

# Vaccine Activities Update

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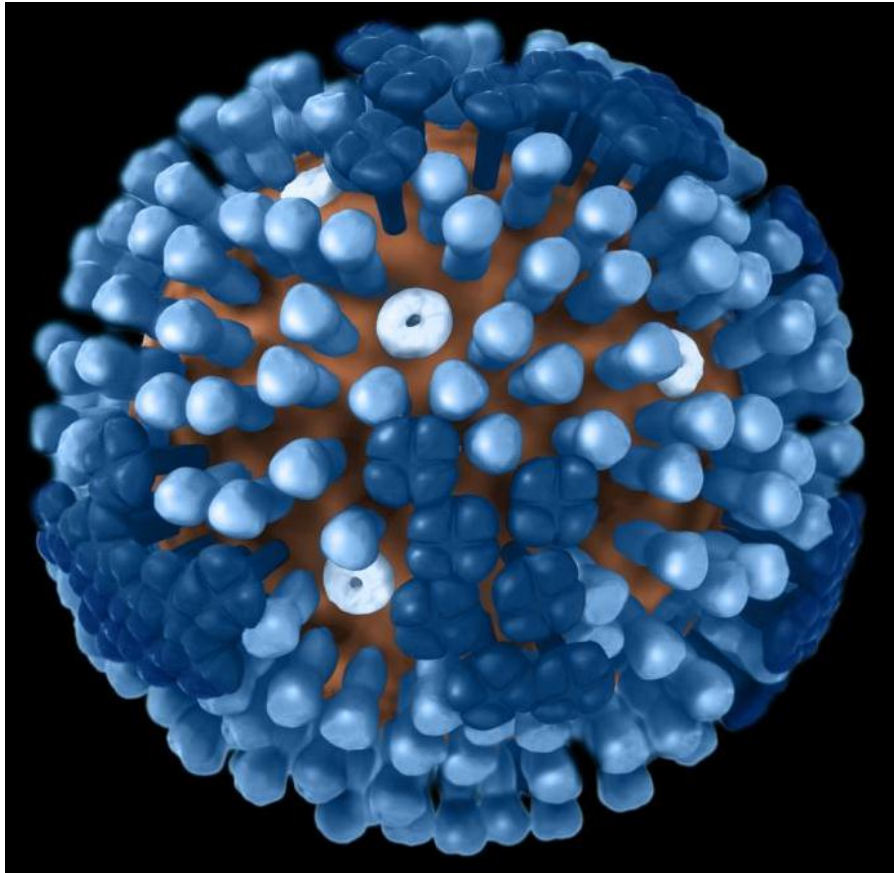
# Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Program

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- NIH recently invited comments and suggestions on ECHO (the National Children's Study Alternative)
- Leverage existing cohorts to study environmental exposures on pediatric health outcomes
- Focus areas:
  - Obesity
  - Birth defects and other early outcomes
  - Neurodevelopment disorders
  - Airway diseases

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-117.html>

# NIAID Research: Influenza Vaccine



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**Virus-Like Particle Vaccine Protects  
Mice from Many Flu Strains**

