
The role of Environmental changes in Infectious Disease Outbreaks and Epidemics

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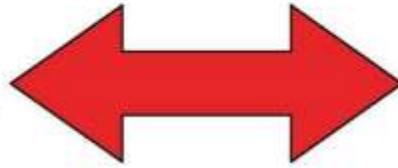
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NIAID Research: A Dual Mandate

Maintain and “grow” a robust basic and applied research portfolio in microbiology, infectious diseases, immunology and immune-mediated diseases



Respond rapidly to new and emerging disease threats



New/Improved Interventions

Seeking Zika: Where and when will Zika-carrying mosquitoes strike next?



Global experts race to understand rare cases when monkeypox leads to death

Aug 12, 2022

Langya: New virus infects 35 people in eastern China

By Melissa Zhu
BBC News

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Miami Herald

Chikungunya fever finally makes it to the United States - two cases in South Florida

JULY 17, 2014 AT 7:37 PM



End of COVID pandemic is 'in sight' -WHO chief

September 14, 2022



Florida reports first human case of dengue of 2022, issues mosquito-born illness advisory

By Emilee Speck and Brandy Campbell | Published July 21, 2022 | Florida | FOX Weather | ↗

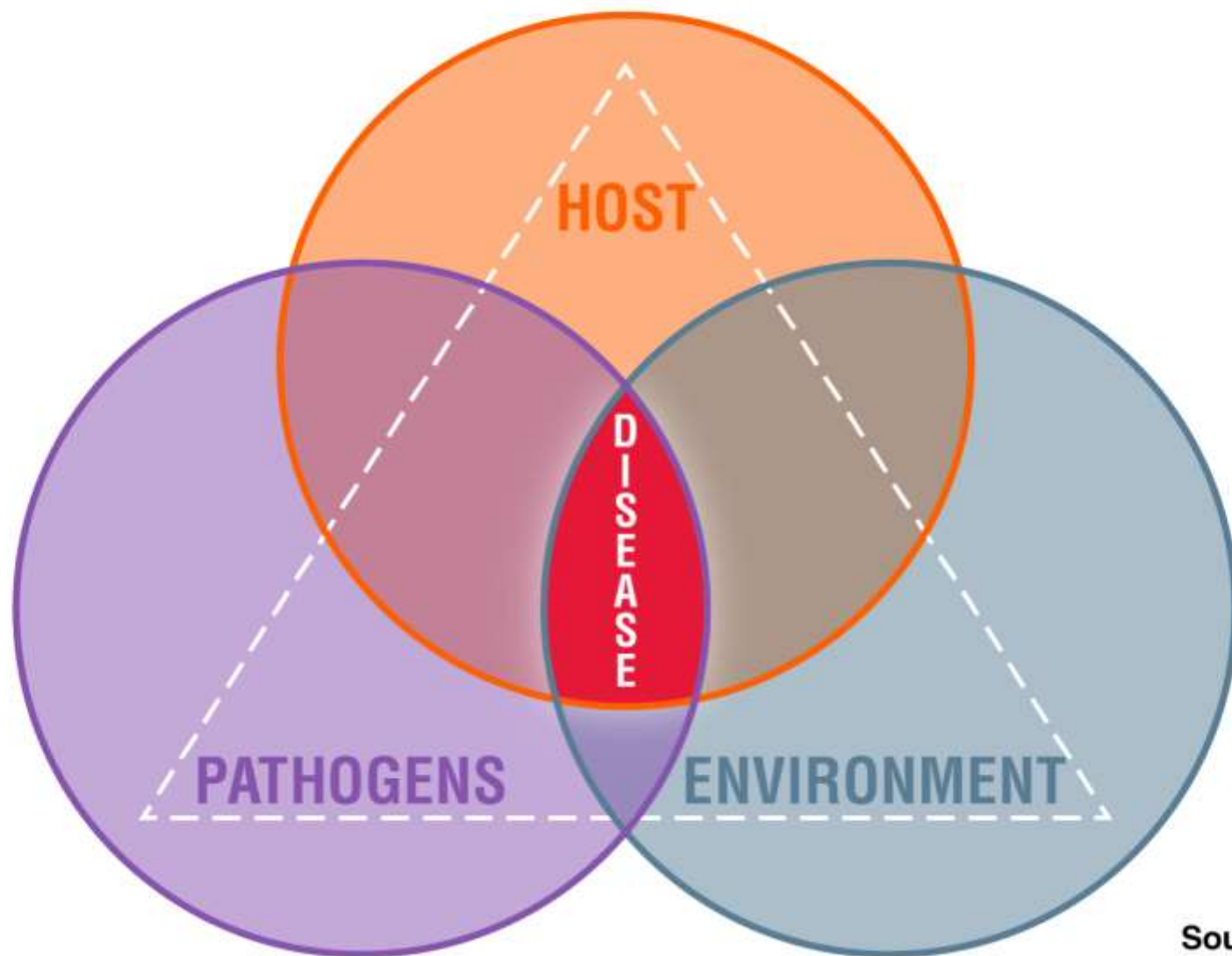
~75 Percent of Emerging Pathogens are Zoonotic

Examples:

- **HIV**
- **Influenza**
- **Human monkeypox**
- **Nipah virus**
- **BSE/vCJD**
- **SARS**
- **Ebola**

