Siegel wrote a very nice piece in USA Today about me:

Had a wonderful evening at the Library of Congress at a function sponsored by Catherine and Wayne Reynolds. The featured people at the dinner who were Jimmy Page (Creator and lead guitarist of Led Zeppelin) and his wife poet Scarlett Sabet who sat at my table. Jimmy and Scarlett were absolutely wonderful and people and creative artists. Jimmy now collaborates with Scarlet on making albums of her recited poems.

Sept. 10, 2022

Had a great dinner over my house with Jeff and Mary Zients and Bob Seder. It was really great to spend time with them particularly since Jeff has been so amazingly helpful to me in planning when I transition out of government. We had some interesting conversations about the future of the Biden ministration throughout the current term as well as the possibility of the second term.

St. Louis Post Dispatch:

Sept. 11, 2022

The New York Post continues to lie and distort. This is abut the conspiracy theory that Mark Zuckerberg and I were colluding to suppress free speech:

Sept.12, 2022

Covid cases continue to decline:

Sept. 13, 2022

Florida physicians defending me in the Gainesville Sun:

Dr. Anthony Fauci deserves better from Gov. Ron DeSantis than insulting comments Bruce Stechmiller and more than 30 others Guest

columnists Statement made during the last NIAID Council meeting of mine as NIAID Director:

Sept. 14, 2022

Important day! Today at 10:00 AM I testified before the Senate HELP committee chaired by Sen. Patti Murray with Richard Burr as Ranking minority. It will be likely the last time that I will be testifying before the United States Congress in my position as the director of NIAID. Rand Paul was his usual self asking hostile questions of me saying that I am denying the existence of natural immunity. He showed a C-SPAN film clip of me taken out of context where I say that a person who was infected with flu did not need a vaccination – I then held up a clip from Reuters "Fack-Checker" saying that Rand Paul was taking me out of context:

He then accused me of not providing the amount of royalties that people on advisory committees get. I pointed out to him that I have nothing to do with the VRPAC or ACIP. All in all, he made a fool of himself and threatened to haul me before committee's under oath if GOP takes over the Senate.

Sept. 15, 2022

Monkeypox cases continue to decline in daily cases. Total for USA = ~22,000; for world ~60,000:

Joel Szabat who was the acting Secretary of DoT during the trump administration asked me to say a few words to his group at the Department of Transportation at his last COVID meeting with them. Joel is really a good guy and he was so pleased that I took the time to pipe in by zoom to his last meeting and congratulate him and all the Department of Transportation workers for the good work that they did during the COVID outbreak. I was extraordinarily well received by the group for taking the time out to join them and to congratulate them on their good work.

I also have been doing on a regular basis the principals meeting as well as our resuming on a more regular basis the White House press briefings. I have not mentioned these in previous notes but they are occurring on a regular basis. Today I briefed the principles on the rationale for the BA .5 bivalence booster shots.

Letters of congratulations on my career and retirement from Pres. George W. Bush and Sen. Patrick Leahy:

PRESS: LBC TV in UK with Andrew Marr; Texas Tribune Festival Interview with Evan Smith; Financial Times interview; National Journal Interview

Sept. 16, 2022

I have always thought that Bob redfield was somewhat of a bizarre personality and his history dating back to his time at Walter Reed has proven that. But I didn't think that he was as crazy as he is now manifested by an interview he gave with a totally weird person Paul Thacker in which he condemned Francis Collins and me I think we're the first ones beginning this award for misleading the American public and for lying to the American public and even accusing me of lying under oath at a congressional hearing.It is truly unfortunate that as a former CDC director he has stooped so low as to get into the conspiracy theory space:

The Lancet report on COVID by a panel chaired by Jeffrey Sachs has recently come out and inappropriately equated the possibility of a lab leak with that of a natural occurrence of the virus. There has been an uproar among the biology community against Jeff who apparently removed from the panel anyone who felt strongly about the natural occurrence and actually went on a podcast with Robert F Kennedy, Jr talking about how the lab leak was likely the cause even though there is absolutely no evidence to indicate this. Prominent virologists including Angela Rasmussen and Peter Hotez have come out very strongly condemning Jeff saying that he should have been removed as chair on the basis of his strong prejudice and certainly on the basis of his allying himself with Robert F Kennedy junior. This is another example I believe of Richard Horton the editor of Lancet trying to get involved in controversial issues which bring attention to his journal. This is not the first time he has done this:

*******Truly an insane piece by Bob Redfield:**

PRESS: "Breaking Med" online interview with Michael Smith;

Sept. 17, 2022

Chris and I had dinner over Ellen Sigal's home together with Diana DeGette and her husband Judge Lino Lipinsky. It was an interesting conversation and part of the discussion was the fact that the GOP will probably haul me before their oversight committees and make a spectacle of the Wuhan, gain of function situation. Diana is the current Chair of the Energy and Commerce oversight committee and if the GOP wins the House, she will be the ranking minority member. This is very good for me but it doesn't completely shield me from there attacks which I need to be prepared for that will come either in the House with Jim Jordan et al or in the Senate with Rand Paul et al. They will likely treat me like they treated Hillary Clinton during the Bengazi Hearings.

Sept. 18, 2022 –

Met John Podesta and Leslie Dach at an award ceremony for me at Georgetown Prep where Chris and I received the Pedro Arrupe, SJ award for Exemplary Public Service. They were both aware that I will be attacked by the GOP after the election and I will likely need legal assistance. John offered to put together a program to develop a fund to pay my legal bills.

Sept. 19, 2022

I had to help clean up a bit of a mess today when the President casually said on a "60 Minutes" interview that the pandemic was over. I had a number of press today and certainly I got asked the question particularly on NPR about how this relates to the fact that all of us have been saying that we are still in the middle of a pandemic and 400 people are dying each day. I gave the explanation that it really is a matter of semantics and that the president was referring to the fact that the fulminant stage of the outbreak is no longer present since we were experiencing 800,000 cases a day and over 3000 deaths per day several months ago and the situation is very different now. However, I did emphasize that we are still in the middle of a pandemic.

It is likely that there will be another wave of infections in November:

PRESS: Canada TV "The Agenda" with Steve Paikin; NPR "The World" with Marco Werman;Podcast with Steve Morrison at CSIS;

MiddleEast Broadcast Interview (TV); Rural Health Matters TV with Dr. Jeffrey Gold;

Sept. 20, 2020

•Typical media distortions. Vivek Murthy was on MSNBC with Morning Joe and they showed a clip of POTUS saying that the pandemic was "over" and then they showed immediately after a short clip of "part" of my interview with Steve Morrison in a CSIS podcast of my saying: FAUCI [clip]: "we are not where we need to be if we're going to be able to quote live with the virus because we know we're not going to eradicate it. we only did that with one virus, which is smallpox, and that was very different. because smallpox doesn't change from year to year or decade to decade or even from century to century." As expected this created somewhat of a disturbance with the meme being pitting me against the president of the United states. Rather typical press nonsense.

The POTUS is getting pushback and criticism in that he has inadvertently undermined out attempts to get more money from the Congress for COVID since the GOP will now quote him as saying the pandemic is "Over". I have been out there explaining that the POTUS meant that the "fulminant" nature of COVID when we were getting 3 to 4000 deaths per day is now behind us, whereas now even though we are at an acceptably high level of three to 400 deaths per day, it is still much better than it was many months ago. It is as good an explanation as any to get us back on track with the world realizing that we still have to take COVID very seriously with the current toll per day as well as the possibility that we might wind up getting another variant such as BA.2.75.2 in November.

