WHY FLORIDA?

Florida’s wide array of temperate, sub-tropical, tropical ecosystems and its diverse agriculture make the state particularly vulnerable to new pathogens or disease-causing agents. The state’s unique geography and climate require unique disease prevention and control strategies. Pathogens do not respect national borders.

Commercial plant imports and more than 76 million tourists who visit from across the globe have the potential to unwittingly carry pathogens into Florida.

WHY EPI?

By capitalizing on UF’s existing resources to bring together diverse researchers in the fight against diseases, researchers at the Emerging Pathogens Institute fuse key disciplines to develop research capabilities designed to preserve Florida’s health and economy, and to prevent or control new and re-emerging diseases. Whether it is cracking the international spread of drug-resistant tuberculosis, new strains of virulent Vibrio bacteria that cause cholera and shellfish-associated illness or recurrent plague in the Caucus region of the former Soviet Union, EPI is focused on the connections between the health of humans, animals and environment.

Addressing the complexities of infectious diseases means examining the causes of illness from a holistic perspective.

SUPPORT EPI

EPI is interested in talking with individuals or organizations who would like to learn how they can help support our many research agendas.

There are infinite reasons to support EPI. Choose the one that matters most to you.

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