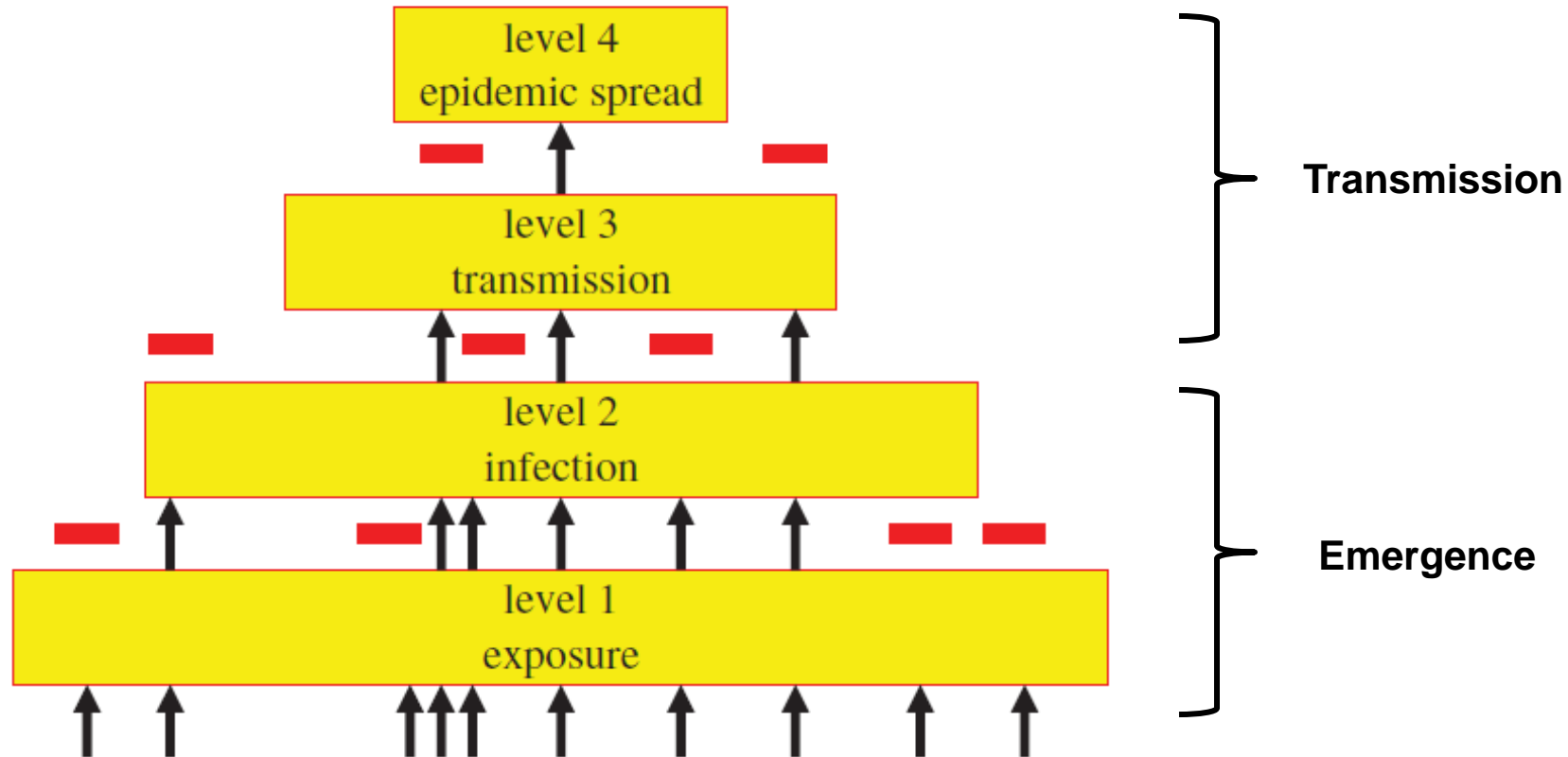


Determinants of Disease Emergence: Pathogens, Hosts, and the Environment

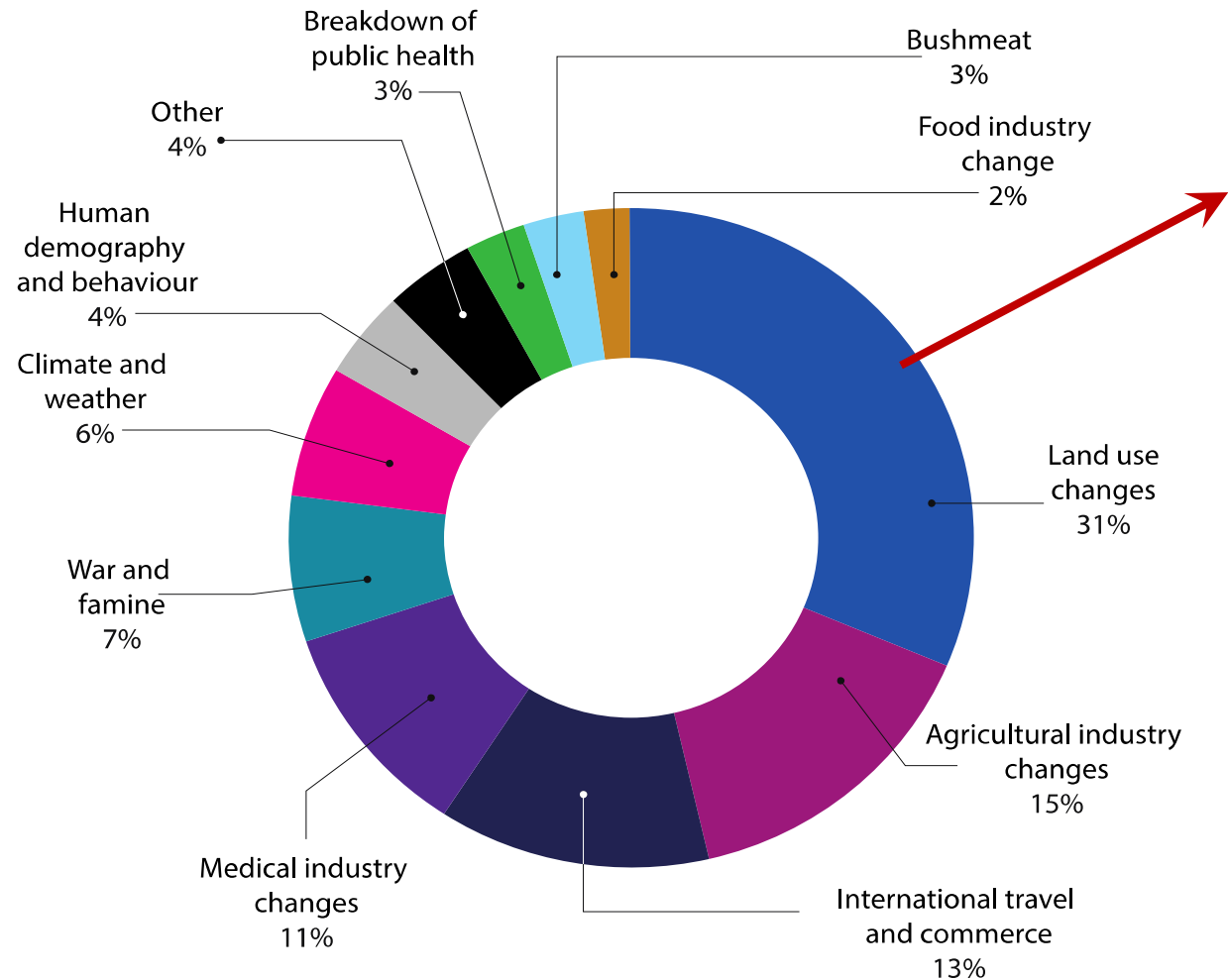


Source: Morens and Fauci, 2020
AS Fauci/NIAID

