

# Monthly Newsletter



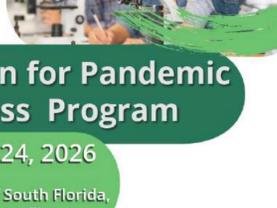
## Announcements

### Global Guardian for Pandemic Preparedness Program

July 20–24, 2026

Registration is now open for GVN's **Global Guardian for Pandemic Preparedness Program** at the University of South Florida. This five-day immersive experience introduces students to virology, epidemiology, and public health through interactive sessions, hands-on activities, and guided tours, while highlighting pathways in medicine, research, and global health.

**Open to Florida students in grades 9–12.** Completion of at least one biology course is required.



### Global Guardian for Pandemic Preparedness Program

July 20–24, 2026

University of South Florida,  
Tampa, FL

**Cost:** Free after \$30 non-refundable application fee

[Register Here](#)

Open to Florida high school students with an interest in science



**Residency Option Available**

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## GVN in the News

### News Articles & Press Coverage

#### Nipah Virus: What Nurses Need to Know About the South Asian Outbreak



Media Outlet: [nurse.org](#)  
Image Credit: [nurse.org](#)

Date: January 21, 2026

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#### Global Virus Network Issues Statement on Nipah Virus Outbreak

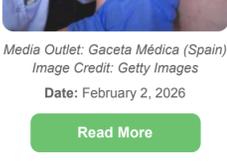


Media Outlet: [News.AZ](#)  
Image Credit: [Getty Images](#)

Date: February 2, 2026

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#### "People who are not vaccinated against measles will suffer all the clinical consequences of the infection."



Media Outlet: [Gaceta Médica \(Spain\)](#)  
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#### Experts warn but calm fears over India's Nipah outbreak

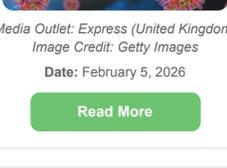


Media Outlet: [News.AZ \(Azerbaijan\)](#)  
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Date: February 3, 2026

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#### Major update issued about deadly virus outbreak



Media Outlet: [Express \(United Kingdom\)](#)  
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Date: February 5, 2026

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#### Deadly Nipah virus returns as officials issue update



Media Outlet: [MSN](#)  
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Date: February 6, 2026

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#### Infectious Disease Expert on Latest Nipah Virus Case: "Be Alert, But Not Alarmed"



Media Outlet: [Pharmacy Times](#)  
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Date: February 10, 2026

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#### USF Health hosts Global Virus Network headquarters, strengthening international pandemic preparedness



Media Outlet: [USF Health](#)  
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Date: February 19, 2026

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## Media Analytics

February 2026 media coverage snapshot

Total Mentions

**83**

Feb 2026

Average Reach

**3,934,055**

Feb 2026

Countries Covered

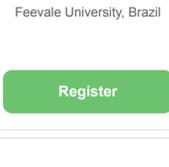
**18**

Feb 2026

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## GVN Webinar Series

#### Virus Genomic Surveillance and One Health, diving into the Brazilian virosphere

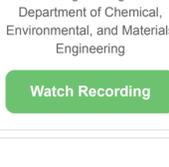


Tuesday, 24 March 2026  
10 – 11 AM (US Eastern)

Fernando Rosado Spilki, DVM, MSc, PhD  
Full Professor  
Feevale University, Brazil

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#### Using Wastewater to Track Disease Prevalence

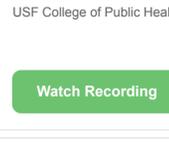


Monday, 23 Feb 2026  
9 – 10 AM (US Eastern)

Helena Solo-Gabriele, PhD  
University of Miami, College of Engineering  
Department of Chemical, Environmental, and Materials Engineering

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#### Real-Time Geo-AI Mosquito Control: A Case Study from Angola



Friday, 23 Jan 2026  
10 – 11 AM (US Eastern)

Benjamin Jacob, PhD  
Research Associate Professor of Biostatistics and Data Science  
USF College of Public Health

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## External Grants & Opportunities

