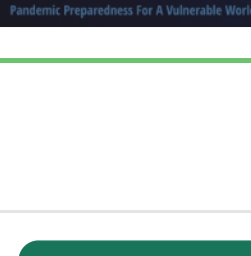


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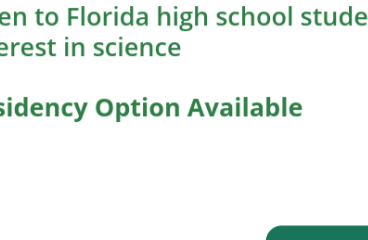
## Announcements

### Global Guardians for Pandemic Preparedness Program

July 20–24, 2026

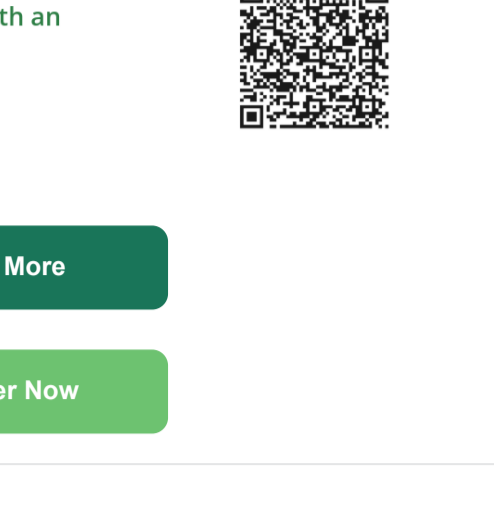
Registration is now open for GVN's **Global Guardians for Pandemic Preparedness Program** at the University of South Florida. This five-day immersive experience introduces students to virology, epidemiology, and public health through interactive sessions, hands-on activities, and guided tours, while 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 VIRUS NETWORK  
Pandemic Preparedness For A Vulnerable World

Extended Deadline : April 30th.



### Global Guardian for Pandemic Preparedness Program

July 20–24, 2026

University of South Florida,  
Tampa, FL

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

Open to Florida high school students with an interest in science

Residency Option Available

Register Here

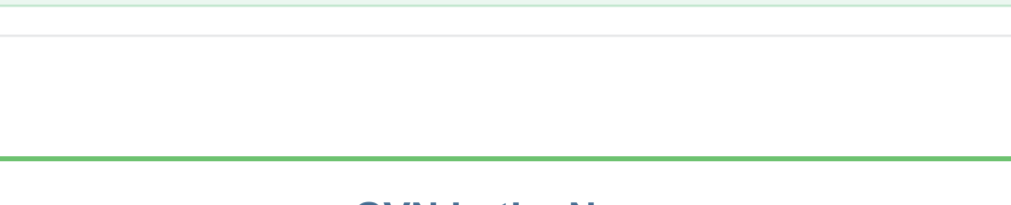


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## GVN Monthly Submission Impact Request

Help us showcase the strength and global impact of the GVN network by sharing your latest accomplishments. Selected highlights will be featured in upcoming newsletters and across GVN's communications channels.



To submit a highlight for consideration, please include:

- Institution
- GVN member(s) involved (optional)
- Category (grant, recent publications, award, collaboration, etc.)
- 1 to 2 sentence summary
- Link

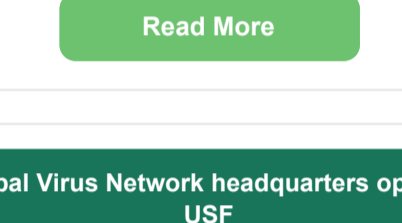
**Centers of Excellence and Affiliates:** Selected highlights will be featured globally across GVN channels, including the newsletter and social media.

Submit updates to [communications@gvn.org](mailto:communications@gvn.org).