Went to the Kennedy Center last night to participate in the presentation to Cliff Lane of the Paul Volcker Career Achievement Medal (the "Sammies")

PRESS: Lancet Podcast interview; Podcast "Inside the Issues" with Alex Cohen (California); TED interview (Fireside Chat with David Biello);

Sept. 21, 2022

Nice Q & A with Erin Durkin in the National Journal about my relationship with Congress and different administrations:

I had a very enjoyable interview for 45 minutes at the Atlantic Festival held at the new Wharf section of DC right off Main St. It was a very successful interview with an extraordinarily enthusiastic crowd then gave me the opportunity to explain in detail some of the nuanced issues associated with COVID and the interviewer Ross Anderson (Deputy Editor of The Atlantic also asked a lot about my history dating back to my very early years at NIH.

Will receive Fulbright Prize on April 19, 2023:

Benefits of vaccination and boosts:

PRESS: Fireside chat at The Atlantic Festival (see above)

Sept. 22, 2022

United States

•Total Cases: 95,700,347 7-Day average: 54,186 (-10.6%) •Total Deaths: 1,049,864 7-Day average: 314 (-12.2%) •Total new hospital admissions: 5,327,014 7-Day average 3,971 (-9.9%) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 610,866,075 (428,321 new) •Total Deaths: 6,510,139 (1,395 new)

Russia threatening nuclear attack on Ukraine as their forces are now losing to the Ukrainians

I testified before the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense held at the Hudson Institute (Scooter Libby is Senior VP). The group that I testified before was Joe Lieberman, Donna Shalala, Rep. Susan Brooks, Jin Greenwood, Tom Daschle, [redacted] The Commissioners all congratulated me on my career and praised me for my decades of public service. I gave a very energetic and passionate plea for support in the long term and consistently of our research component of the pandemic preparedness plan. I also spoke about the importance of major funding to modernize the CDC and their surveillance efforts. All in all, it was a very good appearance before an important Commission. My old friend Joe Lieberman wished me "Cent Anni" and made a great joke: "In every 75 year old person is a 35 year old that wondered what the heck happened."

The White House MPX coordinators (Bob Fenton/Demetre Daskalakis) are trying to micromanage (Project by project) our and the CDC's portfolio. Bad news!! They mean well, but this is unprecedented for any WH element to micromanage a research portfolio.

I received a delightful call today (pre-arranged) from former Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy IIIinforming me that I have been chosen to be **honored at a gala in Boston** with by the Edward M Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. The award is given for service to the country and the co-awardee with me would be basketball legend Bill Russell formerly of the Boston Celtics. I had a wonderful conversation with Joe over the phone in which he expressed extraordinary admiration for me for what I have been through and the attacks against me by the far right.

On my way tomorrow to Aspen for "The Weekend" where I will do a "fireside chat" on COVID.

Monkeypox cases declining:

Sept. 23-25

I had a wonderful weekend in Aspen Co where I attended "The Weekebnd" hosted by Mukesh Ambani (Reliance; Edythe Broad (The Broad Foundation); John Doerr (Kleiner Perkins); Ari Emanuel (Endeavor); Robert Kraft (New England Patriots); Yuri Milner (DST Global); Eric Schmidt (CEO Google); Patrick Whitesell (Endeavor). The meeting coincided with the wedding in Aspen of my niece Carolyn Huskey. The participants in the meeting were the typical AAA crowd of politicians, economists, journalists, sports figures, among others. On the side I had a very nice conversation with Alex Rodriguez (A-Rod) who proved to be a very intelligent thoughtful person. There were also very interesting discussions about Ukraine and Russia and cyber security. I did a fireside chat with David Agus on COVID. Many people including Ash Carter of Harvard Kennedy School and Marc Tessier-Lavigne (President of Stanford) were approaching me about my post-NIH life. As usual, I said no discussion until 2023.

Sept. 26, 2022

I had another of my very regular zooms with **Sir Chris Whitty and Sir Patrick Valanc**e from the UK and compared notes on COVID and Monkeypox

In the GE Hatchett newspaper:

Sept. 27, 2022

I did not think that Rick Bright would last at the Rockefeller Foundation. They may have caught on to him. He is probably the "former BARDA official" who said nasty things about me to the WSJ.

Spectrum News: Rand Paul pushing back against additional COVID funds that I and our HHS/WH colleagues are asking for:

Vaccine effectiveness from Israel:

Sept. 28, 2022

Had a great dinner last night at my home with Tom Frieden and Chris. Tom is the president and CEO of Resolve to Save Lives, In the organization he formed with the financial help of Michael Bloomberg and Mark Zuckerberg. It was a very interesting evening and I got a lot of information of what it is like to leave the federal government as he did when he left the CDC and to go out on your own in a new adventure. Tom has always been a good friend and emphasized how much I helped and supported him in the CDC when he was the director.

Amazing that Mbeki is still spoutin AIDS-denialism. He is currently Chancellor of a university in RSA (Unisa):

Terrific podcast of TWIV with Vince Racaniello who interviews Eddie Holmes who vigorously defends me regarding the famous Feb. 1, 2020 teleconference. He says that I have been terribly **unjustifiably vilified** when I **should be commended** for my behavior during that phone call:

Sept. 29, 2022

I had a terrific meeting with Jeff Zients this morning on the back deck of my house in our usual breakfast meeting, of which we have had many over the last almost two years. Jeff was following up with me to see how I was doing following the announcement of my retirement. He has been extremely helpful in guiding me about the proper steps to take in the transition to non-government life. It is also noteworthy that he and his

former deputy Natalie Quillian have been asked by President Biden to line up names four people to occupy leadership positions in the administration at the end of the second year and as the new Congress comes in. In addition to details about what I am going to be doing over the coming months, Jeff asked my advice about names of people who could fill senior positions particularly in the arena of health and science.

Ebola is starting to heat up in Uganda. Deputies meeting tomorrow via SCIF to scope out the situation. I will attend. About 50 cases in rural Uganda

Sept. 30, 2022

United States

•Total Cases: 96,052,716 7-Day average: 47,112 (-13.1%) •Total Deaths: 1,053,173 7-Day average: 344 (-6.7%) •Total new hospital admissions: 5,353,767 7-Day average 3,733 (-7.4%) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 613,942,561 (460,497 new) •Total Deaths: 6,520,263 (1,248 new)

We had the deputies meeting in the SCIF today on Ebola in Uganda led by the White House National Security Council. This was preceded by a preparatory meeting among the HHS team led by Andrea Palm. During that meeting Andrea got very upset with Henry Walke and Rochelle of CDC Because they were falling into the same trap as they did with COVID when they were indicating that they will likely go into slow walk the availability of diagnostics. It seems that the CDC just has not learned a lesson at all about the catastrophe regarding the availability of diagnostics during COVID. During the meeting with the deputies, my role was to tell them about the 100 doses of the Sudan ebola vaccine that we have at the VRC. it was a lot of discussion about everything from isolation to travel to availability of interventions to dealing with the Ugandans. There are currently no cases outside of Uganda in cases have been confined to four provinces in Uganda. There was a concern that the neighboring countries of Rwanda and DRC are vulnerable. Also, there was considerable discussion about how we would handle the entry of potentially or actually infected patients from Uganda into the country. Approximately 140 people a day fly in to the United states indirectly from Uganda since there are no direct flights from Uganda to the United States.

