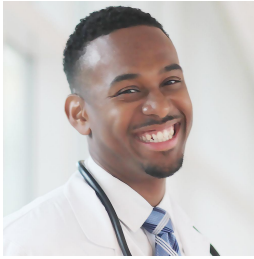


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Dr. Cameron Webb, Senior Advisor to the White House COVID-19 Response Team
Cameron Webb, MD, JD, serves as senior policy advisor for equity on the White House COVID-19 Response Team. Previously, Webb was an assistant professor of medicine and public health sciences, and director of health policy and equity at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. A general internist, he has worked clinically in the university's COVID-19 unit since the beginning of the pandemic. Additionally, he is the founding director of UVA's Health Equity, Law and Policy Research (HELPR) Laboratory and is a core faculty member at the university's Equity Center, an initiative for the redress of inequity through community-engaged scholarship. Prior to joining the faculty at UVA, Webb was a 2016 White House Fellow in the Obama-Biden administration's Office of Cabinet Affairs, where he served on the My Brother's Keeper task force and the White House Healthcare Team. Webb received his MD from Wake Forest School of Medicine and his JD from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law.



Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy, MD, MBA, U.S. Surgeon General,
Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Vivek H. Murthy was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in March 2021 to serve as the 21st Surgeon General of the United States. As the Nation's Doctor, the Surgeon General's mission is to help lay the foundation for a healthier country, relying on the best scientific information available to provide clear, consistent, and equitable guidance and resources for the public. And as the Vice Admiral of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Dr. Murthy commands a uniformed service of over 6,000 dedicated public health officers, serving the most underserved and vulnerable populations domestically and abroad.

While serving as 21st Surgeon General, Dr. Murthy is focused on drawing attention to and working across government to address a number of critical public health issues, including the growing proliferation of health misinformation, the ongoing youth mental health crisis, well-being and burnout in the health worker community, and social isolation and loneliness. Additionally, he serves as a key advisor to President Biden's COVID-19 pandemic response operation.

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During his previous tenure as 19th Surgeon General, under President Obama, Dr. Murthy created initiatives to tackle our country's most pressing public health challenges. The first Surgeon General of Indian descent and the youngest active duty flag officer in federal uniformed service, he helped lead the national response to a range of health challenges, including the Ebola and Zika viruses, the opioid crisis, and the growing threat of stress and loneliness to Americans' physical and mental wellbeing. Dr. Murthy also continued the office's legacy on preventing tobacco-related disease, releasing a historic Surgeon General's report on e-cigarettes and youth. And in 2016, he issued the first Surgeons General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health, in which he challenged the nation to expand access to prevention and treatment, and to recognize addiction as a chronic illness, not a character flaw.

Prior to his second confirmation, Dr. Murthy co-chaired President-elect Joe Biden's COVID-19 Advisory Board from November 2020 to January 2021. Before entering government service, Dr. Murthy co-founded VISIONS, a global HIV/AIDS education organization; the Swasthya Project, a rural health partnership that trained women in South India to become community health workers and educators; TrialNetworks, a technology company dedicated to improving collaboration and efficiency in clinical trials; and Doctors for America, a nonprofit mobilizing physicians and medical students to improve access to affordable care. His scientific research has focused on vaccine development and the participation of women and minorities in clinical trials. And as an internal medicine doctor at Brigham and Women's Hospital and at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Murthy cared for thousands of patients and trained undergraduates, medical students, and medical residents.

Raised in Miami, Dr. Murthy received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard, his MD from the Yale School of Medicine, and his Masters in Business Administration from the Yale School of Management. A renowned physician, research scientist, entrepreneur, mango aficionado, and author of the bestselling book *Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World*, Dr. Murthy is today among the most trusted voices in America on matters of public health. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife, Dr. Alice Chen, and their two children.



Dr. José R. Romero, MD, FAAP, FIDSA, FPIDS, FAAAS, Director of National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

José R. Romero, MD, is the Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, where he leads CDC's efforts to detect, prevent, and respond to vaccine-preventable and respiratory infectious disease threats.

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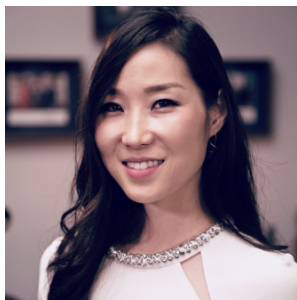
Dr. Romero has been active in public health, basic science, and clinical research for more than three decades. Most recently, Dr. Romero served as the Arkansas Secretary of Health and the Director of the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), where he led the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, from 2020-2022. Prior, he was the Chief Medical Officer of the ADH and the Director of the pediatric infectious diseases section at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

Dr. Romero served as the chair of CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, where he provided guidance on the use of COVID-19, influenza, and routine adult and childhood vaccines. He has participated in numerous national advisory committees, including as chair of the United States Poliovirus National Certification Committee and the Food and Drug Administration's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee.

As a professor and clinician scientist, Dr. Romero has made important contributions to infectious disease science through his work on antivirals, pneumococcal surveillance, enteroviral pathogenesis and disease. He has held faculty appointments at SUNY at Stony Brook, the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), and UAMS, and completed a Minority Medical Faculty Development Program at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He served as the Director of the offices of Latino Health-Related Research and Minority Health Education and Research at UNMC.

Dr. Romero earned his medical degree in 1977 from the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico and is board-certified in pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Academy of Pediatrics, Infectious Diseases Society of America, and the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society. Dr. Romero is a member of the American Pediatric Society, Society for Pediatric Research, American Society for Virology, and the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science. He has authored or co-authored nearly 200 articles, policy statements, and chapters and has received numerous awards for his contributions in education, public health, and community service.

MODERATOR



Hannah Y. Kim serves in the Biden-Harris Administration at the US Department of Health and Human Services, where she was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for health care in

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the Office of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. She is currently the Strategic Advisor for the COVID Public Education Campaign.

Previously, Hannah was the Chief of Staff/Communications Director to US Congressman Charles Rangel. During her tenure, Hannah drafted and passed five bills (between 2010-2016), chaired the Democratic Communicators Network of more than 500 press aides (2013-15), established the Congressional Yogi Association (2015), headed the Korean American Staff Association, and organized the first-ever TEDxUSCongress (2016).

She is the official ambassadress of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation and founder of Remember727 dedicated to honoring Korean War veterans. She spearheaded the historic passage of federal legislation that created a memorial day for Korean War veterans on July 27, 2009. She has organized an annual commemoration in Washington, DC for more than a decade. From 2017-19, she traveled across six continents to thank and interview more than 200 veterans in 30 countries that participated in the Korean War (1950-53), including North Korea. She completed another voluntary journey to all 50 states and 4 US territories to thank more than 1000 American veterans. For her advocacy, Hannah was honored as the CA29th Senate District's 2019 Woman of the Year by the California Legislature.

Hannah studied at multiple institutions, including the Seoul National University, George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management, UCLA Anderson School of Management, and Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Hannah also published a book and was an entrepreneur in her early 20s. She volunteers on the Board of many nonprofit and community organizations, frequently appears in media outlets, and often speaks or emcees at various events. A proud pastor's kid, Hannah passionately remains committed to public service, lifetime learning, and fitness.