

UW Health: Expert panel addresses “The Science of Vaccines” this afternoon

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MADISON – Two leading vaccine experts at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health will speak at a free panel this afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. about the science behind vaccines.

It is a free webinar open to the public and put on by the Morgridge Institute for Research and is a part of their “Fearless Science Speaker Series.” The panel will cover important and timely topics, including –

- How coronavirus infects
- How COVID-19 vaccines protect us
- How scientists were able to make a vaccine in less than a year

Dr. James Conway, medical director of UW Health Immunization program and professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and Dr. William Hartman, faculty at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health and principal investigator for several clinic trials: UW AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial, UW COVID-19 convalescent plasma trial and three UW Regeneron clinical trials to treat COVID-19, will be two of the speakers.

To register to watch the webinar (for free) go to: <https://morgridge.org/event/covid-19-the-science-of-vaccines/>. Reporters are welcome attend.

Johan den Boon, PhD, virologist with the John W. and Jeanne M. Rowe Center for

Research in Virology at the Morgridge Institute for Research, will also be a speaker on the panel.

Dr. Conway and Dr. Hartman are available for interviews before or after the event.

Also, tonight at 7:00p.m., Wisconsin Medicine's live stream series addresses how doctors and researchers are making life-saving advancements in transplantation during COVID-19. For more info: <https://www.wiscmedicine.org/programs/trends-in-transplantation>