On behalf of the University of Utah Health's 3i Initiative (Immunology, Inflammation, and Infectious Disease), I am pleased to announce a special virtual lecture: 

**Research During a Crisis: How University of Utah Scientists Mobilized to Learn More About and Fight COVID-19**

As an avid participant within our community of learners, I encourage you to join us on Friday, June 4 at 11:00 AM for a thought-provoking conversation about the university's response to the COVID-19 threat. The development of the COVID vaccine has dominated global headlines, but researchers throughout the world and across disciplines have also been impacted by this historic event. What are the pandemic's long-term effects to our society, the economy, and our personal health and well-being? How can we apply what we've learned from this experience to crises we'll face in the future?

I invite you to spend an hour with us considering these big questions and learning how researchers at U of U Health leveraged a global crisis to make a tangible impact on lives in Utah and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you on June 4.

Sincerely,

Andrew Weyrich, PhD
Vice President for Research (VPR)
President, University of Utah Research Foundation (UURF)
Professor, Internal Medicine
H.A. & Edna Benning Presidential Endowed Chair

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**How are Americans Coping While Living During the COVID-19 Pandemic?**

Angie Fagerlin, PhD, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Population Health Sciences at the University of Utah. Her research focuses on the development and testing of decision support interventions, and factors that impact patient-provider communication.

**Using Community Testing Data for Health and Economic Policy Making**

Stephen Alder, PhD, is Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine, and Executive Director of the Center for Business, Health, and Prosperity in the David Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah. His research focuses on how to engage communities to build capacity for accessing resources needed to achieve high quality health.

Taylor Randall, PhD, is Dean of the University of Utah David Eccles School of Business and Professor of Accounting. His research focuses on the economic impact of operational strategies. The Marriner S. Eccles Institute for Economics and Quantitative Analysis, the Sorenson Impact Center, the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute and the Goff Strategic Leadership Center all have opened under Randall's direction.

**The Role of Structural Inequality at the Neighborhood Scale in COVID-19 Incidence Rates in Urban Areas**

Daniel Mendoza, PhD is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Medicine, Pulmonary Division, Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning, and Senior Scientist at the NEXUS Institute at the University of Utah. By combining expertise in air pollution, health outcomes, and urban planning, his work aims to produce enactable scientific and policy solutions to address air quality concerns.

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**What is the 3i Initiative?**

The Immunology, Inflammation, and Infectious Disease (3i) Initiative at University of Utah Health was formally established in 2017 on the premise that a better understanding of the three "I's" will fundamentally change the way we think about disease.

The vision of the 3i Initiative at the University of Utah Health is to become a center of scientific excellence known internationally for its top-tier research performed at the nexus of the immunology, inflammation, and infectious disease fields to make fundamental discoveries that ultimately improve patient care.

It is built on a strong foundation of almost 180 faculty who do research in related fields at four colleges or schools and 30 departments across campus. A major goal is to integrate basic, translational, and clinical research in these areas by strengthening the 3i community and fostering collaborations.

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