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BLUEPRINT BIOSECURITY AND CENTIVAX JOIN THE COALITION TO STOP FLU

February 18 (Washington, DC) – The Coalition to Stop Flu is pleased to announce the addition of Blueprint Biosecurity and Centivax to its growing alliance dedicated to ending flu deaths. These members join 25 other organizations leading the fight against seasonal and pandemic influenza.

Blueprint Biosecurity is a nonprofit dedicated to reducing the threat of airborne disease. It architects practical plans for implementing technologies and policies that accomplish this. It then works with partners across government, academia, and philanthropy to put these plans into action. Blueprint Biosecurity believes that a world without pandemics also means a world without the flu.

Centivax, a leader in universal vaccine development, is working to eliminate the threat of seasonal and pandemic influenza through its universal flu vaccine, Centi-Flu. Notably, animals immunized with Centi-Flu produced broad neutralizing titers and robust cellular immunity that spans over a century's worth of influenza strains, including those not in the vaccine itself—including neutralizing antibody titers and T-cell responses against the currently circulating H5N1 pandemic strain. Centivax's goal is to protect people of all ages and regions from influenza, end the pandemic era, and ultimately usher in a world free from the burden of flu.

The Coalition to Stop Flu, a multi-sector advocacy coalition, welcomes these partnerships at this pivotal time. In the 2023-2024 influenza season, 206 children died from influenza in the United States, more than in any other recorded year. Experts also continue to sound the alarm about the threat of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to cause another human pandemic. By combining resources, knowledge, and expertise, Blueprint Biosecurity and Centivax join other Coalition members in driving efforts in Washington D.C. to ensure that influenza receives right-sized federal funding and prioritization.

"We are thrilled to welcome Blueprint Biosecurity and Centivax to the Coalition to Stop Flu. Their commitment to innovation and proactive solutions will help accelerate progress toward our shared goal of saving lives, saving money, and protecting public health," said Coalition to Stop Flu Chairman Senator Tom Daschle.

"At Blueprint Biosecurity, we believe that the efforts to end pandemics and influenza are fundamentally interconnected. We're thrilled to join the Coalition to Stop Flu to work alongside peers who each bring unique expertise to the critical mission of ending the burden of airborne diseases," said Blueprint Biosecurity Executive Director Jacob Swett.

"Since the first U.S. Army-supported flu vaccine of 1940, American technology has led the fight against flu. We believe the U.S. federal government is a crucial partner in protecting Americans, our economy, our warfighter readiness, and the world from influenza," said Centivax founder and CEO Jacob Glanville.

“We are glad to join the Coalition to Stop Flu to advocate for federal support of our vision to end the pandemic era.”

The addition of Blueprint Biosecurity and Centivax reflects the Coalition to Stop Flu’s ongoing commitment to building a collaborative and multidisciplinary response to one of the country’s most predicable, preventable public health challenges.

About the Coalition to Stop Flu
The Coalition to Stop Flu is a multi-sector advocacy coalition dedicated to ending deaths from seasonal and pandemic influenza. The Coalition’s federal policy agenda is aimed at saving lives, saving money, and protecting public health by enhancing the U.S. influenza ecosystem, including ensuring adequate funding for priority influenza programs.

The Coalition’s members include Alvogen, the American Heart Association, the American Society for Microbiology, the Association of Immunization Managers, the Association of Public Health Laboratories, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Blueprint Biosecurity, Centivax, CSL Seqirus, Eradivir, Families Fighting Flu, Genentech, GSK, the Global Health Investment Coalition, the Healthcare Distribution Alliance, IDBiologics, Immunize.org, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Inovio Pharmaceuticals, the National Association of City and County Health Officials, the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, Pfizer, Sanofi, Trust for America's Health, Vaccinate Your Family, and XCMR.

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