

COVID One Year Later: Silver Linings and Breakthroughs *(Interview Transcripts)*

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“Seeing the ability of the hospital community – and not just the inpatient workers, but everybody who functions in our hospital system – come together to solve problems rapidly shows the power of our medical community.” (:16)

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“While part of seeing this response shows the success of the system, that doesn’t make it any less traumatic what has happened to people who have been impacted directly by the virus or indirectly through business dealings or other.” (:13)

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“The strength in this response is that this does not only hold true for the response to COVID-19. It sets the stage for future pandemics if they were to occur. Our response has evolved in a way that is now much more advanced than we were initially prepared.” (:29)

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“This will drive a new generation of students to go into fields such as medicine, public health, education – to start to look at these things.” (:10)