



## Agenda

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

11:00am-12:30pm — Facility Operations During COVID-19 – Challenges Overcome & Lasting Impacts

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*Panelists: John Maclean, Director, NOIRLab Center Operations Services  
Joe Gaime, Head, LIGO Livingston Observatory  
Mike Landry, Head, LIGO Hanford Observatory  
Derek Buffitt, WHOI Program Manager, OOI Coastal Global Scale Nodes (CGSN)  
Michiel van der Hoeven, Director, NOIRLab  
Lory Wingate, Senior Vice President, National Center for Atmospheric Research  
Chris McKay, Operations Manager, Battelle*

A panel of speakers from various large facilities will discuss their experiences over the past year during the COVID-19 pandemic. Panelists will share helpful actions their facilities took and what lasting impacts will remain.

**11:30am-12:00pm Breakout Sessions — Facility Operations During COVID-19 – Challenges Overcome & Lasting Impacts**

*Facilitators: TBD*

Attendees will break out into smaller informal groups to discuss large facilities operations challenges and positive takeaways from the past year.

**12:00-12:30pm Report Back & Wrap-up Discussion — Facility Operations During COVID-19 – Challenges Overcome & Lasting Impacts**

*Facilitator: ManTech*

Facilitators will share key points from the breakout group discussions with the larger group and host a final question and answer period.

12:30-2:00pm

**Lunch Break**

2:00-3:30pm — The Role of Communications, Education & Public Outreach During and After COVID-19

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*Speakers: Tim Spuck, Director of Education and Public Engagement, Associated Universities, Inc.  
Summer Ash, STEAM Education Manager at NRAO  
Peter Michaud, NOIRLab Education and Engagement Manager  
Robin Nelson, ECO Education Specialist, NHERI Network Coordination Office  
Adam Talamantes, Outreach Coordinator for the Regional Class Research Vessel Program (RCRV) at Oregon State University  
Carlos Villa, K-12 Education Outreach Coordinator, MagLab*

Observatories and facilities have been engaging with students and the public throughout the pandemic, and are now making plans to reopen. Some aspects of operations will come back to life before others. Panelists will discuss lessons learned over the past year and plans to re-engage with the public after long periods of being closed, taking advantage of new virtual opportunities.

**2:30-3:00pm Breakout Sessions — The Role of Communications, Education and Public Outreach During and After COVID-19**

*Facilitators: TBD*

Attendees will break out into smaller informal groups to discuss communications and EPO challenges and positive takeaways from the past year.

**3:00-3:30pm Report Back & Wrap-up Discussion — The Role of Communications, Education and Public Outreach During and After COVID-19**

*Facilitator: ManTech*

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