

McMaster HealthLabs COVID-19 Travel Study

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Dr. Goel previously served as the University of Toronto's chair of the Department of Health Administration, Vice-Provost, Faculty, and Vice-President and Provost. He was the founding President and CEO of Public Health Ontario from 2008 to 2014, and also served as Chief Academic Strategist at Coursera. Vivek sits on Canada's Immunity Task Force, sponsored by Health Canada, and is the Science Advisor for the CanCOVID Research Network.