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GVN Global Virtual Network

Announcements

Urgent GVN Media Briefing:

Ebola in the DRC - Frontline and Global Experts Provide Updates & Answer Questions on the Outbreak, Risks, and Response

Register at: https://tinyurl.com/yat2a2ux

June 12, 2026
8:00 AM to 9:00 AM ET

GVN GLOBAL VIRTUAL NETWORK

Upcoming Global Media Briefing: Ebola in the DRC

The GVN will host a media briefing to examine evolving leading experts from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the World Health Organization (WHO), Africa CDC, and GVN Centers of Excellence to discuss current developments, public health challenges, diagnostic and treatment efforts, regional spread, and broader implications for global health preparedness. Journalists will have an opportunity to ask questions during a moderated Q&A session.

Featured panelists include:

- Prof. Jean-Jacques Muyembe Tamfum (Director General, L'Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale (INRB), DRC)
- Prof. Maria Van Kerkhove (World Health Organization)
- Prof. Raj Bawa (Ethicist, GVN)
- Prof. Ali Mokdad (Director, GVN Center of Excellence Director of CAPRISA)
- Prof. Richard T. Gray (Director, GVN Center of Excellence Director of Duke University School of Medicine)
- Prof. Rino A. Rappuoli (Chief Medical Officer, GVN; Owns University of South Florida College of Public Health)

Moderator:

- Prof. Christian Brechot (Chief, GVN Board of Directors; Director, University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine; Former President, Institute Pasteur)

Registration is limited to members of the media.

Date: June 16, 2026
Time: 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM
Registration is limited to members of the media only.

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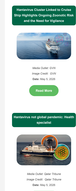
GVN in the News

Media Coverage & Statements



Harnessing Tumor Lysate to Drive Anti-Tumor Immunity: Insights from the Wei Group Conference

Media Outlet: GVN
Author: GVN
Date: May 21, 2026

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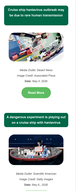

Ebola strip hemorrhoid outbreak may be tied to rare human transmission

Media Outlet: Global News
Author: Chief Associated Press
Date: May 21, 2026

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Hantavirus risk global pandemic: Health specialist

Media Outlet: Global News Tribune
Author: Chief: Dallas Tribune
Date: May 21, 2026

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A dangerous experiment is playing out on a cruise ship with hantavirus

Media Outlet: Scientific American
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Date: May 21, 2026

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Why the hantavirus outbreak should alarmed you

Media Outlet: Daily Today
Author: Chief: Dallas Tribune
Date: May 21, 2026

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Here's What You Need to Know About the Hantavirus

Media Outlet: WIRED
Author: Chief: Dallas Tribune
Date: May 21, 2026

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Windsdeed: Why there are no vaccines or treatments for hantavirus

Media Outlet: Telegraph UK
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Date: May 21, 2026

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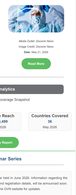

What to know about hantavirus after cruise ship outbreak

Media Outlet: USA Health
Image Credit: USA Today
Date: May 21, 2026

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Hantavirus: Can the virus spread further from the cruise ship?

Media Outlet: Technologist
Author: Chief: Dallas Tribune
Date: May 21, 2026

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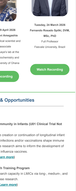

Is hantavirus spreading? We may know in 'next few days,' experts say

Media Outlet: USA Today
Image Credit: USA Today
Date: May 21, 2026

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What to know about the hantavirus

Media Outlet: Fox 11 News Rio
Author: Chief: Dallas Tribune
Date: May 19, 2026

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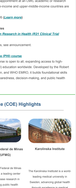

WHO declares Ebola outbreak a global health emergency. Prof Sahr Kpaka Kamara weighs in

Media Outlet: 2000 | News
Author: Chief: Dallas Tribune
Date: May 19, 2026

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GVN Experts Urge Rapid Regional Action as Hantavirus Fears Revive Cruise Border Concerns

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More help needed to limit Ebola spread in Africa

Media Outlet: Sky News
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Date: May 19, 2026

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New Fighting Ebola Surveillance for Rare Sensitive Lens Screen Speeds Global Alert

Media Outlet: Outlet Asia
Author: Chief: Dallas Tribune
Date: May 19, 2026

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Preparing for the Next Pandemic: What Scientists Are Saying About the Future of Virus Control

Media Outlet: Quanta News
Author: Chief: Dallas Tribune
Date: May 19, 2026

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Media Analytics

May 2026 Media Coverage Snapshot

Total Mentions	Average Reach	Countries Covered
718	1,412,000	36
May 2026	May2026	May 2026

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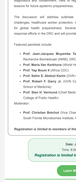
GVN Webinar Series

Webinar Update: There will be no GVN webinar held in June 2026. Information regarding the July 2026 webinar, including topic, speaker(s), and registration details, will be announced in a future edition of this newsletter. Please check future GVN communications and the GVN website for updates.



