



## THE JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER FOR HEALTH SECURITY HAS FIVE MAIN MISSION AREAS:

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Center for  
Health  
Security

## MISSION |

To protect people's health from epidemics and disasters and ensure that communities are resilient to major challenges.

## WHO WE ARE

Our team includes experts in medicine and public health, biology and social science, and government, law, and security who work together to develop approaches to strengthening health security. We advance policies, practice, and tools to address a range of challenges, including the global rise in emerging infectious diseases, a continued risk of pandemic flu, major natural disasters, outbreaks of foodborne illness, and the potential for biological, chemical, or nuclear accidents or intentional threats.

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## WHAT WE DO

The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security leads projects, collaborations, and initiatives to make progress on global health security, infectious diseases and epidemics, disaster preparedness and response, and deliberate biological threats. We:

- Conduct research and analysis on major domestic and international health security issues.
- Engage with researchers, the policymaking community, and the private sector to make progress in the field.
- Convene expert working groups, congressional seminars, scientific meetings, conferences, and tabletop exercises to stimulate new thinking and provoke action.
- Educate a rising generation of scholars, practitioners, and policymakers.

## PROJECTS

We implement projects that provide independent research to identify potential threats and develop evidence-based policy advice on potential ways to avoid or solve global health security risks.

## EVENTS

Our national, regional, and international meetings, conferences, working groups, and scientific and policy exchanges provide a forum for discussion of health security priorities.

## EXERCISES

The Center hosts a series of tabletop exercises to illustrate the high-level strategic decisions and policies stakeholders will need to pursue to diminish the consequences of a severe pandemic.

## EMERGING LEADERS IN BIOSECURITY FELLOWSHIP (ELBI)

The Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Fellowship is a highly competitive part-time program for talented career professionals and graduate students to deepen their expertise, expand their professional networks, and build leadership skills through a series of sponsored events coordinated by the Center for Health Security. Together, the alumni represent the foundation of the next generation of leaders in the biosecurity community.

## PUBLICATIONS

Our analysis and research are often published as peer-reviewed journal articles, in-depth reports, policy analyses, issue briefs, meeting reports, testimony and briefings, or perspective pieces. This work advances scholarship on the wide range of topics and issues that comprise health security.

## PEER-REVIEWED SCHOLARLY JOURNAL

Our team produces the bi-monthly peer-reviewed scholarly journal, *Health Security*, which provides research and essential guidance for the protection of people's health before and after epidemics or disasters. It is a key resource for practitioners in scientific, military, and health organizations, as well as policymakers, scientific experts, and government officials.

## OUR HISTORY AND LEADERSHIP

Back in 1998, our center was founded at Johns Hopkins University by former Director of the World Health Organization's smallpox eradication program, Dr. D. A. Henderson, on the belief that we should do everything possible to protect people's health from biological and infectious threats. Over our 20-year history, our Center has worked to ensure a future in which severe pandemics can no longer threaten our world.

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