## GVN in the News

### News Articles & Press Coverage

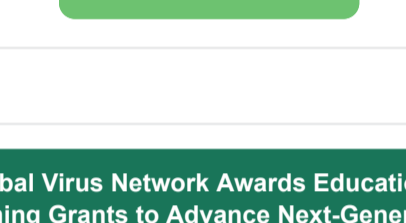
#### Global Virus Network opens International Headquarters at University of South Florida



Media Outlet: Manila Times  
Image Credit: GVN  
Date: March 10, 2026

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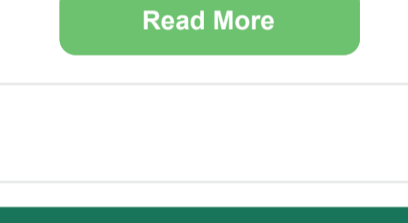
#### Gallo's Global Virus Powerhouse Picks USF Tampa as New Command Center



Media Outlet: Hoodline  
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Date: March 11, 2026

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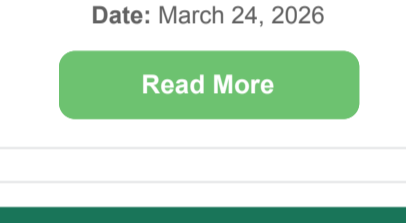
#### HIV co-discoverer Robert Gallo's Global Virus Network opens international headquarters at USF



Media Outlet: Tampa Bay Business Journal  
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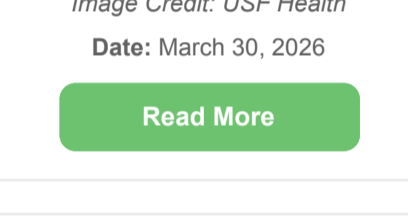
#### Port Richey woman shares struggle with long COVID years after infection



Media Outlet: Fox 13  
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#### Global Virus Network headquarters open at USF



Media Outlet: St. Pete Catalyst  
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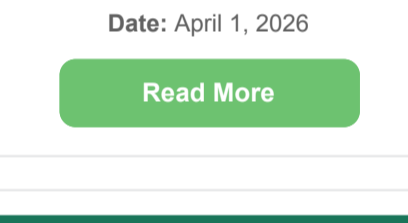
#### Global Virus Network Awards Education & Training Grants to Advance Next-Generation Virology Research and Pandemic Preparedness



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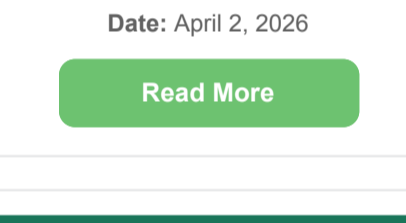
#### Aging with HIV: USF Health scientists target new frontiers in HIV research to improve long-term health



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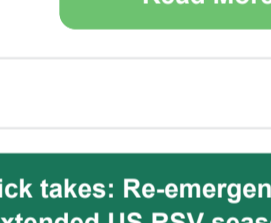
#### How the next CDC director can win back America's trust



Media Outlet: STAT News  
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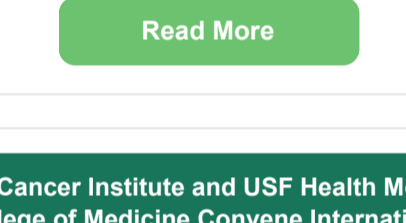
#### Global Virus Network Launches Expanded "Global Guardians for Pandemic Preparedness" Program for Florida High School Students



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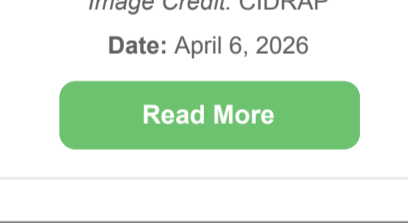
#### Global Virus Network Meeting Advances a Science-Driven Agenda for Pandemic Preparedness



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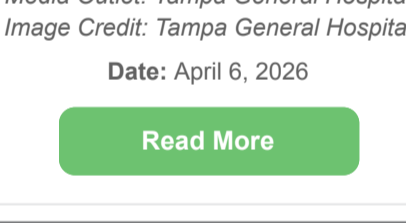
#### Global Virus Network Monitors SARS-CoV-2 Variant BA.3.2 ("Cicada"), Emphasizes No Cause for Alarm



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#### Global Virus Network Monitors SARS-CoV-2 Variant BA.3.2 ("Cicada"), Assures No Cause for Alarm



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#### Quick takes: Re-emergent COVID strain, extended US RSV season, typhus in California