***NIAID Research Could Aid Development  
of Universal Flu Vaccine***

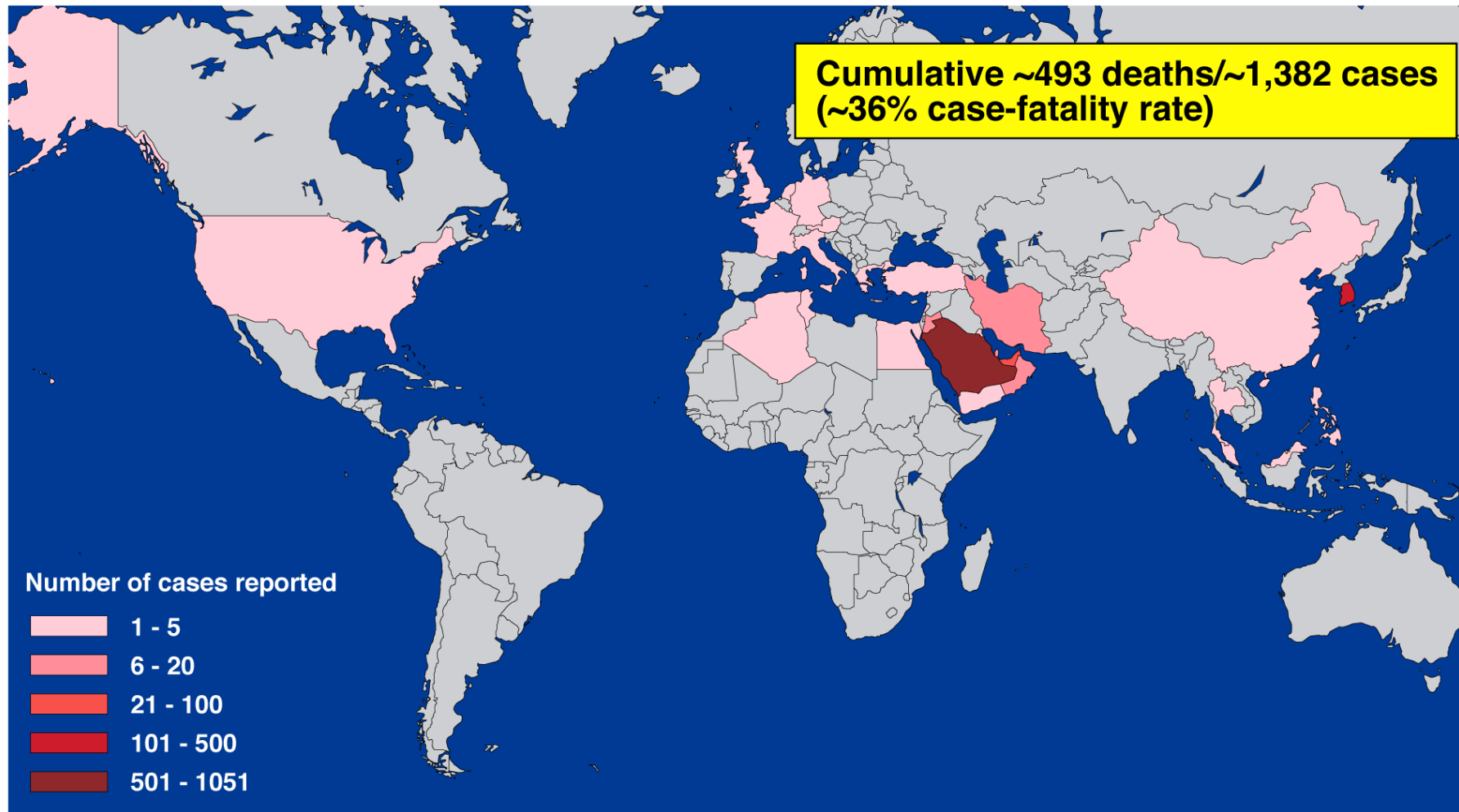
2 LM Schwartzman *et al.* An intranasal virus-like particle vaccine broadly protects mice from multiple subtypes of Influenza A virus. *mBio* (2015).

# NIAID Research: Epstein-Barr Virus

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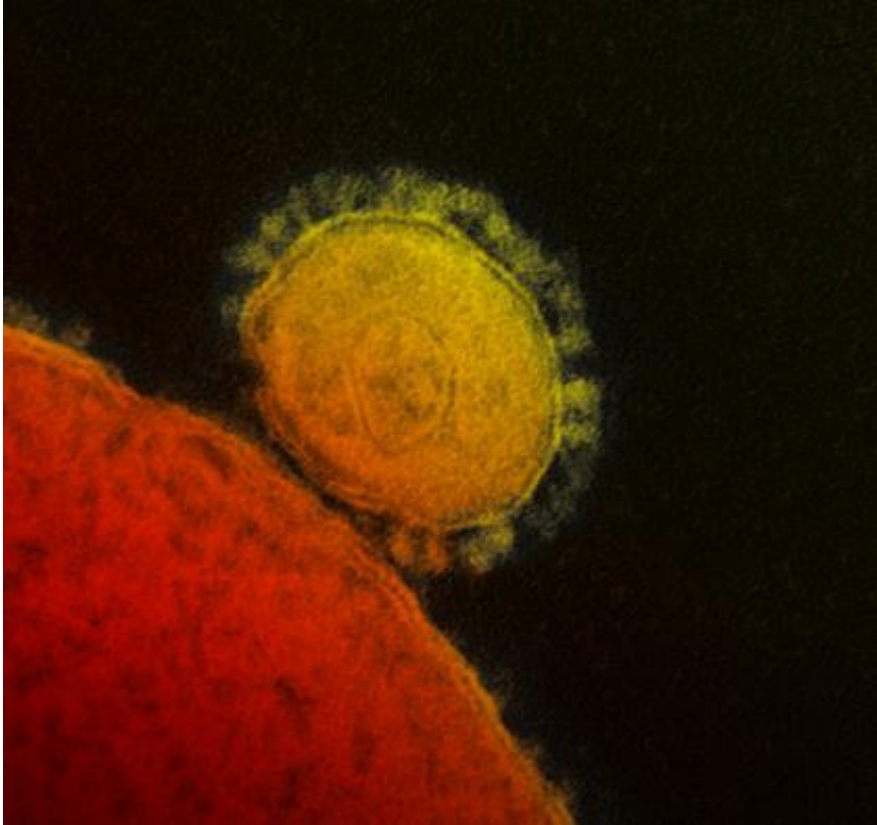
- Epstein-Barr virus affects 9 out of 10 people during lifetime
  - Major cause of mononucleosis
  - Associated with 200,000 cases of cancer each year
- Experimental nanoparticle-based vaccine
  - Developed using structure-based design
  - Elicited potent neutralizing antibodies in animals
- Nanoparticle vaccine design could be used to create or redesign vaccines against other pathogens