JAMA news article by Len Strazewski:

Other variants are starting to evolve such as BA.4.6, BF.7 and BA.2.75.2:

Oct. 1, 2022 –

We had a 1 hour meeting today with all the relevant members of HHS (CDC, NIH, BARDA, ASPR, etc.) led by deputy secretary Andrea Palm to work out the departmental approach towards the Ebola outbreak in Uganda. The NIH's (NIAID) major role will be to provide 100 doses of the Sudan specific ebola vaccine from our VRCfor Uganda. In order to go through the proper diplomatic channels, Dr. Tedros (DG of WHO) wrote me an official letter requesting that I send our hundred doses to Uganda (see below):

Oct. 2, 2022

We had multiple zooms today (with HHS folks) that will culminate with a briefing of secretary Becerra on the evolving situation of Ebola in Uganda. I brought up in the premating the consistent difficulties that we have with WHO who always want to actually design the protocols and then have organizations like NIH or CDC be the implementers of their protocols. This arrogance lies fundamentally with Anna Maria Restropo who has clashed frequently with Cliff Lane in prior Ebola situations dating back to 2014. We shall see how all of this plays out. Currently, there are 30 confirmed cases of Ebola in Uganda and more than 20 probable cases. In the zoom meetings we discussed all of the things that we discussed in the past when ebola struck West Africa and DRC. This has to do with the availability of testing, with the issue of travel into the country of people who might be infected with ebola, as well as our role in supplying vaccines testing and therapies in the form of monoclonal antibodies and other drugs to the Ugandans. More to come. Becerra backs my concern about the WHO trying to dictate the design of clinical trials. I referred to Anna Maria Restropo without mentioning her name. Becerra gets it.

Oct. 4, 2022

Starting to get significant uptick in cases in the UK. This is troublesome since we usually follow them by about four to five weeks.

Oct. 5, 2022

An example of the White House over ruling CDC. Rochelle and the CDC do not want to require entry screening of people coming in from Uganda in the context of ebola; however, the White House is very hyper about covering all the bases and on demanding a modified form of entry screening even though Uganda is requiring exit screening.

PRESS: CBS "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

Oct. 6, 2022

Yesterday I went up to New York City to appear on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. It was hilarious and the theme was to give people their booster shot. As part of the scripted show he asked me if I was going to get my booster and I said I'm due for it and he said well let's go get it. We got up walked out of the studio went to the Duane Reade pharmacy and got the shot. The response to the show has been phenomenal!!

Many new variants hovering around. From Trevor Bedford:

PRESS: NJ PBS "Chat Box" with David Cruz; News Nation with Chris Cuomo;

Oct. 7, 2022

Note the growth advantage that BQ.1.1. has over BA.5. We definitely need to watch out for these new Omicron sublineage variants as we approach late Fall/early Winter :

We are doing very poorly compared to other countries in boosting out population:

Oct. 8, 2022

United States

•Total Cases: 96,363,451 7-Day average: 43,693 (-8.4%) •Total Deaths: 1,056,029 7-Day average: 324 (-13.1%) •Total new hospital admissions: 5,376,728 7-Day average 3,376 (-7.8%) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 616,951,418 (466,669 new) •Total Deaths: 6,530,281 (1,543 new)

Oct. 9, 2022

PRESS: CNN with Pamela Brown;

Oct. 10, 2022

Mike Gerson wrote an amazing piece on me in the Washington Post:

Oct. 11, 2022

Met with the Indian contingent for the VAP program (Vaccine Action Plan), a program I started with India 34 years ago. We signed an updated MOU to continue the program. Dinner tonight at the Indian Ambassador to USA (Taranjit Singh Sandhu) at his home together with the Indian Finance Minister tonight

PRESS: NBC News Medical Unit with Ashkay Syal;

Oct. 12, 2022

Met in Building 31 with Stella Kryiakides, Commissioner of EU for Health and Food Safety and Peter Piot to discuss COVID and other issues including Monkeypox. Enjoyable meeting. She told me how much all of Europe relied on my advice on COVID, particularly during the 1st year.

Oct. 13, 2022

Had a very disappointing conversation today with Dep Sec Andrea Palm, Kevin Barstow and the HHS General Counsel Samuel Bagenstos. They essentially told me that they will not be able to help me at all after I leave government service on December the 31st. In particular, they will not be able to provide me with legal backup if I get called before oversight committees if the GOP takes over the Congress. In addition, they are going to discontinue my protective service that has been given to me for the past 2 1/2 years. They even went on to suggest that I could hire a private security firm to protect me. I would say that this is a relinquishment of their responsibility to me since everything that I've done that has put me into this position I've done in my service to HHS and the US government.

PRESS: Interview with Rodney Russel for the journal Viral Immunology; Interview with WHO Bulletin; Interview with Ed Randell "Fans for the Cure" Radio Show;

Oct. 14, 2022

United States

•Total Cases: 96,640,059 7-Day average: 38,949 (-11.9%) •Total Deaths: 1,058,692 7-Day average: 328 (-8.5%) •Total new hospital admissions: 5,400,083 7-Day average 3,268 (-4.4%) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 620,301,709 (417,329 new) •Total Deaths: 6,540,487 (1,094 new)

I had a delightful zoom conversation with a 3rd year student at Bronx High School of Science – Ayshi Sen, an immigrant from Bangladesh. She is writing for her school newspaper and she asked for an interview. She was over the moon that I agreed to do the interview

Considerable concern that is growing about the impact of new variants that have a transmission advantage and that evade the critical monoclonal antibodies such as Evusheld:

PRESS: Interview with Erin Banco of Politico; Interview with The Guardian with David Smith

Oct. 16, 2022

Did a panel at the Annual meeting of the NAM. Panel chaired by Salim Abdul Karim. I spoke on "Lesson Learned from COVID-19". Has a brunch at "Founding Farmers" restaurant with Salim and Quarraisha. Still very tough going out in public since I get swamped by people wanting selfies. The agents do not like that since if I say yes to one then a whole crowd forms.

Washington Post Opinion piece by John Erickson:

Nice 50th Anniversary Gala of NAM at the Building Museum. I was individually recognized and got a prolonged standing ovation. Heartwarming as I as totally mobbed by my colleagues wanting selfies. I must have done at least 100 (no exaggerating!)

PRESS: ABC "This Week" interview with Jon Karl;

Oct. 17, 2022

Crazy thing has now emerged. Boston University investigators have done an experiment that clearly would have fallen under the category of oversight by the P3CO process. Yet they never told our NIAID program people about it, nor was there any mention of these experiments in the grant that they cited in the pre print paper, nor was there any mention of this in the progress reports from the grant. What they did was swap an omicron spike on to a Wuhan matrix to determine the effect of the chimera on the function of the virus. As you might expect the people who have been attacking us for **gain-of-function research** are jumping all over this. We are putting out a statement indicating that we knew nothing of these experiments and they should have told us about them and put it through the P3CO process. Let us see how this plays out.

Oct. 18, 2022

Had one of my intermittent calls from Joan Baez just checking on seeing how I am doing. I would love to visit her after I step down just o see where she is living in California

Oct. 19, 2022

BU admits that they did the experiments on their own and did not use NIAID funds. Stll ongoing discussion whether this was actually GOF since fewer mice died. In any event, we are clear of this.

Presented for the last time as NIAID Director to the Executive Committee of IDSA at the Marquis Marriott Hotel in DC

PRESS: CBS TV News;

Oct. 20, 2022

Honored with Chris and Francis Collins and Diane Baker at a Rooftop Reception by the Friends of Patients at NIH

PRESS: WNYC Radio – "The Brian Lehrer Show"; Taped Local NBC TV with Doreen Gentzler;

Oct. 21, 2022

United States •Total Cases: 97,063,357 **21**-Day average: 39,803 (-30.9%) •Total Deaths: 1,065,152 **21**-Day average: 388 (-13%) •Total new

hospital admissions: 5,422,246 7-Day average 3,156 (-4.4%) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 623,470,447 (371,876 new) •Total Deaths: 6,551,678 (1,143 new)

Presented Alexander Fleming Award of the IDDSA to Larry Corey at the DC Convention Center

Humbling experience for me as I received a prolonged standing ovation from the crowd of 6000 people as I walked on to the stage to introduce Larry. **Also, the IDSA established a perpetual prize in my name the IDSA Anthony S. Fauci Prize for "courage in leadership in speaking scientific truth, perseverance in the face of opposition and serving as a change agent for health care and patients around the world".**

BQ.1.1 is gaining ground!