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#### TGH Cancer Institute and USF Health Morsani College of Medicine Convene International Scientific Leaders for the "Microbes, Genes & Cancer" Symposium



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## Media Analytics

March 2026 media coverage snapshot

Total Mentions

646

Mar 2026

Average Reach

457,062

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Countries Covered

56

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## GVN Webinar Series

#### Immunological Response to Human Coronaviruses among People Living with HIV in Ghana

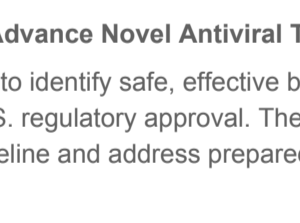


Wednesday, 29 April 2026  
1 - 2 PM (US Eastern)

Esimibia Adjovi Amezahie  
PhD student, medical scientist and research associate  
Dr. Osborne Quaye's lab at the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, University of Ghana

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

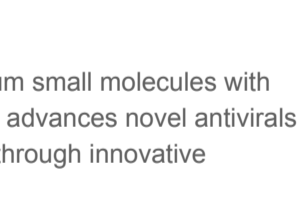


Tuesday, 24 March 2026  
10 – 11 AM (US Eastern)

Fernando Rosado Spliki, 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)

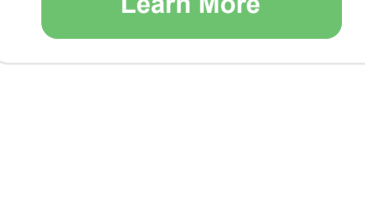
Helena Solo-Gabriele, PhD  
University of Miami, College of Engineering  
Department of Chemical, Environmental, and Materials Engineering

Watch Recording

## External Grants & Opportunities

- **\$100M SMART Antiviral Prize to Advance Novel Antiviral Therapies**
  - The SMART Antiviral Prize aims to identify safe, effective broad-spectrum small molecules with potential for clinical trials and U.S. regulatory approval. The competition advances novel antivirals to strengthen the therapeutic pipeline and address preparedness gaps through innovative solutions.
  - **Current deadline:** May 11, 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 Infant 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](#))
- **D43 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.
  - **Foundations of Public Health Intelligence (PHI) course**
    - This free, fully online, self-paced course is open to all, expanding access to high-quality public health intelligence (PHI) education worldwide. Developed by the Robert Koch Institute, the WHO Hub in Berlin, and WHO EMRO, it builds foundational skills and supports global capacity for preparedness, decision-making, and public health impact.

## Center of Excellence (COE) Highlights



#### Emerging Pathogens Institute at the University of Florida

Emerging Pathogens Institute is a global leader in infectious disease research, founded in 2006 at the University of Florida. Bringing together experts across disciplines, the institute advances research, education, and outreach to combat emerging pathogens through a One Health approach, strengthening global health and economic resilience.

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#### Duke-NUS Singapore

Duke-NUS Medical School is Singapore's flagship graduate-entry medical school, established through a partnership between Duke University and National University of Singapore. It trains clinician-leaders through an innovative model that integrates education, research, and clinical care to advance medical innovation and improve patient outcomes worldwide.

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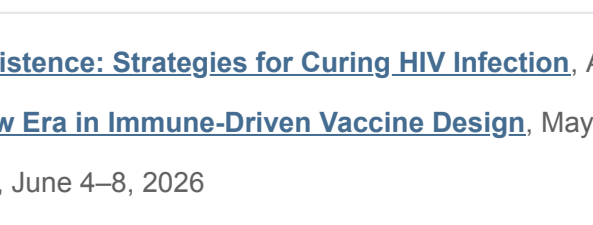
#### Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai is a leading biomedical education and research institution in New York City. With a strong emphasis on innovation and multidisciplinary collaboration, it advances patient care by integrating cutting-edge research, medical education, and clinical practice to drive better health outcomes worldwide.

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## Upcoming Events

- **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
- **The International Conference on HIV Persistence & Eradication**, Dec 6–9, 2026
  - [Abstract Submissions](#) (deadline: August 21, 2026)
  - [Scholarships Available](#) (deadline: August 21, 2026)