



MMPH6206/CMED 6104 Emerging infectious diseases and "one health"

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Course Description:

Emerging infectious diseases continue to pose major threats to global public health, SARS, MERS, pandemic influenza, Ebola and Zika being recent examples. Many of these emerge through inter-species transmission from animals. The factors that contribute to emergence of such diseases and of other zoonotic diseases include environmental, ecological, societal, microbial and host factors. A "One Health" approach that envisions an integrated approach to enhancing the health of humans, animals and the environment is a paradigm relevant to responding emerging infections. This interactive course is designed for postgraduate students who are interested in understanding the factors that contribute to infectious disease emergence, their prevention, and control.

Prerequisite: None

Term 2 (Thursday)

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Date	Time	Topic	Lecturer	Format	Venue
15 Jan 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	1. Outbreak investigations	Prof HL Yen	Lecture	TBC
22 Jan 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	2. Emerging infectious diseases and the One Health approach	Prof HL Yen	Lecture	TBC
29 Jan 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	3. From SARS to MERS and SARS-CoV-2	Prof JSM Peiris	Lecture/ Discussion	TBC
05 Feb 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	4. Pandemic and zoonotic influenza	Prof HL Yen	Lecture/ Discussion	TBC
12 Feb 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	5. Hendra and Nipah viruses, emerging threats?	Prof LLM Poon	Lecture/ Discussion	TBC
05 Mar 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	6. Vector-borne diseases	Prof JSM Peiris	Lecture/ Discussion	TBC
12 Mar 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	7. Food Safety and One Health	Prof HL Yen	Lecture/ Discussion	TBC
19 Mar 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	8. Ebola and other viral hemorrhagic fevers	Prof JSM Peiris	Lecture/ Discussion	TBC
26 Mar 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	9. Disease eradication	Prof HL Yen	Lecture/ Discussion	TBC
02 Apr 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	10. One Health implementation	Prof JSM Peiris/ Prof HL Yen	Lecture/ Discussion	TBC
09 Apr 2026	6:30 – 9:00 pm	11. A case study of an emerging infectious disease outbreak (Part 1)	Prof JSM Peiris/ Prof HL Yen	Discussion	TBC
16 Apr 2026	6:30 – 8:30 pm	12. A case study of an emerging infectious disease outbreak (Part 2)	Prof JSM Peiris/ Prof HL Yen	Discussion	TBC
23 Apr 2026	6:30 – 8:30 pm	13. Class test	-	-	TBC

Course Assessment: Continous in course assessment (100%), including in course discussions 30% (10% from pre-discussion MCQ and 20% from discussions) , One Health Implementation (10%), Case study Part I (10%), Case study Part 2 (10%), and class test (40%).

Recommended readings:

1. LA Beltz, (2011) Emerging Infectious Diseases. John Wiley & Sons Ltd.
2. DM Morens and AS Fauci, (2020) Emerging Pandemic Diseases: How We Got to COVID-19. Cell 182:1077-1092.
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5. Lefrançois T, Malvy D, Atlani-Duault L, Benamouzig D, Druais PL, Yazdanpanah Y, Delfraissy JF, Lina B. After 2 years of the COVID-19 pandemic, translating One Health into action is urgent. Lancet. 2022 Oct 21:S0140-6736(22)01840-2.

6. Berthe, Franck Cesar Jean; Bali, Sulzhan Rameshwari; Batmanian, Garo J. *Putting Pandemics Behind Us : Investing in One Health to Reduce Risks of Emerging Infectious Diseases (English)*. Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group.
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