Oct. 22, 2022

PRESS: ABC "Good Morning America" (weekend); Gave interview with Roxanne Roberts of the Washington Post in connection with the unveiling of my portrait by Hugo Crosthwaite at the National Portrait Gallery

Oct. 24, 2022

The Uganda Ebola outbreak is spreading in Kampala and causing concern.

Interesting meeting this AM at the Pentagon. At the invitation of general Charles Brown, I was given a tour of the Pentagon. Apparently, a lot of people at the Pentagon admire me very much and wanted to have the opportunity to show me around the facility. I spent close to two hours getting a tour that was truly fascinating and enjoyable given my love of the history of wars, and the response to me was very moving. Several women civilian employees as well as military officers came over to me wanting selfies and in their telling me how much they admired what I have done throughout my career, more than one of them actually broke into tears as they were telling me how much they appreciated me. It was very moving. I also had the opportunity to have a chat with **Secretary Lloyd Austin** as well as my friend Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff **Mark Milley**. Mark was amazing. He gave me his new Joint Chiefs Chairman challenge coin as

well as a signed copy of three books: the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, And Washington's rules of civility. He was also hilarious and telling me that President Biden, Attorney General Merrick Garland, himself, and I are going to be attacked by the GOP if they take over the house and the Senate. Mark's comments to their attempts on attacking us amounted to two words that he told me: **"Fuck 'em".** He told me he was not going to take any shit from them. As a military officer he will act with civility, but if they try to push him around and embarrass him and humiliate him publicly he will blow them away. It was refreshing to hear him and his response to what I will almost certainly be facing, and I totally agree with him.

PRESS: Extensive profile interview with Der Spiegel with Raphaela von Bredow

Oct. 25, 2022

COVID in Poland versus USA

I did an event at the White House with President Biden where he got vaccinated in front of a TV camera after interacting with me, Ashish, and Vivek, as well as several CEO's of pharmaceutical corporations such as CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, and Albertsons. The POTUS was extremely nice to me giving me a big hug in front of everyone and telling everybody that he and I have been through hell together and that I saved the country and was the one that kept it all together when things really got bad. He was really quite sincere and very nice.

The anti-Fauci rhetoric is heating up leading to election on November 8:

PRESS: Interview with "HCare"; Hearst TV; MSNBC TV with Lindsey Reiser; "The Skimm" podcast; WHUR DC radio; KMOJ Minneapolis radio; WAMJ Atlanta radio; Michigan Chronical newspaper; NewsStitched newspaper; "Make it Plain" podcast with Rev. Mark Thompson; MSNBC with Alex Wagner

Oct. 26, 2022

Important history of women accusing me of sexual misconduct. This is well-documented in the attached document:

PRESS: CNN with Kate Bolduan;

Oct. 27, 2022

I went to Boston yesterday to do a fireside chat with Peter Staley at the Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics. It was a record crowd of students from Harvard who are literally overwhelming in their enthusiasm and response to me. Among the students and present in the audience were **Larry Summers** (former President of Harvard and former Secretary of the Treasury) and **Bill DiBlasio** (former Mayor of NYC). Had dinner with Jenny in Cambridge and she was radiantly beautiful!

COVID down in children:

I was part of a tribute to Larry Kramer where a Medallion describingwas placed at the front of 2 Fifth Avenue the apartment in Greenwich Village near Washington Square Park where Larry lived since 1973

Every day there is more conspiracy theory disinformation about me:

They had a Fauci "look-alike" contest in Florida with a prize being a weekend at an exclusive Inn:

PRESS: Joe Madison Sirius XM Radio; Frank Ski Show – Frank Ski and Nina Brown (Georgia/DC radio); Midday Flavor Radio (Alabama) with Jimmie Doctrie; WVON Morning Show (Chicago) with Rufus Williams; Epicenter NYC Jeanne Pinder Podcast;

Oct. 28, 2022

United States

•Total Cases: 97,329,787 **21**-Day average: 37 (-25.1%) •Total Deaths: 1,066,351 **21**-Day average: 373 (-13.7%) •Total new hospital admissions: 5,445,602 7-Day average 3,217 (+1%) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 626,090,018 (267,575 new) •Total Deaths: 6,564,556 (618 new)

BQ.1 and BQ.1.1 becoming more prevalent:

PRESS: MSNBC with Yasmin Vossoughian; Newsy with Marista Georgiou; Amsterdam News (New York) Heather Butts;V-103 (Atlanta) Interviewer: Maria Boynton; CNN with Jake Tapper;

Oct. 30, 2022

On "Meet the Press" this AM (Sunday) Chuck Todd discussed the attack on Paul Pelosi and mentioned several prominent people in Congress and Supreme Court who were also threatened and mentioned the arrest of the person who threatened me and my family

Oct. 31, 2022

PRESS: ITV News – UK with Alex Sandler; Wired with Steven Levy;

Nov. 1, 2022

Met with Josh Levy today (via Zoom) and with his staff in person (Connie and Pang) to start making arrangement to give my papers and other material such as honorary doctorates to the Library of Congress.

Paxlovid saves lives:

PRESS: CBS News interview with Michelle Miller (in anticipation of the Mohammed Ali Award; Diane Rehm podcast;

Nov. 2, 2022

For 1st time in months, the 7 day average numbers are creeping up:

PRESS: Article in Washington Post today by Roxanne Roberts on my portrait in the National Portrait Gallery; Tape American Cities Rebuilding with Jeff Greenfield; NPR with Rob Stein; Washington Post Podcast with Maggie Pennman;

Nov. 3, 2022

Washington Post story this AM indicating that Rand Paul will come after me if GOP tkes over Senate and he becomes chair of wither HELP or Homeland Security:

Nov. 3, 2022

Had Tabletop exercise at the EEOB-350 for emergence of new variant. Led by Ashish Jha and Kevin O'Prey. Present was HHS crew (with Becerra virtual) and Denis McDonough (VA). Only 90 minutes. We really did not accomplish much. Some good comments by Denis McDonough.

Am starting to feel the reality of the fact that I am leaving for good in about 7 weeks. A lot of clearing out to do in my office.

PRESS: ABC (Local) WJLA TV – "Government Matters" with Mimi Geerges; Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) The National News Program (Exit interview) with Adrienne Arsenault; Al Jazeera TV; News Radio 849 WHAS (Kentucky News Station)

Nov. 4, 2022

I received the call today from David Ho who had recently published a preprint article showing that the neutralizing antibody response against the BA4/5 variant induced by the bivalent BA 4/5 boost versus the ancestral strain boost were essentially equivalent, namely, the BA4/5 bivalent boost was no better than the standard boost. Last night, I heard from Pfizer in a zoom call with Jha and all of HHS (Walensky, Murthy, Kessler and my team at NIH) that in their experiments there was a fourfold higher titer associated with the boost by the bivalent BA4/5 compared to the boost with the ancestral strain. Pfizer claims that their study was controlled whereas the studies by Ho and Barouch were not and the numbers were small. David Ho called me today and emphasized that the combination of numbers of his study and Barouch's study made them equivalent in size to the Pfizer numbers. In addition, he made the important point that there were some discrepancies in the data that were in the press release from Pfizer which did not contain all of the data that made them concerned about the Pfizer data. In addition, David suggested that it is in Peter Mark's interest to agree with Pfizer since Pfizer confirms what his decision was about the BA4/5 bivalent boost. I do not know whether this is David Ho concerned that his data are not holding up or whether he has a very good point that Pfizer is not being totally above board with the presentation of their data. I will have to try to figure this out by discussing it with a few other people. I have already discussed it with Cliff Lane and he thinks that both of those studies don't definitively show the answer since they both have weaknesses. Cliff recommends that the data undergo significant statistical analysis.

