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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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1. **Michelle Macy, MD**, Pediatric Emergency Care Specialist at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Macy surveyed parents in Chicago during the early months of the pandemic and found that 23 percent of families were hesitant to seek emergency care for their child. She said the greatest reluctance was found in families of color. She offered examples of the most common ER visits that were left untreated and why this is such a great concern. She said that even nine months into the pandemic, ERs are still seeing far fewer patients than normal.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:39**

**Children's Health  
Parenting  
Minority Concerns  
COVID-19**

2. **Carsten Prasse, PhD**, Professor of Environmental Health and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University

Most consumers are aware that chemicals are used in the process of water treatment to ensure that it is safe to drink. But they might not know that the use of some of these chemicals, such as chlorine, can also lead to the formation hundreds of unregulated toxic byproducts. Prof. Prasse developed a method to find toxic chemicals in drinking water that could result in cleaner, safer taps.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:44**

**Water Quality  
Environment  
Personal Health**

3. **Eline van den Broek-Altenburg, PhD**, Assistant Professor and Vice Chair for Population Health Science in the Department of Radiology at the University of Vermont's Larner College of Medicine

Prof. van den Broek-Altenburg believes that government orders to wear face masks may lead to more infections, if not accompanied by proper public education. She said mask mandates often cause people to increase the number of daily contacts they have with other humans, which is a key risk factor driving transmission of the disease.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:54**

**COVID-19  
Government**

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