- Mobile Health: Technology and Outcomes in Low and Middle Income Countries (mHealth)**
  - This program supports innovative, multidisciplinary mHealth research in low- and middle-income countries that develops and tests new or emerging mobile technologies to improve clinical and public health outcomes and strengthen local research capacity. Funding includes an initial two-year exploratory phase (R21) with the potential to transition to expanded validation and effectiveness studies (R33) based on milestone achievement.
  - Current deadline:** March 20, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- Advancing Bioinformatics, Translational Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**
  - This funding opportunity supports innovative research in bioinformatics, translational bioinformatics, and computational biology to develop advanced tools and methods for biomedical data science. It emphasizes the use of technologies such as AI, machine learning, and large-scale computational platforms to analyze complex biological data and improve health outcomes.
  - Current deadline:** April 6, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- LAUNCHING Leaders for Future U.S. Investments in Global Health Research (D43 Clinical Trial Optional)**
  - LAUNCH supports early-career U.S. researchers through immersive, mentored training in global health, pairing pre- and post-doctoral trainees with international partners in low- and middle-income countries. The program builds research skills, fosters cross-border collaboration, and prepares participants to address critical health challenges in the U.S. and worldwide.
  - Current deadline:** May 25, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- Impact of Initial Influenza Exposure on Immunity in Infants (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**
  - This funding opportunity supports the creation or continuation of longitudinal infant cohorts to study how early influenza infections and/or vaccinations shape immune responses throughout childhood. The research aims to inform the development of more durable and broadly protective influenza vaccines.
  - Current deadline:** June 4, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- Global Infectious Disease (GID) Research Training Program**
  - D43 (PAR-24-174). Strengthens research capacity in LMICs via long-, medium-, and short-term training in infectious disease research.
  - Current deadline:** August 6, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- Emerging Global Leader Award**
  - The Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award aims to provide research support and protected time to a research scientist from a LMIC who holds an academic junior faculty position or research scientist appointment at an LMIC academic or research institution. Low-income, lower-middle-income and upper-middle-income countries are included.
  - Current deadline:** December 3, 2026 ([Learn more](#))
- Fogarty Associated Funding Opportunities**
  - [Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (PAR-25-143)
    - Application due date:** Multiple dates, see announcement.

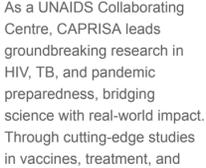
## Center of Excellence (COE) Highlights



#### Manipal Institute of Virology

The Manipal Institute of Virology leads in diagnostic virology, outbreak response, and infectious disease research, specializing in influenza, arboviruses, hepatitis, and emerging threats. MIV drives innovation in virology through collaboration, diagnostics, and a One Health approach, supporting public health at local and global levels.

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#### CAPRISA (Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa)

As a UNAIDS Collaborating Centre, CAPRISA leads groundbreaking research in HIV, TB, and pandemic preparedness, bridging science with real-world impact. Through cutting-edge studies in vaccines, treatment, and epidemiology, CAPRISA is shaping the future of infectious disease prevention.

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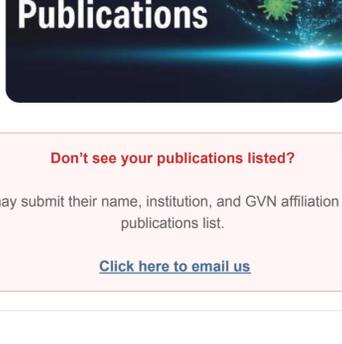
#### The Peter Doherty Institute of Infection and Immunity

The Peter Doherty Institute is a Global Virus Network Center of Excellence advancing infectious disease research, outbreak response, and immune system science. A partnership between the University of Melbourne and The Royal Melbourne Hospital drives innovation, collaboration, and policy leadership.

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## GVN Members Publications

Click on the image to check out the latest publications from some of our GVN members.



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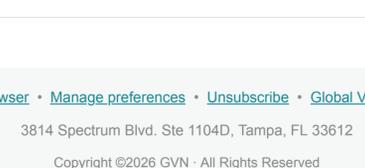
GVN members may submit their name, institution, and GVN affiliation to be added to the publications list.

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## Upcoming Events

- [State University of New York \(SUNY\) Global Health Institute \(GHI\) New York State Department of Health \(NYSDOH\) Global Collaboration – Annual Conference](#), April 3, 2026
- [CUGH's 17th Annual Conference: The Future of Global Health](#), April 9–12, 2026
- [Decoding HIV Persistence: Strategies for Curing HIV Infection](#), Apr 16–19, 2026
- [Vaccinology: A New Era in Immune-Driven Vaccine Design](#), May 4–7, 2026
- [ASM Microbe 2026](#), June 4–8, 2026
- [Viral Pathogenesis and Immunity: From Molecular Discoveries to Therapeutics](#), Jun 15–18, 2026

## 2025 End of Year Report



Explore highlights from GVN's in 2025, including progress across Education & Training, Research, and Global Health Strategies & Solutions, and the initiatives shaping pandemic preparedness in 2026.

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