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DATE: 31st May 2022 TIME : 2.00pm to 3.30pm

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Seasonal influenza is a significant but frequently unrecognized threat to the world's health systems. Despite the availability of influenza vaccines for decades, influenza continues to have one of the highest and most recurring impacts on incidence and mortality among vaccine-preventable diseases, causing up to 650,000 deaths globally each year¹, disproportionately among older adults and other at-risk groups.

The unpredictable risk posed by influenza underscores the importance of reminding governments, healthcare providers, and the public about the importance of protecting older adults and those with pre-existing conditions through vaccination, not just against COVID-19 but also against influenza. This is particularly critical given the overlap in risk factors and populations at risk for COVID-19 and influenza.²

This webinar will provide the attendees with an awareness on the continued threat on influenza amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of sustaining influenza vaccination during and beyond this pandemic.

Specific topics include discussion on the context for the epidemiology of influenza during the COVID-19 outbreak and its implications for public health and clinicians, updates to influenza vaccination, recommendations and guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic and sharing of best practices, strategies in improving influenza vaccine coverage in order to emphasize the critical nature of influenza vaccination during and after the COVID-19 pandemic as a preventive measure against future pandemics

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
2:00 - 2:02		Sanofi Asia Zone Head of Medical, Vaccines
2:02 - 2:08	Opening Remark + zoom polling + Introduction of speaker	Chairperson Professor Emeritus Dr. Lulu Bravo Professor Emeritus of Pediatric Infectious Disease and Tropical Diseases, University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines
2:08 - 2:28	Regional Situation Report	Dr Leong Hoe Nam Infectious Disease Physician, Mount Elizabeth Novena Specialist Centre, Singapore
2:28 - 3:20	Panel Discussion : Approaching ASIA Flu Season : Plans and Assumptions into Action	Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Gallardo Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Department of Microbiology and Parasitology, Saint Louis University, Philippines Panelist: Prof Dr Jamiyah Binti Hassan Obstetrician & Gynaecologist , University of Malaya, Malaysia Dr Rontgene M. Solante Clinical assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Section of Infectious Disease, University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center, Philippines Dr Leong Hoe Nam Infectious Disease Physician, Mount Elizabeth Novena Specialist Centre, Singapore TBC Indonesia
3:20 - 3:25	Summary	Professor Emeritus Dr. Lulu Bravo
3:25 - 3:30	Closing Remark	Sanofi Asia Zone Head of Medical, Vaccines

References: WHO. News. Up to 650 000 people die of respiratory diseases linked to seasonal flu each year Available at <https://www.who.int/news/item/13-12-2017-up-to-650-000-people-die-of-respiratory-diseases-linked-to-seasonal-flu-each-year> Accessed 26th Apr 2022. 2. CDC. Similarities and Differences between Flu and COVID-19 Available at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm> Accessed 26th Apr 2022

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