HOWEVER, Eric Topol reviews the different studies:

Great put down of the HELP Report in LA Times:

BQ.1 and BQ.1.1 continues to overcome BA4/5:

PRESS: CBC TV "Rosemary Barton Live";

Nov. 5, 2022

I had an amazing evening at the Mohammed Ali Gala in Louisville Kentucky where I received the Mohammed Ali Humanitarian Award for Lifetime Achievement. Others who received similar rewards included Jose Andres and former NBA Rookie of the year. I had a wonderful tour of the Muhammad Ali Museum at the Muhammad Ali Center and I was introduced by Ali's wife Lonnie Ali. I also received a personal tour of the Louisville Slugger baseball bat factory and I was given a bat specifically named for me. And enjoyable time all around.

Of note was the extraordinarily enthusiastic reception I received from the people at the Louisville airport and at the Gala event. I was totally mobbed for selfies. Interesting that this is **Rand Paul's state (Kentucky)** and I thought that I might not be well-received and I actually was totally met with love and admiration.

Nov. 7, 2022

I had a very important meeting today in Jeff Zients' office where he arranged me to meet with Robert Bauer, former lawyer for President Obama and Dana Remus, lawyer for President Biden until July 2022 (4 months ago). Jeff wanted them to advise me about how I should handle my legal counsel for the upcoming oversight hearings that certainly will occur if the GOP take over the house and/or the Senate. It is clear that even with Pro bono considerations that this is going to cost me a lot of money since the GOP has promised that they would make my life miserable and blame me for virtually everything that happened bad to the country during the pandemic. Jeff has been an amazing friend to me and the next challenge would be to make sure that I have Secret Service protection after December 31st at which point HHS has stated that they have no responsibility or authority to protect me despite the multiple threats on my life. In addition, HHS will not provide me legal protection after I leave.

Later in the day I took off for New York City to receive the Yitzhak Rabin lifetime medical Leadership Award given by American Friends of Rabin Medical Center at the Plaza Hotel. Before I got there it was somewhat of a harrowing experience since I was recognized walking from the Hilton Hotel on 6th Ave and 52nd St to the Plaza Hotel on 59th St and 5th Ave. I

was beset by a horde of at **least 20 paparazzi** who followed me from 6th Ave to 5th Ave walking backwards surrounding me and flashing lights that blinded me. That has never happened to me before and is a full warning of what I'm going to have to expect. I absolutely must have security protection or I am going to be in deep trouble.

Nov. 8, 2022

Election day!

Deaths worldwide down 95% according to WHO

RSV surging in USA and also early and touch flu season emerging.

PRESS: Cox Media TV;

Nov. 9, 2022

Red (GOP) wave did not occur with many (not all) election deniers supported by Trump losing throughout the country. Rand Paul wins in KY and during his acceptance speech says many times that the first thing he is going to do is to Investigate me. However, the Senate may not flip to GOP.

Very tough races. Will not know results until December since there is a runoff in Georgia between Warnock (D) and Walker (R).

Prepped Erik Stemy for briefing the E & C Oversight Staffers on Wuhan grant

PRESS: NPR "Science Friday" with Ira Flatow

Nov. 10, 2022

Just for the record here is the full story on Connally whom Brett arrested:

Crazy RFK, jr. has now made a film trashing me. In addition, other far-right crazies have also made a film. See below:

Had my usual Zoom meeting with **Sir Chris Whitty** from UK. WE have become long-distance friends over these couple of years. He mentioned that I have the support of the UK and global medical and scientific community. I should definitely include a discussion about my relationship with Chris and with Patrick Vallance in the book.

PRESS: Global News Canada (TV);

Nov. 11, 2022

Exciting day. In preparation for the installing of my "living portrait' by Hugo Crosthwaite into the National Portrait Gallery tomorrow, there was a gala celebration at the home of Jeff Bezos 2330 S Street, NW. His home is an enormous mansion that goes on and on. It was formally a textile museum that he converted to his Washington DC home. The guest list was AAA. Notable conversations well with **Jose Andres** who wants to cook a special one-on-one dinner with me at his home in DC. Also I had a very serious conversation with **Hillary Clinton** who said that she thinks about me every day knowing that I will have an experience if the GOP games either chamber of the Congress similar to her experience with Benghazi. She offered to appear with me at the hearings as a physical show of support. I am not so sure that that is a great idea since that might politicize me even more than I've been politicized. I also have a warm conversation with **Marian Wright Edelman**... and several others. The **other awardees** (and their presenters) were: Jose Andres (Laurene Powell Jobs), Clive Davis (Alicia Keyes)Ava DuVernay (Isabel Wilkerson), Marian Wright Edelman (Hillary Clinton), Serena Williams (Mellody Hobson) Venus Williams (Sonya Haffey and Isha Price) David Rubenstein will present me.

After the gala we were invited to another **gala at the Cafe Milano**, celebrating their 30th anniversary. I went there out of respect to Franco Nuschese. However, it was somewhat of a stressful experience since I got completely surrounded by "well-wishers" who anted selfies and/or to shake my hands. It was really overwhelming and reminds me why I will need security for some time.

Nov. 12, 2022

Jeff Zients 56th birthday. I dropped off a signed copy of Harrison's at his house.

An historically memorable day at the National Portrait Gallery. A Gala event was held tonight honoring the inductees to the National Portrait Gallery. It was the highest level of AAA list you could imagine in Washington DC. There was a red carpet entry to the gallery which resembled the red carpet entry into the Academy Awards with multiple TV and radio and print interviews as you walk along the red carpet before you get to the main place where

photographs were taken. It started off as a very wamt night for November 12 at 75 F and clear sky, but by the end of the night and into tomorrow morning it got much colder. It was very clear that the extraordinary talent and unique approach that Hugo took captivated the audience of more than 750 people at this gala opening and dinner affair. I was the first awardee who was recognized, being introduced by David Rubenstein. I received a prolonged standing ovation from the crowd (as did others). David gave his usual tongue-in-cheek introduction of me telling the story of how he offered me a "higher calling' in private equity 12 years ago. I had wonderful conversation with other awaredees and others who expressed sincere appreciation of what I have done over more than 50 years. Of particular note were conversations with Marian Wright Edelman who called me "her hero and a true national treasure". Also, Jose Andres (he wants to invite me to a private dinner at his home) Clive Davis, Ava DuVernay and Isabel Wilkerson, and Venus Williams (not so much Serena) were very warm towards me. It was an extraordinary affair. In the middle of it, Dan Diamond from the Washington Post texted me that the GOP did not take the Senate and so Rand Paul will not have the opportunity to harass me with senate oversight hearings. We were invited to go across the street by Jose to his restaurant Zaytinya for after hours champagne. He quickly stopped there but Jose had not arrived and so we left a message of greeting to him and took off since it was already 11:50 PM. A truly AMAZING evening!!

PRESS: CBS Saturday Morning with Michelle Miller; Der Spiegel article came out (see above);

Nov. 13, 2022 (Sunday)

Mark Dybul texted me to alert me that Mike Gerson was fading quickly and was in Georgetown Hospital waiting for Hospice. Bles Building, 4th Floor, Room 24. It was very sad to see. Mike was in dire straits literally on his last few hours to few days. He recognized me and was obviously very glad to see me. We had a brief conversation I told them how important he was to me and to the rest of the world and he said that he truly appreciated that. A truly great man will soon leave us.