Interaction between pathogens and humans

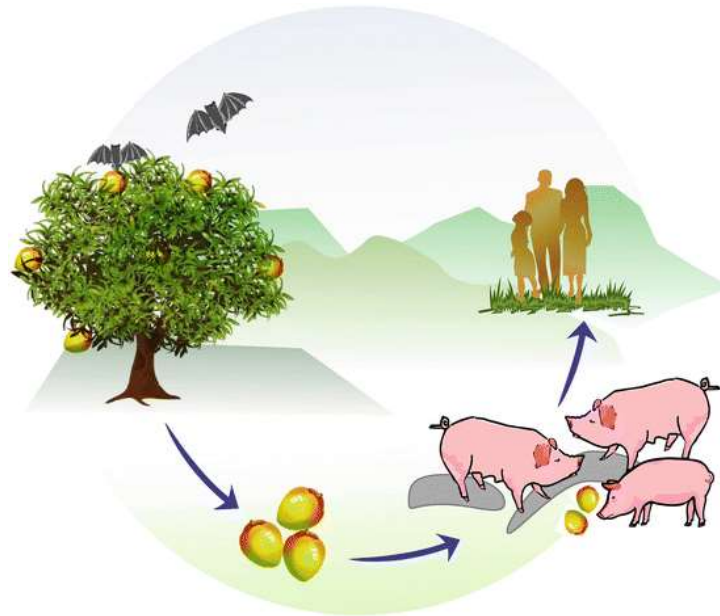


Global Environmental Change Drives Disease Emergence



Deforestation
Agricultural intensification
Habitat degradation
Habitat fragmentation

