

Is the COVID “pandemic” being used for practice?

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It is almost as if COVID19 is being used to practice some prior plans the federal government put in place. There is a “draft” report [floating](#) around on the internet about the "Crimson Contagion". While the name itself is correct the report is suspicious and appears to be initiated by the NYT, intended perhaps to reflect badly on President Trump for having prior information and not doing anything about it. No final report is found.

Here is the truth.

In December, 2019, Robert Kadlec, Health & Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, made a [statement](#) to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. In that statement he mentioned the Crimson Contagion 2019 Functional Exercise was held in August, 2019 that included 12 federal agencies, 12 states, hospitals, and private sector partners (pg 8). That exercise found extra funding would be needed for vaccines, PPE, and that global manufacturing capacity wouldn't be sufficient. Dependency on China and India for medicines was also noted.

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|  | Written Testimony House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations |
| Flu Season: U.S. Public Health Preparedness and Response <i>Statement of</i> Robert Kadlec, MD, MTM&H, MS Assistant Secretary For Preparedness and Response | |
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HHS has an Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response ([ASPR](#)). ASPR in turn has a DRIVEe [program](#) which is basically a partnership between the federal government and private sector that "Accelerate the development and availability of transformative technologies and approaches to protect Americans from health security threats." COVID19 is considered a health security [threat](#) by the government.

HHS has another ASPR program, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority ([BARDA](#)), that aids in "securing our nation from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear ([CBRN](#)) threats **as well as from pandemic influenza**", and "supports the transition of medical countermeasures such as vaccines, drugs, and diagnostics from research through advanced development towards consideration for approval by the FDA and inclusion into the Strategic National Stockpile." Read the BARDA Strategic Plan here. The Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation [Act](#) was passed in June, 2019. This act enhances ASPR Secretary and CDC Director authority, new military and civilian partnerships, funding, and supports other programs.

So just prior to COVID19, *Event 201* was held, a new law strengthened government authority, an exercise on vaccines and supply availability was held, a program for rapid development of vaccines and other medical countermeasures enhanced, etc. Is COVID19 being used as an exercise to see how efficient federal programs operate?



"BARDA invests in the innovation, advanced research and development, acquisition, and manufacturing of medical countermeasures – vaccines, drugs, therapeutics, diagnostic tools, and non-pharmaceutical products needed to combat health security threats. To date, 54 BARDA-supported products have achieved regulatory approval, licensure or clearance."

Is this how our government was created to operate? How far outside of the boundaries in which the federal government is supposed to operate is this? And this is just one area. Just this one piece doesn't include all of the other shenanigans that are going on related to this "crisis". What American went to their representative and asked the federal government to create a law or program for any of this? At what point will we all recognize that we are under a tyrannical government, that government has become its own growth machine, and at what point will we be willing to address it? Or is this what we do want, a government that will take care of all our protection and needs at the expense of ignoring our Constitution?