Was briefed today by the Moderna team led by Steve Hoge on the latest data of their bivalent BA4/5 boost. The data look really very good

and it is clear that the updated booster performs very well and better than the ancestral booster across the board in inducing antibodies against BA 4/5 and all of the sub variants of omicron including BQ.1.1. This is very good news for the upcoming winter. However, there is still very little uptake of this updated booster by the general public. There is this complacency that the pandemic is over and the confusion about why we need to continually get updated boosts because of the combination of appearance of new variants together with the lack of durability of response to either vaccine or infection.

Catch up on prior important information. From May, 2020:

Nov. 14, 2022

The talking point from HHS go too far in saying that the vaccines provides "protection" against variants since there still are no clinical data despite the fact that the immune correlate data are very good. Here are the talking points from Dori Solcido:

In my phone call with Ashish today, I emphasized that they need to dial this back since the naysayers (John Moore, Paul Offit, et al) will blast us for making statements without clinical data.

I did the **Oxford Union Fireside Chat** via zoom– very enjoyable.

PRESS: McClatchy TV "Exit Interview"; NEJM Podcast associated with my upcoming "exit commentary" in NEJM; My comment in Washington Post article by Dan Diamond today: "The supplemental requests that we keep putting in … just because they don't go anywhere, doesn't mean the need for them disappears," Anthony S. Fauci, the government's top infectious-disease expert, said in an interview last week.; **Regional Media – "Make It Make Sense" with Monique Pressley; Rolling Out with Rashad Milligan; Philadelphia Tribune (print) with Alec Larson**

Nov. 15, 2022

BQ1.1 is continuing to take over. XBB is very low but is a quick transmitter as shown in Singapore

PRESS: STAT Summit interview with Helen Branswell;

Nov. 16, 2022

Terrific event last evening. I was honored at the **home of the French Ambassador** to the United States (2221 Kalorama Road, NW) where I received the **Pasteur Medal** commemorating the bicentenary of Louis Pasteur's birth in 1822. Only a dozen medals are given this year being awarded to leading scientists, benefactors, philanthropists, and representatives of several countries. The stock of metals will be exhausted by the end of 2022 and no other metals will be minted. It was very much of a love fest with a very nice presentation of the metal to me by doctor **Stewart Cole** who is the **Director of the Pasteur**. **Ambassador Philippe Etienne** was very gracious and a very nice person. They sang my praises and we had a very elegant dinner. Very rainy and cold night. Janet Tobias was there.

Photo shoot at my home and at work by prize-winning (MOMA) **photojournalist Wolfgang Tillmans**

Democrats (Leslie Dach) are pushing back on the GOP who are trying to investigate me:

Politico:

Politico: Investigating the investigators: Dem strategists to launch counterpunch to House GOP

Had very nice dinner of Lasagna, wine, bread over my house with Chris and Rochelle Walensky. We discussed the sensitive issues associated with the attempts on the part of some to have her removed as CDC Director. Also, we marveled at the fact that with Rochelle and I together, there were **4 armed OIG Special Agents** outside my house guarding Rochelle and me

PRESS: Regional Media - Nexstar with Raquel Martin; Hearst with Kalyn Norwood; Spectrum with Julia Benbrook

Nov. 17, 2022

PRESS: Der Spiegel –

Nov. 18, 2022

United States

•Total Cases: 98,174,364 7-Day average: 40,102 (-3.2%) •Total Deaths: 1,073,115 7-Day average: 317 (-5.3%) •Total new hospital admissions: 5,516,552 7-Day average 3,308 (-4.4%) **Worldwide [Source: WHO] - most recent day**

•Total Cases: 633,263,617 (188,389 new) •Total Deaths: 6,594,491 (544 new)

Recent immune evasion studies from David Ho show that BXX and BQ.1.1 evade monoclonal antibodies and have increased evasion from immune responses. Hybrid immunity is OK, but vaccine induced immunity with Abs is down while protection against sever disease is OK (in Singapore).

Nov. 19, 2022

Rochelle called me up this morning and arranged for a zoom at 10:30 AM to discuss her side of the story of why she wants to simplify the boosting regimen for children less than five and six years old for the Moderna and Pfizer boost. There is a tension between her/CDC and Peter Marks and Larry Horowitz (FDA) regarding whether or not the younger children should all get the bivalent boost or have them finish their primary regimens with the ancestral strain vaccine. Peter and Larry had both called me up previously (couple of nights ago) making it look like the CDC was holding back on wanting to give the most updated boost to the children. Yet, when Rochelle explained this to me this morning it became clear that it is a much more complicated situation than Peter and Larry described to me by phone a couple of nights ago. Ultimately, in January all children of all ages will get a unified vaccine either for the primary series or the boost and that will be the bivalent BA.4/5. Rochelle explained that to insert that bivalent boost into the already complicated regimen for the small fraction of children who have started on their primary series would create an enormous amount of confusion for pediatricians. I tend to side now with Rochelle even though when Peter and Larry explained that in the simplified form it seemed that they were making sense. However, according to Rochelle's explanation I believe she is correct. We will all sort this out on a zoom call with HHS tomorrow (Sunday) evening.

Ebola still smoldering in Uganda:

Richard Ben-Veniste called me today offering pro bono help with my defense during the GOP Hearings.

Nov. 20, 2022

Of note, all of the Omicron sublineages that we are currently dealing with are offshoots or sublineages of BA.2 (see below):

Had a Sunday evening Zoom call regard the situation of boosts for children 5-6 years and younger (see above). It involved: me, Rochelle, Robbie Goldstein, Peter Marks, Rob Califf, Dawn O'Connell, Vivek Murthy, Larry Tabak, among others. We all agreed that this was a close call and both sides have a good point. The important issues is that this involved only about 5% of the eligible children since the other 95% have not yet received their primary vaccination and those are truly the vulnerable ones if we get a winter surge. At the end of January, 2023, the VRPAC will meet to recommend that going forward all vaccinations (primary series and boosters) will be the BA.4/5 bivalent and so this will be a moot point. The question still remains unsettled as to give the children the best boost now even though it logistically will be difficult for the pediatricians since they will have multiple (11) different products in their offices from Moderna + Pfizer) or wait until we have a uniform boost for everyone at the end of January. No firm decision was made. FDA will try to push the date for VRPAC closer to close the gap. More to come

PRESS; Taped a segment with Margaret Brennan – CBS "Face the Nation" for next Sunday – somewhat of an exit interview

Nov. 21, 2022

Presentation by the Shionogi (Takeki Uehara) Phase 3 data. The drug is an anti-viral similar to Paxlovid. The data were not particularly impressive since the study was done on people with very few symptoms and all the drug did was diminished by 24 to at the most 48 hours the duration of the symptoms. The study was not designed to determine whether or not the drug prevents the need for hospitalization than people with a high risk of severe outcome. All in all I was not impressed with the data because they were looking at the wrong population of patients.

PRESS:Pocast for LGBTQ+ community with Avi Ravinath; NFID Podcast with Bill Shaffner and Marla Dalton; Interview with "Popular Science"; Sheryl Gay Stolberg (NY Times) came to my house tonight to do an exit interview with photgrapher

Nov. 22, 2022

I addressed the UK Parliament today on lessons learned from the COVID pandemic. It was followed by a very productive and insightful question period from the members of parliament

Lawsuit by officials from Louisiana and Missouri have ruled that several government officials including me, Jen Psaki, Vivek Murthy among others must undergo a deposition since we are charged with trying to influence his social media to suppress the free speech of a number of people including those involved with the Great Barrington Declaration. It is a colossal waste of time since there is absolutely nothing there and the prep for the deposition would be about 8 hours over three days and the deposition itself which I will do tomorrow will be 7 full hours on the clock. This is total harassment. We tried to get the deposition stopped, but a Louisiana judge ordered that we have to do it. Just yesterday another judge overturned the first judge and the beck murthy does not have to be deposed, but I still have to be.