Antibody-Based Therapies Address Drug-Resistant Viral Infections

Wednesday, 27 May 2026
10:00 AM EDT
Presenter: Dr. Sarah Mitchell
Department of Biomedicine and Immunology, Global Institute of Technology Toronto, Ontario

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Immunological Responses to Hantavirus Infection and Potential Therapeutic Strategies

Tuesday, 26 May 2026
10:00 AM EDT
Dr. Jonathan Reeves, Professor of Virology, University of Ottawa

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Hantavirus Surveillance and Early Detection Using Wastewater Genomics

Wednesday, 20 May 2026
10:00 AM EDT
Dr. Laurent Dubois, Professor of Epidemiology, Université de Montréal

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Mass Vaccine Surveillance Can Help Predict Virus Spread, Study Finds

Tuesday, 19 March 2026
Presenter: Dr. Sofia Kim, Ph.D.
Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry

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External Grants & Opportunities

- **Impact of Initial Influenza Exposure on Immunity to Infants (UH1 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**
  - The funding opportunity supports the creation or continuation of longitudinal infant cohorts to study how early influenza infections and vaccinations shape immune responses throughout childhood. The research aims to inform the development of next-generation flu vaccines for infants and young children.
  - Current deadline: June 4, 2026 (Learn more)
- **Global Influenza Disease (GID) Research Program (R01 Program)**
  - 2nd (PHS 2417). Strengthens research capacity in LMICs via long-, medium-, and short-term awards for research and training.
  - Current deadline: September 7, 2026 (Learn more)
- **Using Synchronized Single-Cell and Spectrum Collections to Advance Maternal and Pediatric HIV/AIDS Research (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**
  - The funding opportunity supports secondary analyses of archived HIV/AIDS data and specimens to address critical gaps in maternal and pediatric HIV research. The goal is to leverage existing resources, including clinical trial and cohort samples, to investigate maternal-to-child transmission, immune responses, and long-term outcomes.
  - Current deadline: December 2, 2026 (Learn more)
- **Emerging Global Leader Award**
  - The Fogarty International Center (FIC) Award aims to provide research support and protected time to a research scientist from a LMIC who holds an academic junior faculty position and has demonstrated potential for a productive research career. Institutions in low-income, lower-middle-income and upper-middle-income countries are eligible.
  - Current deadline: December 3, 2026 (Learn more)
- **Fogarty Associated Funding Opportunities**
  - **Preservation and Communication of Scientific Research in Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)** (PAR-25-142).
  - **Application due date:** Multiple dates, see announcement.
- **Foundations of Public Health Intelligence (PHI) course**
  - The free, fully online self-paced course is part of expanding access to high-quality public health intelligence (PHI) education worldwide. Developed by the Pollack Public Health Institute, the WHO Center for Digital Health and Innovation, Bloomberg, and supports global capacity for preparedness, decision-making, and public health impact.

Center of Excellence (COE) Highlights

Weill Artman Centre for Cell Biology Receives Pompeo's Visit

WACCBP is a leading research center dedicated to advancing biomedical science through infectious disease research, innovation, and capacity building. Bringing together experts in virology, immunology, and computational biology, the Centre focuses on improving disease diagnosis, prevention, and control while supporting scientific collaboration and training for researchers across sub-Saharan Africa.

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Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG)

The Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) is a leading center for infectious disease research in Brazil, advancing public health through virology, genomics, vaccine development, and epidemiology. Bringing together multidisciplinary experts, the Center for Innovation and Innovation Therapies focuses on viruses of regional and global importance, including emerging infections, arboviruses, and zoonotic pathogens.

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Karolinska Institutet

The Karolinska Institutet is a world-leading medical university in Stockholm, Sweden, that combines education, research, and healthcare to develop new knowledge and improve health. Its Department of Microbiology, Tumor and Cell Biology specializes in scientific discovery while supporting the development of future healthcare leaders and researchers.

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GVN Member Publications

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Upcoming Events

- **ASM Microbe 2026**, June 4–8, 2026
- **Viral Pathogenesis and Immunity: From Molecular Discoveries to Therapeutics**, June 7th – 10th, 2026
  - GVN led panel at Keystone Symposia on Viral Evolution and Infection
- **Keystone Symposia**
- **Decisive in Health Research at the University of South Florida**, from date: Monday, July 13, 2026 (Completely in Spanish)
- **The International Conference on HIV Persistence & Eradication**, Dec 6–9, 2026
  - Abstract Submissions (deadline August 21, 2026)
  - Scholarships Available (deadline August 21, 2026)

GVN Monthly Submission Impact Request

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