Environmental changes: Nipah virus outbreaks in SE Asia



Transmission cycle in Malaysia



Transmission cycle in Bangladesh

Factors That Affect The Spread Of Infectious Diseases



Photo credit: World Resources Institute

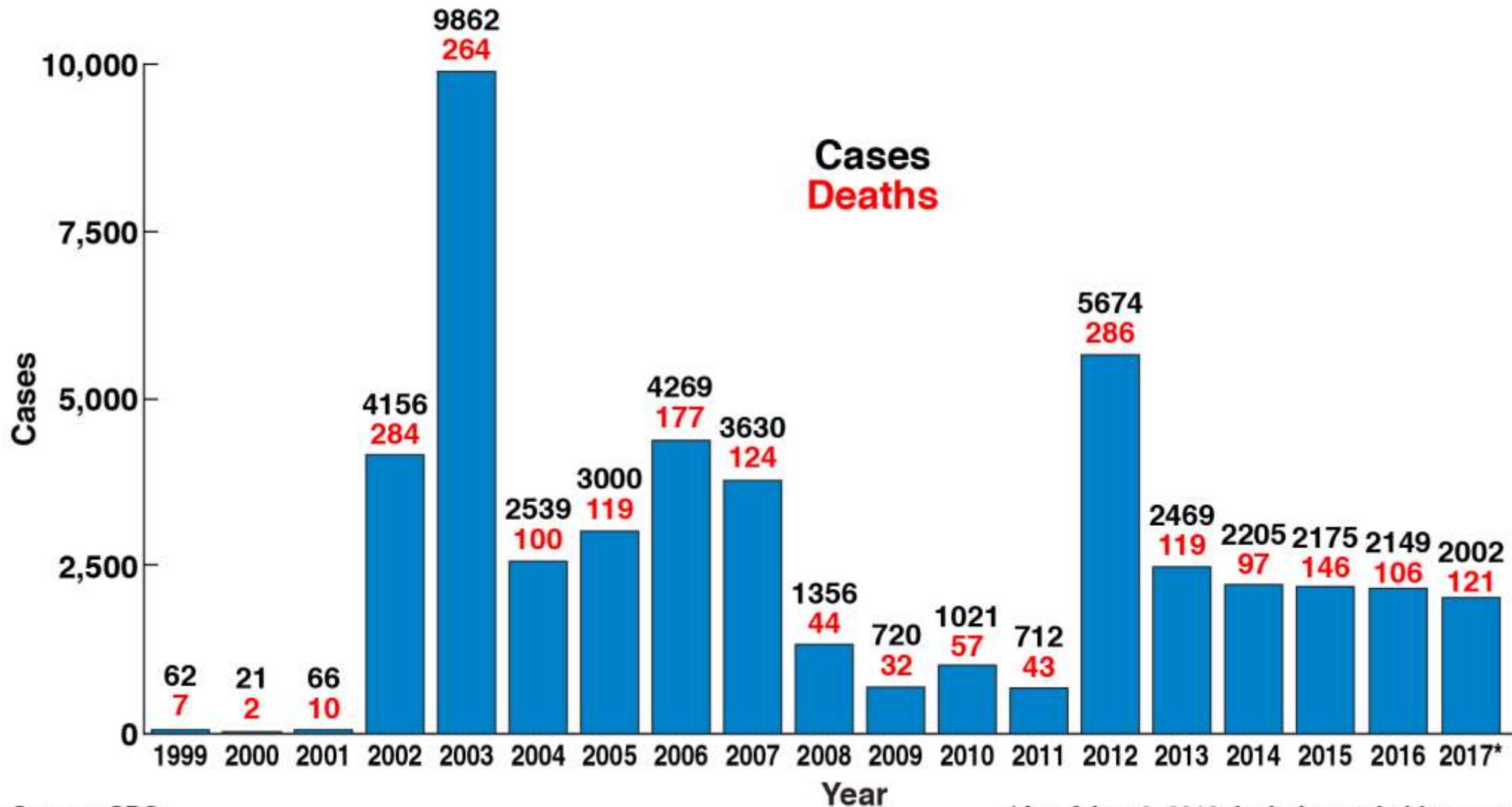
Global Distribution of West Nile Virus, 1999



Source: CDC

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U.S. West Nile Virus Cases & Deaths, 1999-2017



