



INFRAGARD LOUISIANA
Healthcare and Public Health Sector
COVID-19 SitRep
Dr. Robert Muller, M.D.

The current pandemic we are experiencing is obviously multi-faceted. It is well known, and it is little known. What we know is that we don't know for sure it's exact origin at the present time and it is carefully being investigated.

It is a highly contagious respirator virus that is transmitted person to person with currently no known animal vectors, although several large and small cats have tested positive for the virus of unknown transmission to them. (Animal testing is NOT recommended at this time.) If a person is CV positive, it is recommended that any animals stay in the home.

It currently has less than a 2% fatality rate.

It has affected all age groups from infants to the elderly; especially older persons with coexistence of other health conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity. However, this is not the case in all fatal situations. It has affected more blacks (greater than 60%) in most areas for unknown reasons related to possible medical and financial inequities, lack of social distancing or possible some genetic predisposition. There are many theories but none totally conclusive at the present time.

It is being treated with high pressure ventilators and now with low pressure ventilators with debate over which is the best – including the use of no ventilators.

It is being treated with various single and combination of antibiotics, antivirals and other medication normally used to treat other conditions i.e. Malaria and rheumatoid arthritis.

There is current no clear consensus of the optimal treatment and randomized clinical trials are being conducted. There are two studies out of France and Australia regarding the use of combinations of the antibiotic Azithromycin (Z-pack) combined with Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) that has been adopted with varying success in the U.S. depending what study you choose to rely upon.

We recently had two field agents on assignment in Thailand who brought back information that they were using Zinc as a treatment supplement over there and that now has also carried over as a possible additional treatment additive in the U.S. The bottom line again is we do not know for sure.

There are many 15 minutes of fame researchers out there; each claiming they know the best treatment treatments and solutions for cure.

The CDC last night put out a condemnation of the TV doctor "Dr Oz" for what they said was providing expertise and recommendations contrary to CDC recommendations.

The TRUTH is that there is NO CONCLUSIVE TRUTH, and studies are still on going.

There are numerous PPE being touted as protective options i.e. N95 masks, cloth masks, gloves and gowns.

Many say the virus can pass through masks, especially the cloth ones but are better than nothing. There are no definite studies on any of this at present that are conclusive. Again – they are "MAYBE" Studies.

It is only common sense that the continuous use of the same mask, gloves and gown will eventually become contaminated on contact and their continuous use without changing between patients/contacts – will likewise spread the virus just like any other article of clothing and is only protective to the individual wearing them and not to prevent dissemination.

There are numerous vendors with tests kits on the market for use and home purchase. While they maybe "FDA" approved, they are finding their accuracy may not be all that sensitive/specific, especially the "quick tests" kits. False negative and False positive tests have been reported

There are PPE for sale which are being found to be of worthless quality along with the scams for new cures and vaccines, etc. that are being propagated on the internet that are just that – SCAMS.

Computer programs, algorithms, etc. being offered for who is at risk, how you may respond, treatment options, etc. are likewise current SCAMS.

The FBI founded IG as a civilian arm to aid in intelligence gathering and consultative matters to aid the Bureau in advanced and ever-growing technology of the time.

It was not founded as an investigative or research group although many excellent ideas and division sectors have provided valuable help and information to the Bureau.

I have been in some advisory type capacity with the Bureau for over 26 years now; long before the creation of IG and the mission of the Bureau has never changed.

In order to maintain the integrity of the mission of IG, it is not within the intent to provide any general recommendations during this difficult time but only to keep our member informed in a non-medical recommendation capacity. It is not our prerogative to recommend any treatment – best option or to endorse or recommend any products, tests, programs or the like.

It is up to individuals, their physicians, their corporate staff and/or medical staff to devise their own protocols in accordance with current widely publicized government recommendations – for clear common- sense issues as consistent one message, one protocol – as well as the liability issues of mixed messaging.

I have been spending 4-8 hrs. a day reviewing all the latest info and data coming in from the FBI, IG, CDC, NIH and other agencies with at least 4-6 hrs. of conference calls per week. We are on top of this issue.

The volume of information along with this mixed messaging is too confusing to be disseminating out on a regular basis; and in agreement with the FBI staff and coordinators will be issued on a limited basis with anything of definitive significance put out as needed.

If I can be of any help with any questions you may have, please don't hesitate to contact me. My office is 985-641-2100, my cell is 985-960-1370. If I am unavailable, please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as possible or text me your question.

It would seem at present that everybody is an EXPERT on a subject in which there is NO degree of expertise.

Rob Muller, M.D.
Medical Sector Chief
IG FBINO

Lester Millet III
President
InfraGard Louisiana

SA Todd Schliem
FBI N.O. IG Coordinator