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Dr. Lisa Koonin founded *Health Preparedness Partners, LLC* (HPP) after her 30+ year career with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During that time, she led the development of national pandemic influenza preparedness and response plans and policies, served in leadership positions for multiple national and international emergency responses, led large-scale CDC pandemic exercises, and consulted with businesses, state and local governments, healthcare facilities, non-governmental organizations, academia, and ministries of health around the world, to improve emergency preparedness. Dr. Koonin is recognized as an international expert in emergency infectious disease preparedness and response. She was recently featured in Michael Lewis' new book "The Premonition", where her role in developing national social distancing policies was described. Since January 2020, she has provided advice to CDC's leadership and programs for the national COVID-19 response.

As the leader for HPP, Dr. Koonin helps businesses and organizations in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including providing practical and detailed guidance about determining when and how to return to the workplace, strategies for protecting employees, managing ongoing risk mitigation, and preparing for future waves of COVID-19 as well as other health threats.

Dr. Koonin is a frequent lecturer at national and international conferences on pandemic and infectious disease preparedness and response. She has published more than 95 peer-reviewed scientific publications on an array of public health and preparedness topics. Dr. Koonin is an epidemiologist and family nurse practitioner and earned master of nursing and master of public health degrees from Emory University and a doctorate degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Gillings School of Global Public Health and Adjunct Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Indiana University, Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health.