*****Extraordinary press briefing in the White House Press Room today. Today was an historic day for me in that the White House comms team led by Karine Jean-Pierre and Kevin Munoz arranged for me to be part of the press briefing from the White House briefing room podium. it turned out to be a celebration of my nearly 40 years getting briefings at the White House. The moving part about it was that both Karine and Kevin were brought to tears when they said goodbye to me after the briefing. In addition, all of the press room personnel wanted selfies with me before I left. In addition, the briefing room was packed with media people who are there to hear the latest update on COVID but they directed most of their questions to me related to my retirement, my legacy, and other things that had direct relation to me. It was a very moving and historic time for me.**

Profound effect of Vaccines:

PRESS: White House Press briefing from White House Briefing room. Major coverage of my "final" appearance in the WH press room today and over the next 2 days

Nov. 23, 2022

I had my 7 hour (on the clock) deposition by lawyers for the Missouri Vs Biden plaintiffs. It showed up as spectators as the plaintiff's lawyer John Sauer questioned me for seven hours. I had been well prepared for the previous few days by the DoJ lawyers including Adam Kirschner and Josh Gardner as well as Amanda Chuzi Anant Humar,

Brian Netter and HHS council Chris Hammond. Although this was supposed to be on the topic of the Biden administration including me interfering with free speech by influencing the social media platforms to not allow opinions differing from our own to be put on social media, very many of the questions were directed at things unrelated to that including the origins of COVID, the Wuhan grant, Peter Daszak, my position on masking, and a variety of other issues that the Congress has been concerned about. I must say I did extraordinarily well and the DOJ lawyers said that that was one of the best performances and the deposition that they have ever seen.

Nov. 24, 2022 (Thanksgiving)

Nov. 25, 2022

I am receiving so many wonderful warm and affectionate notes from people on the occasion of my stepping down. One among many typical notes came from Beth Cameron of the NSC. Beth texted the following note to me late last night associated with the prior note wishing me a happy Thanksgiving: "Be well. And thank you so very much. I very much hope to continue to learn from you in your future roles, and I also hope you are able to get a little bit of time to rest (though that may not be in your DNA!) All the very best. I stand in awe of not just what you have done but how you have done it and with the humanity with which you have done it."

BQ.1 and BQ.1.1 still creeping up. Noe appearance of XBB:

Nov. 27, 2022 (Sunday) I received a call yesterday from Dori Solcido and a similar call last night from Ashish Jha telling me that Ron Klain was upset mostly at Ashish for indicating in interviews that we could expect a mild winter. Ron was concerned that we should not be in the business of predicting lack of severity of COVID for this winter because if we have a bad winter with COVID then confidence in the government would diminish. Ron has a point there, but I'm not sure exactly what Ashish said. According to Dori, the New York Times made it look like Ashish was saying that we don't need to worry very much over the coming winter. I know as a fact that that is not what he said but he is a bit in the doghouse now with Ron because of that. This just goes to show you that no matter

what administration you're in there is a great deal of sensitivity about messaging.

Sunday shows went very well. Chuck, Margaret and Jonathan were very kind to me. Flurry of activity in the press following my apearances.

PRESS: NBC "Meet the Press" with Chuck Todd (Exit interview); CBS "Face the Nation" with Margaret Brennan (Extensive Exit Interview); MSNBC "The Sunday Show" with Jonathan Capehart

Nov. 28, 2022

Met with in 31/7A-18 Ambassador Pamela Hamamoto who is US Negotiator for the Pandemic Accord. We (Cliff, Gray Handley and I) brought up some of the landmines that might arise in such an accord regarding conditions placed on receiving reagents. Also, we brought up the recurring issue of the problem with WHO feeling that they should be directing the research associated with outbreaks – long history here (see Cliff's experience with Anna Maria Restropo.

Ebola cases in Uganda stabilizing:

Had a Fireside Chat podcast with Mitchell Warren of AVAC. A lot of sentimental good-byes these days as I prepare to step down.

Did a **Fireside Chat** with **Holy Cross students** at the Les Aspen Center in DC. They are here as part of a semester long program bringing students to DC to be exposed to government.

PRESS: CNN with Jake Tapper

Nov. 29, 2022

Marty Hirsch and David Hooper from Mass General did a very nice thing and Thanked me via Journal of Infectious Diseases and put my photo on the cover:

I had an enjoyable "fireside chat" at the White House Jackson St facility in which I had lunch with the White House Fellows. I enjoy this very much and have done this several times over the past few years. They are an outstanding group of about a dozen individuals from various walks of life many of which have served in the military including in the special forces; practicing physicians; lawyers, among others. I enjoy speaking with them because they are the cream of the crop and give me hope for our nation

particularly in the context of the incredible divisiveness and disregard for the truth and integrity that we are seeing now in our nation.

It is surprising that Breitbart wrote a very sympathetic article about my retirement:

PRESS: PBS podcast with Walter Isaacson Dr. Anthony Fauci has been at the helm of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since the 1980s, guiding the United States through AIDS, SARS, H1N1, and of course COVID-19. Prior to his retirement, Dr. Fauci joins Walter Isaacson to reflect on a storied career.

; Extensive exit interview at my home with Jen Ashton of ABC and Eric Strauss;

Nov. 30, 2022

[redacted] I'm sure she will do fine, but this has completely destroyed one of the most intensive social commitments that we have over the next few days.

[redacted]. In addition, I will have to modify my visit tonight to the home of the Italian ambassador (Mariangela Zappia) who invited people from all over the country including California to come to the ambassador's home for a celebratory dinner in my honor. I went there tonight and did a fireside chat with a mask on with a well known Italian author Antonio Monda, and then left before the dinner since I did not want to take my mask off. I will also have to Mr planned dinner with Bob Seder and Jeff Zients and families on Saturday.

PRESS: Wall Street Journal podcast with Kate Lindbaugh; Univision TV with Jorge Ramos; Bloomberg interview (Exit)

Dec. 1, 2022

Had a really nice Town Hall meeting with FDA led by Rob Califf asking me questions.

PRESS: MedPage interview about my NEJM piece; L'Espresso Italian Magazine Exit Interview; Washington Post Live with Yasmeen Abutaleb; WUSA TV (Local)

Dec. 2, 2022

I am really being somewhat embarrassed by the amount of honors that are be given to me and kudos my way. For example, today we went to the Hay-Adams hotel for a ceremony commemorating PEPFAR and world aids day. The ceremony involved multiple speeches including a speech by secretary of state Tony Blinken in which he effusely praised me for my role as an architect of pepfar as well as for decades of my contribution to HIV aids research and research in general. In addition, we had a fireside chat led by Sandy Thurman between John Kkengasong and myself. The entire ceremony at the hay Adams included multiple crazy by several people on me. As I said it was somewhat embarrassing since I do not like that kind of attention.

Story in Today's SF Chronicle celebrating World AIDS Day:

Infections creeping up in certain parts of the country and throughout the world. BQ.1.1 and BQ.1 continue to take over in the USA:

Dec. 3, 2022

Thank goodness, I am still COVID negative. Chris doing well on Paxlovid.

