

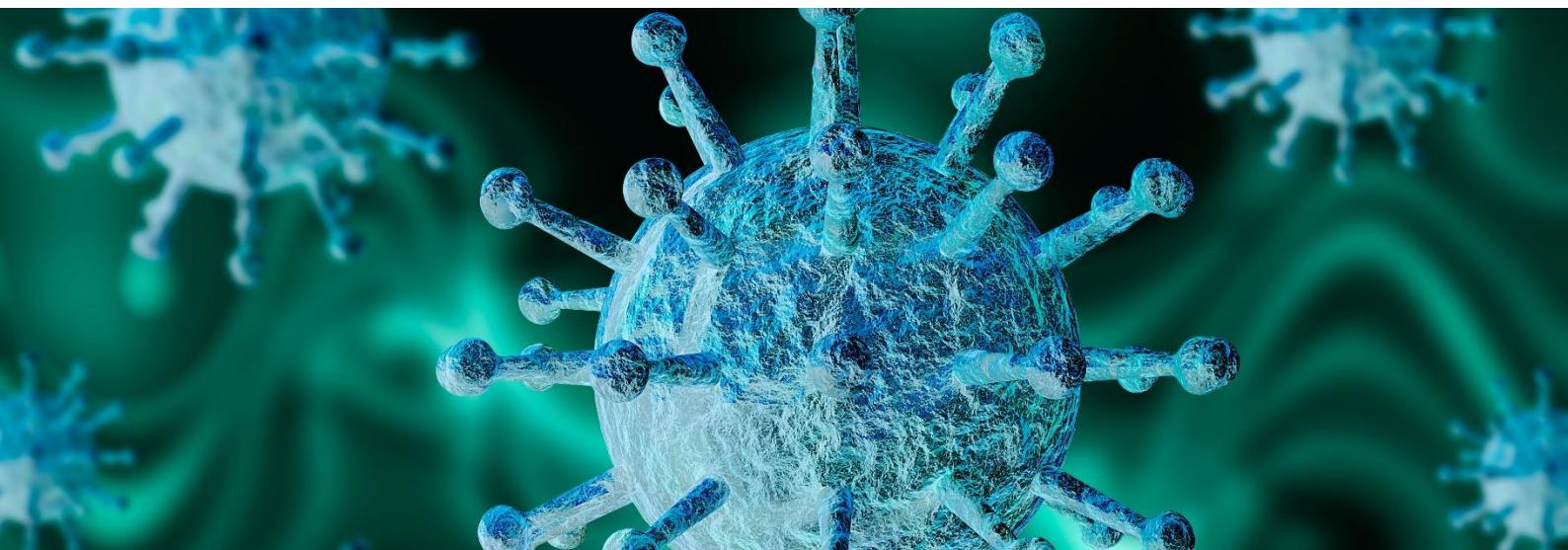
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Welcome

The end of the year is nearly upon us... 2021 has seen the distribution of vaccines around the world to help countries combat COVID-19 and start to return to a relative normal.

However sadly, many Lower Income Countries continue to be left behind. The World Health Organization recently launched the Strategy to Achieve Global COVID-19 Vaccination by setting a target to vaccinate 70% of the population of every country by mid-2022 to help bring an end to the pandemic.

We look forward to the future as the world navigates the road out of the pandemic. We hope all our members and their families stay safe and healthy during this time.

GHSN Board of Directors

Our Mission

Our mission is to create an international community of academics, scientists and policy-makers who seek to share their knowledge and research on global health security.

We encourage free thinking and support those that wish to make a meaningful impact to improve the health and well-being of all people globally.

The GHSN community is an opportunity to engage with members, sharing their ideas through the Association and at GHSN events around the world.

Call for Abstracts

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GHS 2022 Steering Committee

We are thrilled to announce the Steering Committee members for GHS 2022:



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The Steering Committee will help guide and support GHSC to produce a fantastic informative event.

We hope to see you in Singapore next year... visit www.ghsconf.com to find out more!

Upcoming Global Health Meetings

OCTOBER 2021

12th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health
28 Sept – 1 October 2021
Virtual, Norway

Tenth International Conference on Global Health Challenges
3-7 October 2021
Barcelona, Spain

Effective use of vaccines, medicines, tools. United Against Rabies Forum
4 October 2021
Online

20th Meeting of the Malaria Policy Advisory Group
4-7 October 2021
Virtual

Global Health: Negotiating a New Pandemic Treaty
19-20 October 2021
Hybrid

World Health Summit
24-26 October 2021
Berlin, Germany

GHSN AGM 2021
28 October 2021
Virtual

NOVEMBER 2021

8th International Meeting on Emerging Diseases and Surveillance
4-6 November 2021
Remote

World Anti-Microbial Resistance Congress
8-9 November 2021
Washington, US

2021 ACIPC International Conference
8-10 November 2021
Online

18th Asia Pacific Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infection
11-13 November 2021
Singapore

