

Advancing Public Health in Puerto Rico:  
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**AGENDA**

Puerto Rico Public Health Summit 2022		
MORNING – DAY ONE		
Wednesday, April 6, 2022   8:30am- 5:00pm		
Time	Description	Resources
8:30am – 8:35am (5 minutes)	<b>Moderator</b> Welcome Remarks and Introductions	<b>Brenda Rivera García, DVM, MPH</b> Sr Director Latin American & Caribbean Programs Americares Puerto Rico
8:35am – 8:40am (5 Minutes)	Message from the Chief Executive Officer	<b>Eng. Luz A. Crespo, CEO</b> Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust
8:40 am – 9:10am (30 minutes)	Strengthening Public Health as we move Forward: Strategy for the PRPHT	<b>José F. Rodríguez Orengo, PhD</b> Executive Director, PRPHT
9:10am – 9:40am (30 minutes)	Public Health Forward: New trends and paradigms of the public health ecosystem	<b>Georges Benjamin, MD</b> Executive Director APHA
9:40am – 10:10am (30 minutes)	Puerto Rico Economic Development: The Impact in Public Health	<b>Víctor M. Merced Amalbert, MBA</b> Deputy Secretary of Business Development Department of Economic Development and Commerce of Puerto Rico (DDEC)
10:10am – 10:15am (5 minutes)	<b>BREAK</b> Stay active to promote health	<b>Lyraima Torres, BA</b> Personal Trainer
10:15am – 10:45am (30 minutes)	Global Surgery and Public Health: Striving for Equity	<b>Johanna M. Hinman, MPH, MCHES</b> Director, Education and Global Surgery Emory University School of Medicine
10:45am – 11:15am (30 minutes)	Social Justice: The intersection of COVID-19, mental health, and nature	<b>Lisa M. Carlson MPH, MCHES</b> Executive Administrator, Research Administration Emory University School of Medicine Past President, American Public Health Association (APHA)
11:15 am – 11:20am (5 minutes)	Message Governor of Puerto Rico	<b>Honorable Governor of Puerto Rico</b> Pedro R. Pierluisi Urrutia
11:20am – 11:50am (30 minutes)	Novel Application of Community Epidemiology: Methods for COVID-19 investigations.	<b>Melissa Marzán Rodríguez, PhD</b> Chief Epidemiology Officer Department of Health of Puerto Rico & Assistant Professor Ponce Health Sciences University
11:50am – 12:10pm (20 minutes)	First study of COVID-19 seroprevalence in the communities of Puerto Rico: Methodology and Results	<b>Diego E. Zavala Zegarra, PhD</b> Professor Ponce Health Science University
12:10pm – 12:35pm (25 minutes)	<b>Lunch BREAK</b> Mindful Eating	<b>Personal Trainer /Collaborators/ Posters Announcement</b>

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AFTERNOON – DAY ONE		
Wednesday, April 6, 2022   8:30am- 5:00pm		
<p><b>12:35pm – 1:05pm</b> (30 minutes)</p>	<p><b>PANEL PRESENTATION</b> Community Engagement in a Time of Pandemic: Supporting Projects to Address Social Determinants of Health</p>	<p><b>Moderator</b> <b>Carmen Vélez Vega, PhD</b> Professor Doctoral Program in Public Health and Social Determinants of Health- RCM Director Community Health Program- PRPHT</p> <p><b>Irene Lafarga Previdi, PhD</b> Community Engagement Coordinator Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities CCRHD- RCM</p> <p><b>Ana C. Guzzi Vasques, PhD</b> Assistant of Coordinator Community Engagement Core CCRHD- RCM</p>
<p><b>1:05pm – 1:30pm</b> (25 minutes)</p>	<p><b>VIRTUAL POSTER SESSIONS</b></p>	<p><b>Marianyoly Ortiz, PhD</b> Associate Director, PRPHT</p>
<p><b>1:30pm – 2:00pm</b> (30 minutes)</p>	<p>How Puerto Rico became the most vaccinated jurisdiction in the United States?</p>	<p><b>Iris R. Cardona, MD</b> Deputy Secretary &amp; Chief Medical Officer Department of Health of Puerto Rico</p>
<p><b>2:00pm – 2:30pm</b> (30 minutes)</p>	<p>Addressing Mental Health as a Public Health Issue</p>	<p><b>Miguel Marrero Medina, PhD</b> Mental Health &amp; Psychosocial Support Program Manager &amp; MHPSS Deployment Manager Americares Puerto Rico</p>
<p><b>2:30pm – 2:50pm</b> (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Suicide prevention in the context of COVID-19</p>	<p><b>Nayda Román Vázquez, PhD</b> Director of the Suicide Prevention Commission Department of Health</p>
<p><b>2:50pm – 3:05pm</b> (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Puerto Rico Patient Network of COVID-19</p>	<p><b>Dr. Jorge Acevedo Canabal, MD</b> Director of Patient Registration Network, Community Health Promoters and Medical Director, PRSTRT</p>
<p><b>3:05pm – 3:10 pm</b> (5 minutes)</p>	<p><b>BREAK</b> Healthy Eating makes your life stronger</p>	<p><b>Lyraima Torres, MBA</b> Personal Trainer</p>
<p><b>3:10pm – 3:40pm</b> (30 minutes)</p>	<p><b>EXPERT DISCUSSION</b> Puerto Rico Telemedicine Experience and Global Trends</p>	<p><b>Wendy Matos, PhD</b> Director Telemedicine PRPHT</p> <p><b>Sharon Allen, BS</b> Executive Director of World Telehealth Initiative (WTI)</p>

