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Subject: Re: SARS 2003, Influenza 2009 and the present

Marty:

Thanks for the note. Indeed, immune sera is foremost on our mind as are mAbs. Hope that all is well with you.

Best,
Tony

On Feb 11, 2020, at 9:55 AM, Martin Blaser

(b) (6) wrote:

Dear Tony,

I don't mean to bother you, but I have a suggestion, in case you have not considered it.

China will have hundreds of thousands of Coronavirus survivors. Their convalescent (immune) serum is valuable. China should try to collect it and give it as a good-will gesture to people around the world.

For moderately to seriously ill people, Immune serum should save many lives.

If cases start to come here, we also should collect serum from survivors, but hopefully we will be very late in the pandemic, and it is not needed because of all of the other things you are doing.

Thank you for everything you and NIAID are doing!

Best wishes, Marty

(Just as in SARS, the R_0 for nCoV-2019 is higher in hospitals than in the community, but it still is too high in the community).

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