



## News from the Hereditary Disease Foundation

### COVID-19 Update

We hope you and your loved ones are taking special care during this challenging time. Our hearts go out to everyone impacted by the virus. We wish a speedy recovery to anyone who is sick, and strength and resilience to all.

The Hereditary Disease Foundation team is working from home, and support for our scientists is continuing. We look forward to funding a new group of brilliant researchers later this year. Some of the programming we had planned for the year may be modified, and we will keep you updated. We are pleased that many of the pharmaceutical companies that support Huntington's disease research have also joined in the fight to combat COVID-19. There has never been a more important time for collaboration. Together we will prevail.

### Stay Home and Watch TV



HDF President Nancy Wexler will be featured in the documentary series "Ken Burns Presents The Gene: An Intimate History," which will premiere on Tuesday, April 7, from 8-10pm ET, on PBS stations nationwide. It will also be streamed online by [PBS](#) so you can watch at your convenience. Other featured scientific luminaries include Paul Berg, Francis Collins, Jennifer Doudna, Shirley Tilghman, Siddhartha Mukherjee and James Watson. The series is based on Dr. Mukherjee's book. Part 2 will air the following Tuesday, April 14, from 8-10pm ET. To learn more about the show, read [PBS's press release](#).

### **More to Watch....**

To help mark their 75th anniversary this year, the Lasker Foundation is featuring Nancy Wexler in a five-part video on her life and work. In part 1, released in March (available on our [website](#)), Nancy shares her family's history with HD. In part 2 (coming out soon), Nancy discusses her journey behind identifying the gene that causes HD. Please check our [website](#) to find it. In 1993, Nancy received the prestigious Albert Lasker Public Service Award for research, policy and advocacy for Huntington's disease.

### **Thank You!**

An extra big thanks for your continued support of HDF. We look forward to getting through this difficult period while we continue our work towards treatments and cures for Huntington's disease.

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