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Advisory #36 Montana's Rocky Mountain Labs – Say Cheese!

This segment with Dr. Bloom aired last night on ABC/Fox Montana stations; at the end is a programming note about the station's interview with Dr. Fauci, scheduled to air this evening.

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HAMILTON, Mont. - As Montanans continue to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, not a lot is known about who actually created these shots that will help end the pandemic. However, some prominent people are working hard at the Rocky Mountain Laboratories (RML) in Hamilton under the watchful eye of one of the most famous men in the world, Dr. Anthony Fauci.

While serving as the director of RML for the past 20 years, nothing makes Dr. Marshall Bloom's face light up more than to talk about cheese.

"We have to consider that vaccines are just one part of a block of swiss cheese," Dr. Bloom said while sitting in his office with a *We love you Dr. Fauci* sign behind him. No, he is not talking about the actual food cheese, but rather an important scientific reality when it comes to disease control and prevention.

"Masks are another slice of swiss cheese. Hand hygiene is another slice of swiss cheese. Physical distancing is another slice of swiss cheese," Dr. Bloom said.

Each one of these preventative measures outlined by Dr. Bloom is part of a thoughtful, virus killing strategy.

"The pandemic is not going to end when people get vaccinated. The pandemic is going to end when there are no more cases of COVID-19. We have to keep using all the slices of the swiss cheese until the number of cases gets so low that the infection cannot sustain itself in the community," he said.

PROGRAMING ANNOUNCEMENT: Make sure to tune into the ABC Montana News at 5:00, 6:00, 6:30, 10:00, and the FOX Montana News at 9:00 this Friday, Feb. 12, for a one-on-one interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci. Anchor Ben Wineman will go deep with the chief medical advisor to the President of the United States, asking him questions about Montana, if rescinding the statewide mask mandate is a smart idea and how the Treasure State is doing as we approach the one year anniversary of this pandemic. It's an interview you will not want to miss. Dr. Fauci, one on one, only on Montana Right Now.