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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. **William Schaffner, MD**, Professor of Preventive Medicine, Department of Health Policy, Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at Vanderbilt University

This year's flu season presents a unique challenge as COVID-19 positive tests continue to rise. Dr. Schaffner outlined the similarities and differences between the flu and COVID-19, and discussed the chances that the similar symptoms may cause doctors to make wrong diagnoses. He also addressed reports that cases of influenza appear to have plummeted by 98% across the globe. He recommended that patients contact their doctor via email or phone if they suspect they have the coronavirus, to avoid spreading it in waiting rooms or emergency rooms.

**Issues covered:**

**Coronavirus  
Public Health**

**Length: 9:43**

2. **Justin Reich, PhD**, Assistant Professor in the Comparative Media Studies/Writing Department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Director of the MIT Teaching Systems Lab, author of *"Failure to Disrupt: Why Technology Alone Can't Transform Education"*

Dr. Reich delivered a report card on the latest supposedly transformative educational technologies. He said assessment technology does a poor job of measuring whether a child is truly learning. He said most teachers were ill-prepared to make such a rapid transition to online learning this year, and explained how that problem can be addressed.

**Issues covered:**

**Education  
Technology**

**Length: 7:22**

3. **Nick Rizzo**, Fitness Research Director, RunRepeat.com

As businesses of all types struggle to stay afloat during COVID-19, a new poll has some bad news for gyms around the globe. Mr. Rizzo said only 31 percent of gym members have returned to their fitness clubs thus far, a more dismal result than gym owners expected. He said new lockdowns this winter could potentially cause a majority of gyms to never reopen.

**Issues covered:**

**Physical Fitness  
Economy/Small Business**

**Length: 5:00**