

COVID 19: Lessons Learned and Hope Ahead – Interview transcripts

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Dr. Stephen Hippler, Chief Clinical Officer, OSF HealthCare

On what we've learned

"I think we've learned so much as a medical community since that time, that now we know about treatment like monoclonal antibodies, antivirals like Remdesivir. We know when to give steroids and to which patients, to have the most outcome. And we also know to not put people on ventilators early."
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On vaccine hopes

"It's not a panacea, it's not going to work 100% of the time, and it really is critically dependent on enough people getting vaccinated. That's so critical. But I see it as the light at the end of the tunnel."
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On learning more "I think we still have a lot more to learn. I am really looking over the next year or so to better understand why certain people get COVID and are asymptomatic, some have mild disease, some are hospitalized and some die. There has to be a reason and I'm convinced that scientific discovery over the years ahead will lead us to a better understanding of this." (:25)

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On huge impact

"It has taken so many parents, grandparents, siblings, children even. It's had a huge impact on our society." (:11)

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On a year later

"As we've seen a year later, 400,000 deaths later, we're better off than we were a year ago, but we're not at a point where we can say this is over or that we've cured it or we've won the battle."