



## LONG-TERM COVID: THE NEXT PANDEMIC?

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 26, 11am- 12pm PT

**WHERE:** [Zoom](#)  
Simultaneous interpreting in Spanish, Mandarin, and Korean provided. When you register you will be asked to choose a language, if you wish to listen to the original audio in English simply choose 'none'.

**WHY:** Long COVID has potentially affected up to 23 million Americans, and left 1 million people permanently unable to work, according to a recent report from the US [Government Accountability Office](#). A study released earlier this month in the scientific journal [Nature](#) concludes that nearly half of patients who suffered from symptomatic Covid have not recovered several months later.

At this briefing, speakers will address:

- The role of vaccines in mitigating long COVID
- Symptoms of long COVID
- Managing long COVID symptoms
- Disparities in the delivery of care to vulnerable populations. Could proper treatment in the first stages of infection possibly prevent long COVID? Is lack of access to antiviral medications contributing to the high number of lower-income people suffering from long COVID?
- Are certain communities more vulnerable? Are genetics and underlying conditions involved?

**WHO:** **Dr. Nisha Viswanathan**, Director of UCLA's Long COVID Program. Viswanathan is a primary care physician and assistant professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

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