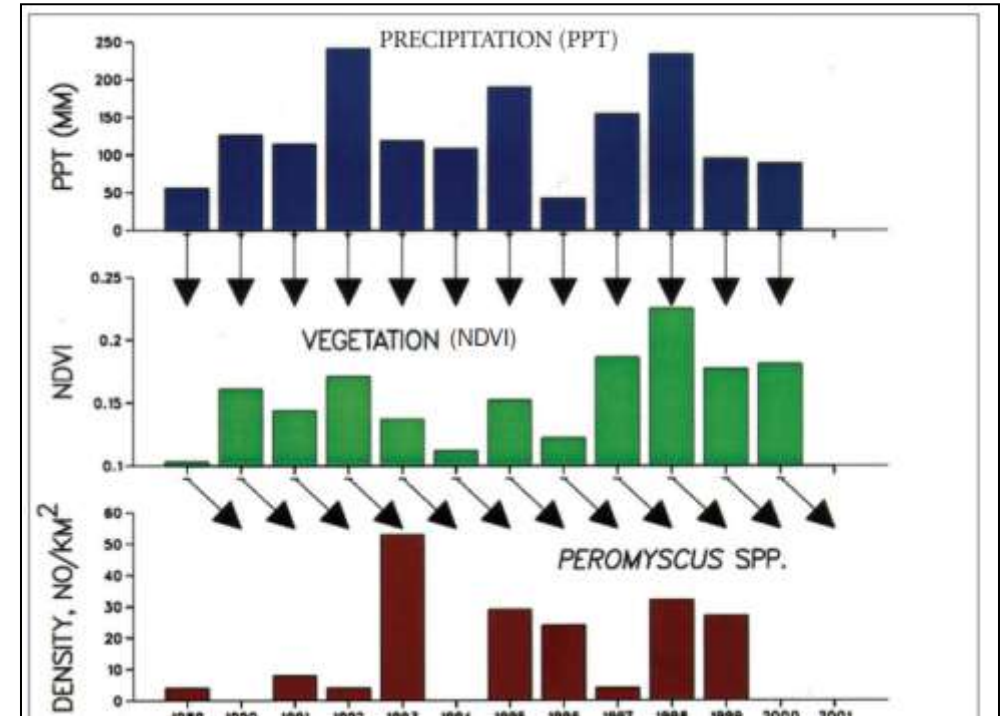
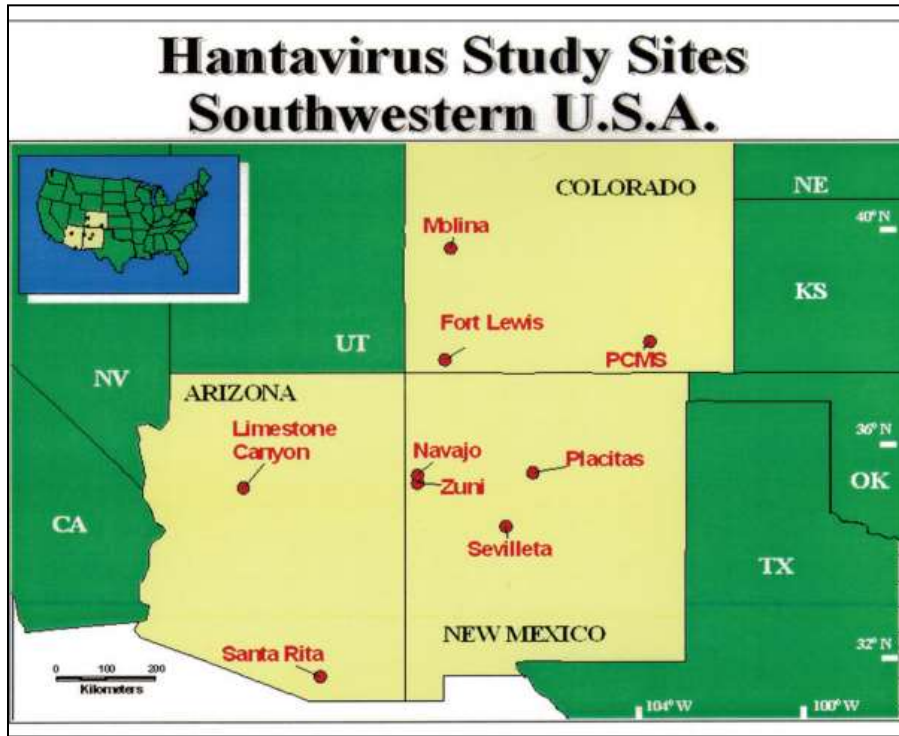
Source: CDC

*As of Jan. 9, 2018; includes probable cases

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Climate changes

Hantavirus outbreak in the US SW in 1993





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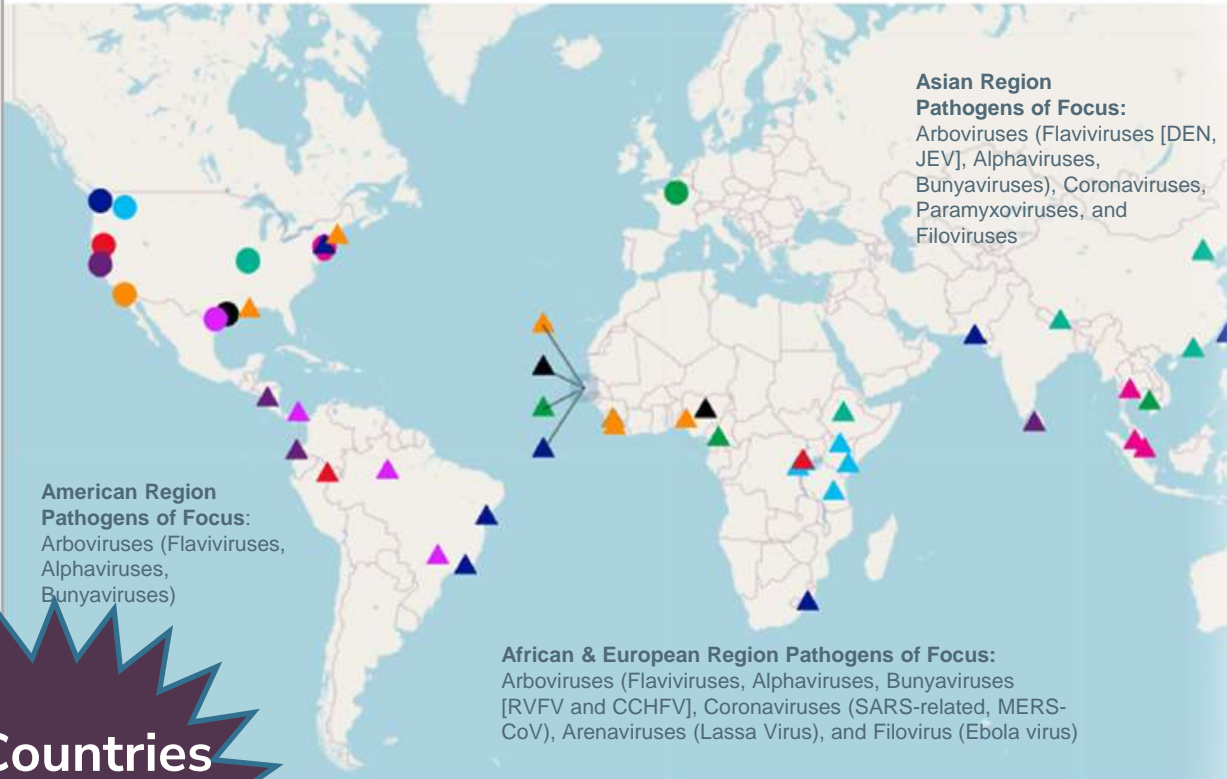
NIAID Establishes Centers for Research in Emerging Infectious Diseases

