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COVID Clouds and Silver Linings:

The Value of Citizen Science in a Pandemic

In the age of COVID-19, the value of timely, transparent science and science literacy among an engaged public is increasingly important. Citizen science provides the public with unique opportunities to engage in science; and hands-on projects teach skills and get folks outdoors, on the beach for projects as different as jellyfish reporting, measuring coastal erosion, and beached bird identification. But will people engage? Using the COASST program as a model, this talk examines challenges and opportunities of conducting citizen science in the COVID era from three viewpoints: choice of place, amount of teamwork needed, and communication pathways.

A photograph showing three people (two men and one woman) kneeling on a sandy beach, engaged in a hands-on activity. They are wearing blue gloves and using tools to examine a specimen on the sand. The background shows a beach with some vegetation and a clear sky.

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6:00pm Program Begins
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