

Margaret Chan

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Influenza pandemics must be taken seriously precisely because of their capacity to spread rapidly to every country in the world.

~Margaret Chan

For the first time in history, we can track the evolution of a pandemic in real-time... Influenza viruses are notorious for their rapid mutation and unpredictable behaviour.

~Margaret Chan

All countries should immediately now activate their pandemic preparedness plans. Countries should remain on high alert for unusual outbreaks of influenza-like illness and severe pneumonia.

~Margaret Chan

The international community should treat this as a window of opportunity to ramp up preparedness and response.

~Margaret Chan

Pandemic influenza is by nature an international issue; it requires an international solution.

~Margaret Chan

The unique nature about the influenza virus is its great potential for changes, for mutation.

~Margaret Chan

HIV AIDS is a disease with stigma. And we have learned with experience, not just with HIV AIDS but with other diseases, countries for many reasons are sometimes hesitant to admit they have a problem.

~Margaret Chan

Health system development is a key to effective detection, response, and control of any outbreak.

~Margaret Chan

I have a reputation for being a straight-talker.

~Margaret Chan

Tobacco is the only industry that produces products to make huge profits and at the same time damage the health and kill their consumers.

~Margaret Chan

We should never forget the government should be held accountable for providing services.

~Margaret Chan

...we hope to stop the transmission in six to nine months

~Margaret Chan

After all it really is all of humanity that is under threat during a pandemic.

~Margaret Chan

For a pandemic of moderate severity, this is one of our greatest challenges: helping people to understand when they do not need to worry, and when they do need to seek urgent care.

~Margaret Chan

Avoid activities outdoor. If you like to take an afternoon nap sleep under bed net. So these are measures that can be done to minimize [the] chance of infection [with Zika virus].

~Margaret Chan

I am personally overseeing changes that include the establishment of a global health emergency workforce.

~Margaret Chan

When WHO works with the private sector, the Organization takes all possible measures to ensure its work to develop policy and guidelines is protected from industry influence.

~Margaret Chan

At a time of multiple calamities in the world, we cannot allow the loss of essential antimicrobials, essential cures for many millions of people, to become the next global crisis.

~Margaret Chan

Mexico is a safe, as well as a beautiful and warmly gracious, place to visit.

~Margaret Chan

A severe disease that transmits easily will leave very little international surge capacity as most countries will need their own staff and resources to combat the outbreak in their territories.

~Margaret Chan

The possible impact of the virus [Zika] an extraordinary event and a public health threat to other parts of the world.

~Margaret Chan

The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, and the related Accra Agenda for Action, are useful policy instruments that set out the mutual responsibilities of donors and recipient countries.

~Margaret Chan

[we have]taming of an ancient disease [malaria] that over the centuries has killed untold millions of people.

~Margaret Chan

What amazes me most is that the media and I have fostered a close relationship.

~Margaret Chan

When you're dealing with new and emerging diseases, you have no idea and you can't predict in advance what would happen.

~Margaret Chan

The WHO is the lead agency in health in the United Nations system, and clearly we have very important functions to play.

~Margaret Chan

The multiple roles that women can play in a society if given the opportunity is really a tremendous asset.

~Margaret Chan

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