

SAVE THE DATE

Border Health Workshop

June 9-10, 2021

Bi-National Symposium on research and workforce development to counter biological threats and hazards along the Southwest U.S.-Mexico border

Registration is open [here](#)

The Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense, a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence, along with the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs at the Texas A&M University Bush School, will host a **virtual** workshop to identify researchable topics addressing the most pressing of issues with a focus on cross-border human health-related needs



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Border Health Workshop Agenda

Day 1: June 9, 2021 – Response to disease events along the border

10:00 – 10:30 am: Welcome and Background

Greg Pompelli, PhD – Director, Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense (CBTS) Center of Excellence

Event Opening Scene Setter

Heather Manley Lillibridge, PhD – Executive Director, CBTS

Brief findings from literature review (Goal: Gap Identification):

Christine Crudo Blackburn, PhD

Pandemic and Biosecurity Policy Program Deputy Director,
Bush School of Government and Public Service, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs,
Texas A&M University

10:30 – 11:30 am: Panel Discussion: “Boots on the ground” view

Federal perspectives (CDC, DHS)
U.S./Mexico state and local public health perspectives
Coordination and communication

Umbrella Topic: *Joint State to State efforts to improve response to disease events at the U.S. - Mexico border (e.g., surveillance, communications, supplies, and expertise)*

11:30 – 11:45 am: 15 min BREAK

11:45 – 1:15pm Working Group Sessions – Attendees will divide into one of two groups for each topic

11:45 – 12:15 pm: Working Group Question: *Would reviving and improving the BIDS program be conducive to sharing information on emerging infectious diseases?*

12:15 – 12:45 pm: Working Group Question: *What is needed to improve cross-border communication and collaboration?*

12:45 – 1:15 pm: Working Group Question: *Is there a need to expand infectious disease surveillance to better incorporate zoonoses and phytonoses?*

1:15 – 1:45 pm: Brief out from Working Groups

1:45 – 2:00 pm: Re-cap of key points & closing remarks

Dr. Blackburn

Day 2: June 10, 2021 - Training and education needs for response to disease pressures at the border

10:00 – 10:30 am: Welcome and Background

Greg Pompelli, PhD – Director, Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense (CBTS) Center of Excellence

Event Opening Scene Setter

Heather Manley Lillibridge, PhD – Executive Director, CBTS

Brief review from day 1 discussion that relates to day 2 discussion (Goal: Gap Identification)

Christine Blackburn, PhD – Pandemic and Biosecurity Policy Program Deputy Director, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, Texas A&M University

10:30 – 11:30 am: Panel Discussion: Training that is currently conducted to educate and protect

against infectious diseases – Focus on focus on frontline personnel (basic and advanced training)

Federal training (CDC, DHS)
U.S./Mexico state and local public health training
Coordination

Umbrella Topic: *Resources that currently exist and/or are already being used across borders, virtually and in real-time, and resources that could be easily adapted.*

11:30 – 11:45 am: 15 min BREAK

11:45 – 1:15pm Working Group Sessions – Attendees will divide into one of two groups for each topic

11:45 – 12: 15 pm: Working Group Question: *What are the training needs to improve border personnel protection against infectious diseases?*

12:15 – 12:45 pm: Working Group Question: *What are the training needs, including joint training needs, to promote improved response to pandemics or disease pressures at the border (including human infectious diseases, zoonoses, and phytonoses)*

12:45 pm – 1:15pm: Working Group Question: *What are the perceived training gaps? (e.g., are the following needed: joint simulations, one health program)*

1:15 – 1:45 pm: Re-cap of key points collected from both sessions & closing remarks

Dr. Manley Lillibridge