APRU Global Health Conference
16-18 November 2021
Hong Kong

Global Summit on Infectious Diseases
17-18 November 2021
Virtual

ASTMH Annual Meeting
17-21 November 2021
Virtual

DECEMBER 2021

Epidemics – 8th International Conference on Infectious Disease Dynamics
30 Nov – 3 Dec 2021
Online

US Conference on HIV/AIDS
2-3 December 2021
Online

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Latest Health Security News

New Ebola case confirmed in eastern Congo

GOMA, Democratic Republic of Congo, Oct 8 (Reuters) - A case of Ebola has been confirmed in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the health minister said on Friday, five months after the end of the most recent outbreak there. It was not immediately known if the case was related to the 2018-2020 outbreak that killed more than 2,200 people in eastern Congo, the second deadliest on record, or the flare-up that killed six this year.

A 3-year-old boy tested positive near the eastern city of Beni, one of the epicentres of the 2018-2020 outbreak, and died from the disease on Wednesday, Health Minister Jean Jacques Mbungani said in a statement. About 100 people who may have been exposed to the virus have been identified and will be monitored to see if they develop any symptoms, he added.

Credit: [Reuters](#)

WHO recommends use of world's first malaria vaccine for children in 'breakthrough'

The WHO said it was "recommending the broad use of the world's first malaria vaccine". The mosquito-borne disease kills more than 400,000 people a year, mostly African children.

The World Health Organization on Wednesday endorsed the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine, the first against the mosquito-borne disease that kills more than 400,000 people a year, mostly African children.

The decision followed a review of a pilot programme deployed since 2019 in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi in which more than two million doses were given of the vaccine, first made by the pharmaceutical company GSK in 1987. After reviewing evidence from those countries, the WHO said it was "recommending the broad use of the world's first malaria vaccine", the agency's director general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. The WHO said it was recommending children in sub-Saharan Africa and in other regions with moderate to high malaria transmission get four doses up to the age of two.

Every two minutes, a child dies of malaria, the agency said. More than half of malaria deaths worldwide are in six sub-Saharan African countries and almost a quarter are in Nigeria alone, according to 2019 WHO figures.

Credit: [SBS News](#)

New Zealand abandons COVID-19 elimination strategy

New Zealand has abandoned its strategy of eliminating coronavirus amid a persistent Delta outbreak, and will instead look to live with the virus and control its spread as vaccinations rise.

Credit: [SBS News](#)



Latest Health Security News

Netherlands Covid: Boy wins court battle for right to jab

A 12-year-old boy in the Dutch city of Groningen has won a court battle to get vaccinated against Covid-19 so that he can visit his dying grandmother, despite his father's objections. A judge ruled the jab would reduce his chances of passing on any infection to the woman, who has advanced cancer.

Vaccines have been approved for Dutch 12-17-year-olds but under-17s need the consent of both parents.

Credit: [BBC News](#)

President Biden pledges 500m more vaccine doses to developing world

The US is to donate 500 million more doses of the Pfizer vaccine to developing nations from next year. President Joe Biden made the pledge at a virtual Covid-19 summit on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, promising an "arsenal of vaccines". The additional jabs will see the total US commitment on vaccine sharing exceed one billion jabs.

Experts say some 11 billion doses are required to vaccinate at least 70% of the global population. The World Health Organisation has set a minimum target of 40% vaccine coverage in every country by the end of 2021. But the goal is unlikely to be met.

Credit: [BBC News](#)

Australian border to reopen for first time in pandemic

Australia will reopen its international border from November, giving long-awaited freedoms to vaccinated citizens and their relatives. Since March 2020, Australia has had some of the world's strictest border rules - even banning its own people from leaving the country.

The policy has been praised for helping to suppress Covid, but it has also controversially separated families. "It's time to give Australians their lives back," PM Scott Morrison said. People would be eligible to travel when their state's vaccination rate hit 80%, Mr Morrison told a press briefing on Friday.

Travel would not immediately be open to foreigners, but the government said it was working "towards welcoming tourists back to our shores".

Credit: [BBC News](#)

Make sure you visit ghsn.org/news for latest news!

GHSN AGM

The 2nd GHSN Annual General Meeting will take place on:

Thursday 28 October 4pm (EDT) / Friday 29 October 7am (AEDT)

The meeting will be held virtually for all paid GHSN members. This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss with the GHSN board, ask any burning questions, hear the annual chairs report, and have your say on the future of the Global Health Security Network.

Any paid member that would like to take part please email exec@ghsn.org for video link access.

Please note if less than 40% registered attendance then the AGM will be rescheduled.

Register Interest to attend the GHSN AGM:

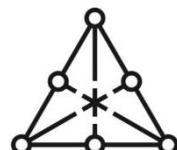
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