

# BNF Virtual Event: Nutrition and COVID-19



**9.30 - 13.00 (GMT)**  
**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**



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## ***What's this event about?***

This free virtual event will bring together eminent speakers to consider new and emerging understanding of the interactions between COVID-19 and obesity, immune function and the gut microbiome, new information on vitamin D in BAME groups, and a discussion of the strengths, limitations and future requirements of the nutrition science evidence base. There will also be a live panel discussion, where attendees will be invited to ask questions of panellists.

To complement the event, the BNF Annual Lecture will be given by Professor Hilary Powers, University of Sheffield, and a series of BNF Awards will be presented to celebrate the work and achievements in food and nutrition of individuals at different career stages, including early career scientists, school teachers and the winner of the 2020 BNF Prize.

## **Programme**

*Note: BNF reserves the right to change the programme at any time.*

### **9:30 Welcome**

*Prof Judy Buttriss, British Nutrition Foundation*

### **9:45 The evidence-base underpinning diet-disease relationships - advances and future needs**

*Prof Christine Williams, University of Reading & Academy of Nutrition Sciences*

### **10:00 Obesity as a risk factor for COVID-19**

*Prof Jason Halford, University of Leeds*

### **10:15 Nutrition, immune function and COVID-19**

*Prof Philip Calder, University of Southampton*

### **10:30 Vitamin D, COVID-19 and BAME groups: Current Controversies and Future Perspectives**

*Prof Susan Lanham New, University of Surrey*

### **10:45 Comfort break**

### **11:00 BNF in COVID-19 climate: learnings and future plans**

*Sara Stanner, British Nutrition Foundation*

### **11:15 Emerging evidence for the role of the human gut microbiome in COVID-19 infection outcomes**

*Prof Glenn Gibson, University of Reading*

### **11:30 Panel discussion - chaired by Prof Judy Buttriss**

*Speakers, plus Dr Sarah Berry, Kings College London, and Judith Batchelar, Sainsbury's*

### **12:10 The BNF Awards 2020 – championing nutrition science**

The BNF Prize  
Pump Priming  
Early Career Scientist  
Education

### **12:20 BNF Annual Lecture:**

**Riboflavin and friends; remarkably versatile vitamins**

*Prof Hilary Powers, University of Sheffield*

**Register today to join the event live on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 or to watch it at a later date.**