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<b>3:40pm – 4:00pm</b> (20 minutes)	The Impact of PASC or Long COVID on the Public Health System	<b>Carmen D. Zorilla, MD</b> Professor Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Medical Sciences Campus- UPR
<b>4:00pm – 4:45pm</b> (45 minutes)	<b>EXPERT DISCUSSION</b> COVID-19 Variants  Genomic Surveillance as an Important Public Health Tool	<b>Wilfredo F. García Beltrán, MD, PhD</b> Department of Pathology, Massachusetts General Hospital <b>Marcos López Casillas, PhD</b> Director Research Development PRPHT
<b>4:45pm – 5:00pm</b> (20 Minutes)	Closing Remarks <b>See you Next day!</b>	<b>Brenda Rivera García, DVM, MPH</b> Sr Director Latin American & Caribbean Programs Americares Puerto Rico

**SECOND DAY**

Puerto Rico Public Health Summit 2022		
MORNING – DAY TWO		
Thursday, April 7 de 2022   8:30 am-1:00pm		
Time	Description	Resource
<b>8:30am – 8:32pm</b> (2 minutes)	<b>Moderator</b> Welcome Remarks	<b>Brenda Rivera García, DVM, MPH</b> Sr Director Latin American & Caribbean Programs Americares Puerto Rico
<b>8:32 am – 8:35 am</b> (3 minutes)	Welcome Remarks Opening Video Summary DAY One Welcome Remarks	<b>Eng. Lucy Crespo, CEO</b> Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust <b>José F. Rodríguez Orengo, PhD</b> Executive Director, PRPHT
<b>8:35am – 8:40am</b> (5 minutes)	Message from the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico in Washington, D.C.	<b>Jennifer A. González Colón, Esq.</b> Congresswomen
<b>8:40am – 9:10am</b> (30 minutes)	Role of Community Health Workers in Creating Healthy Communities	<b>Aida J. Edwards Clemente, MCC</b> Community Health Promoters Coordinator Taller Salud, Loíza PR
<b>9:10am – 9:40am</b> (30 minutes)	Science Communication via Social Media and its Implications in Public Health	<b>Marcos J. Ramos Benítez, PhD</b> NIH Infectious Disease Investigator President “Ciencia en tus Manos”
<b>9:40am – 10:10am</b> (30 minutes)	Intersection of climate justice and food systems	<b>Elizabeth Yeampierre, Esq.</b> Executive Director UPROSE

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<p><b>10:10am –10:15am</b> (5 minutes)</p>	<p><b>BREAK</b> Let's Move</p>	<p><b>Lyraima Torres, BA</b> Personal Trainer</p>
<p><b>10:15am – 10:40am</b> (25 minutes)</p>	<p><b>VIRTUAL POSTER SESSIONS</b></p>	<p><b>Marianyoly Ortiz, PhD</b> Associate Director, PRPHT</p>
<p><b>10:40am – 11:25am</b> (45 minutes)</p>	<p><b>PANEL PRESENTATION</b> Challenges of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise: Adaptation and Mitigation for the Future and Impact in the Communities</p>	<p><b>Moderator</b> <b>Leslie Maas Cortés, MHS</b> Director Puerto Rico Hurricane Hub &amp; Proyecto Agua Limpia <b>Pablo Méndez Lázaro, PhD</b> Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Health, University of Puerto Rico, Graduate School of Public Health, Medical Sciences Campus-UPR <b>John Englander, BA</b> Director of the Caribbean Program Center for Rising Seas Puerto Rico Science, Technology &amp; Research Trust <b>Graciela I. Ramírez Toro, PhD</b> Director Center for Environmental Education, Conservation and Research (CECIA) Inter American University of Puerto Rico</p>
<p><b>11:25am –11:40am</b> (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Launch &amp; Announcement Community Health Workers Program</p>	<p><b>Lara M. Fedorov, MA</b> Senior Portfolio Manager Medtronic Foundation <b>José F. Cordero, MD, MPH</b> Director of the PRPHT Community Health Worker Program &amp; Member of the Board of Advisors Head, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Georgia School of Public Health University of Georgia School of Public Health</p>
<p><b>11:40am –12:10pm</b> (30 minutes)</p>	<p>Life Skills and Health Promotion in Communities and Educational Settings</p>	<p><b>Iván Darío Chahín Pinzón, BA</b> <b>Social Communicator EDEX</b></p>
<p><b>12:10pm –12:40pm</b> (30 minutes)</p>	<p>Creating the Infrastructure for a better Health System: The Agenda of the Department of Health of Puerto Rico</p>	<p><b>Carlos Mellado, MD</b> Secretary Department of Health of Puerto Rico</p>
<p><b>12:40pm – 1:00pm</b> (15 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b> Stay tuned for Next Year!</p>	<p><b>José F. Rodríguez Orengo, PhD</b> Executive Director, PRPHT</p>