- **Global network will involve multidisciplinary investigations into how and where pathogens emerge from wildlife and spillover to cause disease in humans**

CREID Program Goals & Objectives

- Conduct innovative research to expand our knowledge of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases and better prepare to respond to outbreak/pandemic threats
- Establish a collaborative, strategic and preemptive research Network to ensure coordination of efforts across the Network
- Develop and expand flexible domestic and international capacity and readiness to efficiently undertake research required in response to emerging or re-emerging threats
- Contribute to the development of the next generation of EID scientists and leaders

Where is CREID?



Research Centers:

- American and Asian Centers for Arboviral Research and Enhanced Surveillance (A2CARES)
- Center for Research in Emerging Infectious Diseases-East and Central Africa (CREID-ECA)
- Center for Research in Emerging Infectious Disease -Epidemiology, surveillance, pathogenesis (CREID-ESP)
- Coordinating Research on Emerging Arboviral Threats Encompassing the Neotropics (CRE-ATE-NEO)
- Emerging Infectious Diseases: South East Asia Research Collaboration Hub (EID-SEARCH)
- EpiCenter for Emerging Infectious Disease Intelligence (EEIDI)
- Pasteur International Center for Research on Emerging Infectious Diseases (PICREID)
- United World Antivirus Research Network (UWARN)
- West African Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases (WAC-EID)
- West African Research Network for Infectious Diseases (WARN-ID)

● Research Center ▲ Affiliated Research Site

30 Countries
47 Research Sites

<https://creid-network.org/>

Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Response (CEIRR)

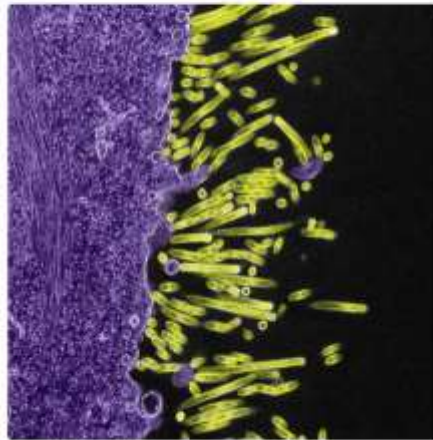
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NIAID Funds New Influenza Research Network

April 14, 2021

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, has established a network of research sites to study the natural history, transmission and pathogenesis of influenza and provide an international research infrastructure to address influenza outbreaks. The program, called the Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Response (CEIRR), is expected to be supported for seven years by NIAID contracts to five institutions. Funding for the first year of the contracts will total approximately \$24 million. CEIRR will replace the [Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance \(CEIRS\)](#) program, which was supported by contracts that concluded on March 31, 2021.

