

**We are happy to share the opportunity below from our friends at  
Tennessee Department of Health! You won't want to miss this  
amazing FREE opportunity!**

Greetings!

At a time when everything is challenging and discouraging, the Tennessee Department of Health's Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization Program is excited to bring to you its first annual **Tennessee Immunization Summit, Friday, August 21, 2020!**

While the original plan to have an in-person convening of immunization stakeholders from across disciplines has been foiled by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are seizing this opportunity to provide a virtual conference that will allow for participants from all over the country (and perhaps the world) to participate.

We have an amazing line-up of speakers featuring:

- **Dr. Peter Salk**, Professor in the Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health and President of the Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation. Dr. Salk is the son of Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the first vaccine against polio;
- **Dr. Peter Hotez**, Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine and Director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics. As the father of an autistic daughter, Dr. Hotez authored Vaccines Did Not Cause Rachel's Autism and has become a target of the anti-vaccine movement for defending the safety and efficacy of vaccines;
- **Dr. Kathryn Edwards**, Sarah H. Sell and Cornelius Vanderbilt Professor of Pediatrics at Monroe Carroll Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and former director of the Vanderbilt Vaccine Program;
- **Mr. Ethan Lindenberger** who, as the 18 year old son of a mother who did not vaccinate him, elected to become fully vaccinated and quickly became an internationally recognized vaccine advocate;
- **JoEllen Wolicki** with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Communication and Education Branch who will provide updates from the CDC and ACIP.

I sincerely hope that you will not only mark your calendar, but block out the time to attend this inaugural **Tennessee Immunization Summit** on Friday, August 21! You will not want to miss these and many other speakers who will share their vast knowledge about vaccine history, research, data, and advocacy.

There is **no charge** to attend the conference, and you can come in and out of sessions as your schedule allows. But, we ask that you register and we will email the information to view the event. Click [HERE](#) to see electronic brochure with more details with the full agenda and to register. I hope to "see" you on August 21! Thank you for all YOU do to help to #ImmunizeTN!

Stay well,

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