# Countries with Confirmed Cases of MERS-CoV, 2012-2015




Source: WHO, July 29, 2015

# Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)




Credit: NIAID

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**NIH Scientists and Colleagues  
Successfully Test MERS Vaccine  
in Monkeys and Camels**

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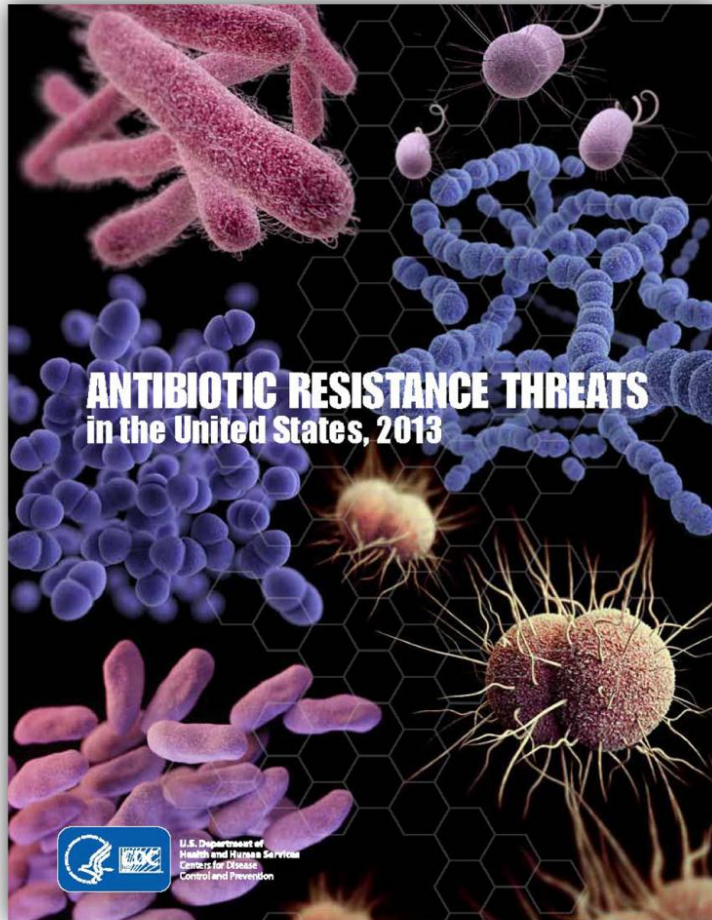
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**Experimental MERS Vaccine Shows  
Promise in Animal Studies**

- 5 K. Muthumani *et al.* A synthetic consensus anti-Spike protein DNA vaccine induces protective immunity against Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus in non-human primates. *Science Translational Medicine* (2015).
- L Wang *et al.* Evaluation of candidate vaccine approaches for MERS-CoV. *Nature Communications* (2105).

# Antimicrobial Resistance in the U.S. Results in Lost Lives and Dollars

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- **2 M drug-resistant infections, 23,000 deaths/yr**
- **Annual costs:**
  - **\$20 B in excess healthcare costs**
  - **\$35 B in lost productivity**

# Increasing White House Emphasis on Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria

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***“We now have a national strategy to combat antibiotic-resistant bacteria, to better protect our children and grandchildren from the reemergence of diseases and infections that the world conquered decades ago.”***



Credit: MSNBC.com

– President Barack Obama,  
Global Health Security  
Agenda Summit,  
September 26, 2014



# Vaccines: Innovative Approach to Combating Antimicrobial Resistance

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- Unique characteristics of the organisms of concern
  - Many are hospital-associated infections
  - Small, localized, unanticipated outbreaks
- Challenges to vaccine development
  - Many of these pathogens associated with healthy human flora
- Complex regulatory, policy, and implementation issues for vaccines
- Potential solution: “Prophylactic Immune Interventions”
  - Targeted intervention for at-risk populations
  - Preventive approach for infectious disease control