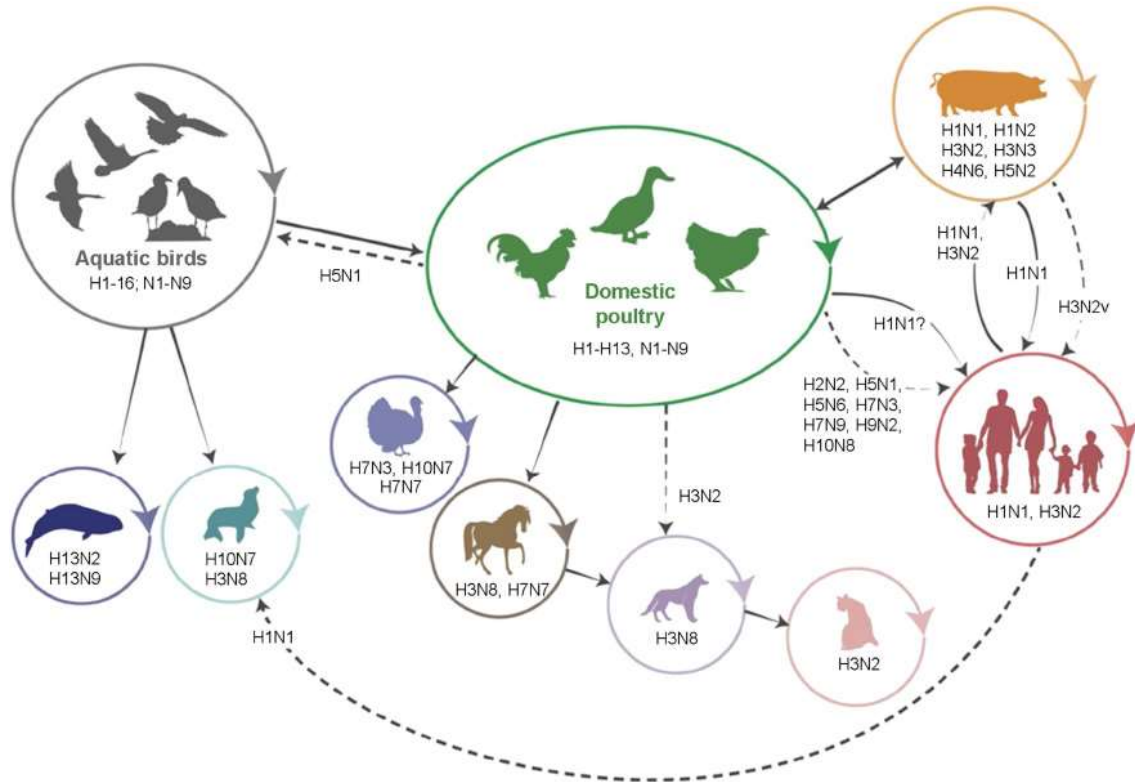
The CEIRR sites will conduct studies in the United States and internationally that follow cohorts of people to evaluate influenza-related research areas, such as understanding immune responses to vaccination and infection and identifying which immunological factors can determine influenza disease severity. They also will undertake projects on influenza surveillance, including transmission of influenza viruses from animals to humans (zoonotic transmission) to better understand how influenza viruses evolve, adapt and transmit. The sites will prepare studies that could be rapidly launched as part of emergency research responses to outbreaks of influenza and other emerging viral pathogens.



Colorized transmission electron micrograph of swine influenza virus particles (green) attached to and budding from the surface of a cell (purple).



Scientific Need



- What causes some influenza viruses to emerge, transmit or cause disease and not others?
 - Factors that impact reassortment, transmission, and pathogenicity
 - Contributions of immune history to protection

CEIRR Scope

Research

- Determine factors that influence the evolution, emergence, transmission and pathogenicity of influenza viruses
- Characterize the immune response to influenza infection and/or vaccination to improve understanding of protection

Response

- Maintain an international research infrastructure to respond to emerging and pandemic influenza

Resource

- Develop research resources for the influenza community



NIH Strategic Framework Launched- February 2022



Impacts of Climate Change on Human Health and Associated Research Needs

A changing climate impacts a range of factors that can affect health. Research is needed to better understand: complex health outcomes, prevention measures, and intervention actions that can save lives around the world.

CHANGES IN CLIMATE	EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE	HEALTH IMPACTS	INTERVENTIONS & STRATEGIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased global temperature Extreme weather and disasters Precipitation extremes Sea level rise Changes in land use and growing seasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extreme heat Air and water pollution Reduced food and water quality Changes in infectious diseases and vector transmissions Increasing allergens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heat related illness Cardiovascular disease, stroke, and other chronic conditions Injuries and death Mental and neurological disorders Zoonotic, vector- and water- borne diseases Respiratory diseases and asthma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early warning and preparedness Prevention or reduction of disease, illness and injury Community engagement Education and awareness raising Adoption and integration

SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH



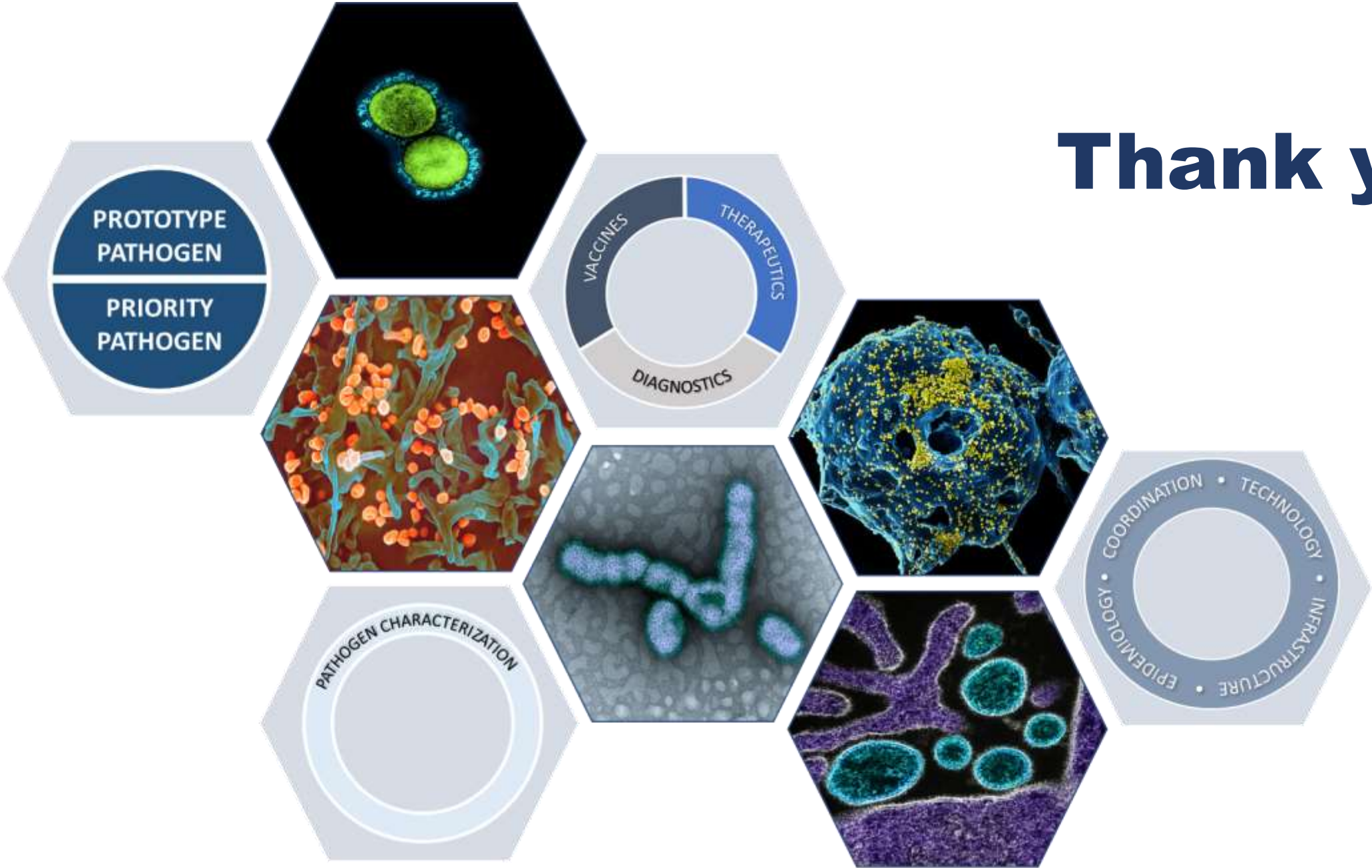
EXAMPLES OF NEEDED RESEARCH



Possible Areas for Collaboration

- Role of climate/specific environments in emergence, transmission and disease
- Environmental surveillance (in addition to animals and human surveillance)
- Integration of diverse sets of data to generate predictive algorithms
- ID modeling

Thank you





NIH Climate Change and Health Initiative FY 2022 Announcements

- **Research Coordinating Center for the Climate Change and Health Community of Practice**

[U24 – Clinical Trial Not Allowed: RFA-ES-22-003](#)

The Research Coordinating Center (RCC) will support the development of an inclusive Community of Practice (COP) of climate change and health researchers and trainees that fosters collaboration, capacity building, innovation and research.

- **Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Climate Change and Health Administrative Supplements**

[NOT-TW-22-003](#)

NOSI for applications to supplement active NIH awards from the Institutes and Centers listed on the NOSI (FIC, NIBIB, NIDCD, NIDCR, NINR, NIMHD, NLM, NCCIH) to seed new activities and partnerships in climate change and health (CCH) research and research training.

- **Research Opportunity Announcement Alliance for Community Engagement- Climate and Health (ACE-CH)**

NIH is soliciting applications from teams to conduct community-engaged research focused on climate change impacts on health and, the co-benefits of identifying the mitigation of climate change risks, vulnerabilities and adaptation.

[Uses Other Transactional Authority hosted by NHLBI](#)

- **Notices of Special Interest: Innovative Technologies for Research on Climate Change and Human Health (SBIR/STTR)**

[NOT-ES-22-009](#) & [NOT-ES22-010](#)

NOSI to develop or adapt practical technologies for capturing the effects of climate change and extreme weather events on human health and to reduce the health threats posed by climate change across the lifespan.

- **Notice of Special Interest: Climate Change and Health**

[NOT-ES-22-006](#)

NOSI encourages applications that address the impact of climate change on health and well-being over the life course, including the health implications of climate change in the United States and globally.

NIH Climate Change and Health Initiative FY 2023 Announcements

- **Exploratory Grants for Climate Change and Health Research Center Development (P20 Clinical Trial Optional)**
[RFA-ES-23-007](#)
Available Due Dates: May 01, 2023; November 07, 2023
Expiration Date: Nov 8, 2023
- This program will support the development of an innovative research environment to foster and sustain a transdisciplinary program of fundamental and applied research to explore the complex impacts of climate change on health and to develop action-oriented strategies that protect health and build resiliency at the individual, community, national and global levels.
- Resources and partnership information to assist in developing robust and relevant research projects and core activities:
https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/programs/climatechange/research_program/p20/
- NIH will hold an **informational webinar/Q&A session March 24***, from **1:00pm-3:00pm EDT** on Zoom. (*Note the change of date from April 5 to March 24)
Registration required
at: https://nih.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_5Qj2le4SxqHg9QrCMkc_ew
- **Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Climate Change and Health Administrative Supplements**
[NOT-HD-23-006](#)
First Available Due Date: May 08, 2023
Expiration Date: May 09, 2023
- As part of the NIH-wide Climate Change and Health Initiative, this NOSI invites applications to supplement active NIH awards to seed new activities and partnerships in climate change and health (CCH) research and research training. Applications for supplements to grants that are not currently focused on CCH but wish to include CCH measures and outcomes within the scope of their current research and training specific aims are encouraged.