

Secretary Cardona Holds Virtual Roundtable with Early Childhood Stakeholders to Discuss Priorities for Early Learning

Today, U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona held a virtual roundtable conversation with a diverse group of early childhood stakeholders and leaders who bring perspective from the experiences of early educators, families, and communities during the public health emergency. Today's conversation will help inform the Department's early learning priorities. Topics that the early childhood stakeholders discussed included the early educator workforce, childcare and pre-K, early intervention and early childhood special education services, and family supports.

Secretary Cardona opened the discussion saying, "We know that this upcoming year is going to be critically important, and this conversation today is going to help shape some of the work that we do in early learning. We have the early learning heavyweights from across the country on

this call. I'd love your perspective on how we can build back better."

"I think we've seen a renewed coming together of parents as teachers, and teachers, realizing that they're in this together and I think you can build upon that," said Joan Lombardi, senior scholar at Georgetown University and international expert on child development and social policy. "I can't reinforce enough how much we need to revolutionize the K-3 system ... and the childcare and



preschool discussion ... they should be planning together in a community."

Lea Austin, director of the Center for the Study of childcare employment at UC Berkeley

said, "We know in this country that 90% of other occupations are paid more than people who are working with our youngest children. And within that we know that we have some serious racial inequities and wage gaps. As we think about building back better, for me it really means having

those educators who are the linchpin to early care and education quality, thriving and for these to be good jobs so that we have people clamoring to be early educators in this country."

Secretary Cardona closed the conversation saying, "I want to go from these conversations to actually planning. Going back to what it was prior to March 2020 is not the goal; that's a low bar."

"I've visited about 11 states already during and after the tour, and those places that are doing the best are the ones that understand intentional collaboration; that doesn't mean you agree ... but be intentional about making sure you're putting students at the center of the conversation."

"Supporting the development of our young children and families should be a community effort because when our children succeed, our communities succeed."

絕望噩夢! 全員接種豪華游輪爆疫! 打疫苗也感染



\$5300 不等。周六, 這艘游輪搭載着 600 名乘客和 650 名船員, 從加勒比海聖馬丁島出發。所有船員以及 16 歲以上乘客在登船前, 都必須出示 72 小時內的新冠檢測陰性證明, 以及已經完全接種新冠疫苗的證明。陰性證明 + 疫苗證明, 每一個登船的人, 都有 "雙重保險" 傍身。揚帆起航的名人千禧號, 在眾人眼中, 應該是 0 病毒的海上樂園。作為熬過疫情後首批重享豪華游輪之旅的乘客, 大家

直下——船長宣佈, 船上兩名住在同一船艙房間的乘客, 查出了新冠陽性。

按照規定, 航行應該在 6 月 12 日結束, 所有乘客必須在下船前, 接受一次新冠檢測並得到陰性結果。兩名陽性乘客, 就是這樣被發現的。

一位女乘客透露, 事發當時, 她在岸上玩完回到船上, 就聽到船上所有人都在驚恐地



議論有兩人查出陽性的消息。

更糟的是, 該女乘客隨後接到工作人員通知: 兩名感染者, 曾和她一道下船遊玩。在不知不覺中成了密切接觸者的女乘客, 和其他多名密切接觸者一樣, 被要求回到自己的船艙房間, 等待接收檢測, 並且在結果呈陰性前, 不得擅自離開。該女乘客稱, 這場游輪爆疫事件, 真實證

明瞭, 疫苗並非 100% 有效。兩名陽性乘客目前仍在隔離中, 受到游輪醫療團隊監測。

實際上, 名人千禧號已經不是本周第一艘爆出發疫的游輪。

另一艘名為 "海岸線號" (MSC Seaside) 的游輪上, 也出現了兩名感染乘客。

和名人千禧號上的乘客不同, 海岸線號上的兩名陽性乘客, 並非一起旅行。目前, 兩人已經和各自的同行者一起被隔離。這艘游輪, 要求所有乘客登船前必須接受兩次核酸檢測並呈陰性, 但未要求乘客出示疫苗接種證明。

無論如何, 接種疫苗後, 在不斷變異的新冠病毒面前, 也不是鐵板一塊, 這個令人不太愉快的真相, 最好還是儘快接受, 並做出準備和應對。曾經期盼的打完疫苗後, 可以重新安心坐飛機、坐游輪的願望, 現在看來, 似乎無法輕易實現了。

全員持陰性證明 + 疫苗證明登船的巨輪, 本應是 0 病毒的狂歡樂園

全球大流行爆發至今, 已經過去 15 個月。隨著各國接種疫苗規模不斷擴大, 越來越多的人, 開始期待顛覆的人生與命運回歸原位。

然而, 今天, 一件令人絕望的事情發生了——一艘搭載上千人、全員接種疫苗的巨型豪華游輪, 在海上航行 5 天後, 突然爆出新冠疫情。已接種過疫苗的感染者, 毫不知情的密切接觸者, 立即遭到隔離, 大規模核酸檢測在船上展開。前一秒還在狂歡的乘客們, 頃刻被恐怖氛圍籠罩。

這艘號稱全球首個 "全員接種" 的豪華游輪, 叫 "名人千禧號" (Celebrity Millennium), 隸屬皇家加勒比公司, 運營的固定航線中, 包括從加拿大溫哥華出發的航線, 價格從 \$1200 到



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