The Capitol Hill Steering Committee on Pandemic Preparedness & Health Security is an educational forum that discusses new topics, technologies, and ideas that can improve domestic health security now and in the future. It convenes speakers including Members of Congress, heads of Federal agencies, industry representatives as well as subject matter experts from academia to discuss strengthening US health security. The Steering Committee is led by 11 Honorary Congressional Co-Chairs and 5 Honorary Founding Members and is managed by the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security at the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Starting in October 2020, the Capitol Hill Steering Committee on Pandemic Preparedness & Health Security began hosting webinars on topics ranging from COVID-19 vaccinations to disease surveillance and forecasting technologies. The regularly hosted sessions are widely attended by congressional staff; individuals working in local, state, and federal government agencies; academics; and partners in the private sector. Sessions have garnered top-tier media coverage in CNN, Politico, CBS News, and The Washington Post.

On average, the Capitol Hill Steering Committee on Pandemic Preparedness & Health Security draws more than 275 real-time attendees to each webinar, including on average of about 30 congressional staffers. Recorded webinars generate about 750 unique views per session.

More than 3,000 individuals viewed the session “Implementation of Mass Vaccination Campaigns in a Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities during COVID-19.” Another session, titled “COVID-19 Vaccination: What is Needed Now to Meet the Needs of the Hardest Hit Populations in the United States,” was attended by 85 congressional staffers, representing over 20% of the in-person attendees.