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The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security in partnership with the World Economic Forum and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation hosted Event 201, a high-level pandemic exercise on October 18, 2019, in New York, NY. The exercise illustrated areas where public/private partnerships will be necessary during the response to a severe pandemic in order to diminish large-scale economic and societal consequences.

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In recent years, the world has seen a growing number of epidemic events, amounting to approximately 200 events annually. These events are increasing, and they are disruptive to

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health, economies, and society. Managing these events already strains global capacity, even absent a pandemic threat. Experts agree that it is only a matter of time before one of these epidemics becomes global—a pandemic with potentially catastrophic consequences. A severe pandemic, which becomes “Event 201,” would require reliable cooperation among several industries, national governments, and key international institutions.



The logo for the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Health Security, and World Economic Forum. It features the Johns Hopkins crest (a shield with a globe and a flame) above the text "JOHNS HOPKINS BLOOMBERG SCHOOL of PUBLIC HEALTH". Below this is a horizontal line and the text "Center for Health Security". To the right, the "WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM" logo is displayed in white capital letters, with a stylized white arc passing through the letters.

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