Nearly eight months into the pandemic, hopes of conquering COVID-19 still largely rest on a vaccine. Thanks to the unprecedented speed and scale of development, dozens of candidates are now in advanced clinical trials. Yet whether vaccines will meet our hopes for a return to normal—now, or in the years to come—will depend on our ability to meet a new kind of challenge, one as logistical, operational, and cultural as it is epidemiological, and far more complex than any the world has faced in the history of immunization to date.

SESSION 1 | Monday, November 2, 2020, 6 pm (IST)
“The Vaccine is Not the (Whole) Answer: Learning to Live with the COVID-19 Pandemic”
Prof. David Heymann, Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and advisor to the WHO on COVID-19

SESSION 2 | Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 6 pm (IST)
“Ten Years in Less than Ten Months: Running Vaccine Trials During a Pandemic”
Prof. Andrew Pollard, chief investigator of global clinical trials for the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine candidate

SESSION 3 | Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 6 pm (IST)
“Lessons from Africa: Immunizing Populations in Low-Income Settings”
Dr. Chikwe Ihekweazu, director general of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and a leader in its successful efforts to contain the country’s COVID-19 outbreak

SESSION 4 | Wednesday, November 25, 2020, 6 pm (IST)
“It’s All in the Delivery: Operational and Logistical Challenges in Deploying a Pandemic Vaccine”
Prof. Michael Edelstein, principal investigator in population health at the BIU Azrieli Faculty of Medicine and former lead for COVID-19 community surveillance at Public Health England

SESSION 5 | Monday, November 30th, 2020, 6 pm (IST)
“Treating Patients, Testing Patients: A Hospital at the Forefront of COVID-19 treatments”
Dr. Ravit Barkama, assistant vice president of clinical development at Holy Name Medical Center in Tenafly, New Jersey, a leader in COVID-19 clinical trials

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