

National study on the prioritization of zoonotic diseases in the United States

September 19, 2011—The following message is being circulated on behalf of the **Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses (CPHAZ) Research Team at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, ON, Canada** by the One Health Initiative Team. We encourage you to consider participation and strongly support the efforts of CPHAZ:

“You are cordially invited to participate in a national web-survey on the prioritization of zoonotic diseases in the United States.

This survey has been developed by researchers at the **Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses** and will identify the relative importance of key characteristics of zoonoses that can be used to prioritize disease for their control and prevention in the United States like we did in Canada. The survey responses will be used to develop a point-scoring system to derive a recommended list of zoonoses for prioritization in the United States. You will be presented with 16 scenarios consisting of five disease profiles each. For each scenario, you will be asked to choose one for prioritization.

You do not need to have any prior knowledge of zoonoses or experience in disease prioritization to participate in this study. All, who reside in the United States are encouraged to participate.

No identifiable information will be collected during the survey and your response will remain anonymous.

The survey will take approximately 20 to 25 minutes to complete and can be accessed through the following link:

http://www2.ovc.uoguelph.ca/survey/us/en/US_profenglishlogin.html

The survey is also available in Spanish through this link:

http://www2.ovc.uoguelph.ca/survey/us/es/US_profspanishlogin.html

We would like to thank the One Health Initiative for their help in distributing this survey.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Dr. Victoria Ng** at vng03@uoguelph.ca.

Thank you,

Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses (CPHAZ) Research Team.”