

COVID-19: Survival and Revival

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About this Session: As the nation tragically surpasses 500,000 COVID-19 deaths, hopeful signs are beginning to emerge with the spread of vaccines, a decline in the daily infection rate and positive economic trends. What do these harbingers mean for concessionaires, airports and airlines, and what steps are needed to rebuild and reshape the aviation 'ecosystem' for full recovery? Dr. Van Beek will offer his analysis and thoughts on how the airport-concession relationship and business-risk model should be recalibrated for recovery, growth and success.

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