EPI Fast Facts

The Emerging Pathogens Institute (EPI) was established as a multidisciplinary unit on the University of Florida (UF) campus in 2007. The institute aims to bring together researchers from diverse fields and to understand factors leading to the emergence of new pathogens and to develop methods for their control. EPI is a stand-alone institute that reports directly to the UF Office of Research.

**Created**: 2006

**Established**: 2007

**Director**: J. Glenn Morris, Jr. (2007-Present)

**Members**: 250+ drawn from 11 different UF colleges/units

**Mission**: To facilitate a world class research and training environment that promotes the interdisciplinary study of the emergence, impacts, and control of human, animal and plant pathogens of concern to Florida and the world.

**Vision**: Research. Education. Outreach. From the molecular level to ecosystems, the EPI will lead the fight against infectious diseases.

**COVID-19 Research**: projection models, vaccine efficacy estimates, sequence analyses

**News**: Staff writers produce long-form feature stories, short-form research news, research briefs, expert Q&As and photo essays.

**Impact**: EPI researchers work in more than 30 different countries and have published more than 1,000 scientific papers

**Prominent pathogens of study**:

* COVID-19
* MRSA
* Drug-restistant TB
* Non-TB mycobacterial disease
* Cholera
* Foodborne disease and policy control
* Zoonoses
* Plant pathogens
* Zika,
* West Nile Virus
* Malaria
* Dengue
* Tick-borne disease
* Influenza
* HIV

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