Data remain overwhelming showing the advantage of vaccinated/up to date versus unvaccinated:

Right around World AIDS Day, the data on the results of PEPFAR are striking (see the event at the Hay-Adams with Sec. Blinken and John Nkengasong above):

Chris wrote an editorial about me in the American Journal of Nursing:

Dec. 4, 2022

Wonderful afternoon at the White House and evening at the Kennedy Center. **Actor George Clooney, singer-songwriter Amy Grant, singer Gladys Knight, composer Tania León and rock group U2** were celebrated as the Kenney Center Awards. I was the guest of secretary Becerra at a White House reception with the President that occurred at 3:30 PM before we all motorcaded to the Kennedy Center for the ceremonies of the awards. It was a star-studded evening and I had pleasant conversations with people some of whom I had met before such as Julia Roberts, Sean Penn, Matt Damon, Mike Ferrone, among many others. It was a spectacular event mixing entertainment with honoring the honorees. The situation was somewhat unusual as I was completely swamped with people yelling my name and applauding it as I left the vehicle in front of the Kennedy Center and walked that long red carpet walk to the theater. There must have been hundreds of people lined up behind a rope down area and I was amazed how this recognition of me has reached such a height. I am certainly not getting a big head about it but it is rather weird and a little bit unnerving. Joked with Hunter Biden as we shook and hands and hugged. He said if someone snapped a photo and put it on line, the internet "would explode" given we are both being attacked by the far right GOP

Dec. 5, 2022

Forbes wrote a very complimentary article about my leadership:

PRESS: CNN "Who's Talking" with Chris Wallace; Health Alliance Network podcast with Ambrose Lane, Jr.; Interview with George Stephanopoulos regarding a book he is writing on "The Situation Room"

Dec. 6, 2022

A very touching tribute and "good-bye" to me by the AAI Council. regularly for 38 years on an annual basis address the council here in Bethesda, they gave me a very warm last meeting with a prolonged standing ovation as I walked into the room.

Terrific evening at Jeff Zients's home. He had a reception on the occasion of making available online the tapes of conversations between Richard Stengel (Editor of Time Magazine) and Nelson Mandela. Mandela

attended Jeff and Mary's wedding as did Richard. Had nice conversation with **Merrick Garland** and I encouraged him that we have faith in his judgment and integrity to do the right thing regarding the issues with Trump. Also, finally saw in person **Katy Kay** who has interviewed me multiple times virtually over the years for the BBC

PRESS: BBC New "American Politics" TV; IDSA Podcast with Carlos Del Rio; NBC "Nightly News" exit interview with Lester Holt; Interview with Medline Plus magazine; WTOP Exit interview Podcast; ABC Australian TV "7:30"; KNXV TV (ABC, Scripps, Phoenix)

Dec. 7, 2022

I stood for many dozens of photographs of 1-on-1 with members of NIAID who wanted to say good-bye. Very moving.

Dec. 8, 2022

We had our 9th annual meeting today with Bill Gates in the context of the NIH-Gates Foundation collaboration on multiple projects. In the course of the meeting they showed to my surprise film clips of **Bill Clinton, Tedros, and Slim and Quarraisha Karim** thanking me for my many years of service. I should comment here on the really close relationship that I've developed over the years with **Bill Gates and the mutual respect we have for each other.** We also joined by the common issue of the conspiratorial theorists out there who think that Bill and I are doing strange things like putting chips in the vaccines that we're trying to get them to receive. It's the source of fun jokes between Bill and me.

Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) called me today to wish me well and to tell me how much he has enjoyed over the years working with me. He congratulated me for my "extraordinary service to our nation over decades".

Four astronauts visited the Clinical Center today and the Children's Inn. The said that the one "must thing" that they wanted was to meet me and so I went over to the Medical Board meeting on the 4th Floor and met with and took photos with them: Thomas H. Marshburn, Kayla Barron, Matthias Maurer, Mark T. Vande Hei

Just met with the German Minister of Health Karl Lauterbach who has become somewhat of a friend in that every time he is in DC he wants to come and see me. He values my advice and says that I am a "rock

star" in Germany. Also, at the meeting was German Ambassador to USA Emily Haber.

PRESS: CBC News Canada (TV); Washington Post Exit Interview with Blair Guild;

Dec. 9, 2022

Cases and hospitalization are increasing as expected following Thanksgiving and into the colder weeks:

Very nice and warm reception in my honor given by the IDSA and ASM at the ASM headquarters on 17th and N St., NW. Rosa DeLauro came and gave a very nice tribute to me. People are really showing a lot of love to me that is very humbling.

PRESS: NYC Fox TV "Good Day" with Rosanna Scotto; Press Interview with Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun;

I participated with First Lady Jill Biden and with Ashish Jha at the White House to do a PSA for AARP encouraging elderly people to get vaccinated. Jill was very kind in the introduction she announced that this was the last time that I would be on this stage with her and she will miss me greatly. When she left the event she gave me a big hug and said she loved me and would miss me. I said back at you

Cute cartoon:

PRESS: NYC Fox TV "Good Day" with Rosanna Scotto; Press Interview with Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun; PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff (Exit Interview);

Dec. 10, 2022

Publication of my essay in the NY Times:

The photographer for the NY Times essay Wolfgang Tillmans wrote a short piece in association with my essay:

Dec. 11, 2022

All of a sudden, Elon Musk has started to viciously attack me with tweets on Twitter:

Many people are coming to my defense on tweets and some like Marjorie Taylor Green are approving of his tweets although Mark

Kelly (astronaut) tweeted that I funded GOF research that killed millions of people:

Dec. 12, 2022

Many people in the press and outside are asking about and concerned about the attacks on me by Elon Musk.

Look at this tweet. What bullshit!

PRESS: Interview with Nature (Max Kazlov) for future publication; Sirius XM Radio "Dr. Radio" with Marc Siegel; "Axe Files" podcast with David Axelrod; MSNBC with Andrea Mitchell

Dec. 13, 2022

Press still active about the Musk attack on me. Sargent at the Post say libeal ourage does not help counter Musk since it merely shows that he is having an effect. Sargent suggests we ignore him:

I went to Boston to receive the Edward M Kennedy award for Inspired Leadership at the Edward M Kennedy institute for the United states Senate. It was a really nice affair and I was showered with affection and admiration. A person who is a Broadway actor/singer (Alan H. Green) Sing a beautiful song from Les Miserables and dedicated to me and as he was mentioning the dedication he emotionally choked us. Very moving. I was introduced and had a Fireside Chat with Kristen Welker of NBC. Joe Kennedy and Patrick Kennedy were wonderful with me.

PRESS: MSNBC "Morning Joe";

Dec. 14, 2022

Trying to work out my protection post Jan. 1. Still up in the air.

PRESS: CNN with Kate Bolduan; CBS Exit Interview with Jon laPook; LA Tims interview with Melissa Healy;

Dec. 15, 2022

PBS team in for final filming for the Documentary. They are filming me taking down my photographs from the walls

PRESS: Urban Faith TV with MAINA Mwaura; NPR – Scott Simon (Exit Interview); Japan Nippon TV with Sho Watanabe; LA Times Podcast; Podcast with Alice Park (Time Magazine);

Dec. 16, 2022

Momentous Day!!! Today we had the ceremony for my "stepping down" at NIH. I chose a simple ceremony with 3 minute speeches by Larry Tabak, Francis Collins, John Gallin, Cliff Lane and Christine. This was followed by a 15 minute Q and A with John Burklow and a concluding speech by me. I thought that I would get through the entire speech without choking up but when I got to the point about Christine, I choked up for about 15 seconds. The ceremony was exactly like I wanted it – no bells and whistles.

PRESS: Exit interview with the Guardian with David Smith; Exit Interview with AP with Lauran Neergaard; Firesude Chat with Massey Center; infectious Diseases ews interview;

Dec. 17, 2022

It is clear (I have not been reporting it every day) that the far, extreme right and Qanon literally hate me and De Santis is starting to play into this with his growin campaign for presidency. From the New York Times: Although "vaccine paranoia and Fauci hatred are still niche positions in the electorate at large," if anyone "imagines that replacing Trump with DeSantis as the G.O.P.'s leader would signal a party on its way to becoming sane again is in for a rude shock."

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