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The Ebola epidemic last year made just about everyone in the world aware of how scary a highly infectious disease can be. However, most people remain unaware of the fact there are many more infectious diseases that do not grab the headlines, but spread throughout the world on a routine basis. Many people are also unaware that there are worldwide teams gathering data and diligently working to minimize such disease spread.

Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is part of that worldwide team and has been developing state of the art information systems to aid the global health community. For instance, in 2014 LANL announced the release of the LANL Biosurveillance (BSV) Gateway. The BSV Gateway is a one stop shop for all things biosurveillance happening at LANL and it provides access to worldwide disease surveillance data. The web site is hosted at <http://bsv.lanl.gov> and it is openly available for use by everyone. The site provides information about ongoing biosurveillance research projects and capabilities at LANL, and provides access to a host of LANL-developed biosurveillance tools and resources. Examples of these tools and resources include sequence databases for HIV and Viral Hemorrhagic fevers, apps for contextualizing disease outbreaks based upon historical data, and advanced bioinformatics software packages. Additionally, it is possible to browse and learn about completed projects, publications, presentations, and the latest news in biosurveillance. The site is routinely updated and expanded to offer more tools and information for the technical audience. We are seeking feedback on this gateway and would like to ask interested folk to offer comments and suggestions after they have perused the BSV website.

Terms like biosurveillance, pandemic, and infectious disease can sound scary. Indeed, highly contagious outbreaks like we saw in Africa last year are terrifying and tragic. However, applying good science and collaborative sharing of information can significantly mitigate disease spread and help us all to live safer lives. Dedicated teams at LANL are proud to be part of the worldwide community that is working to fight the spread of infectious diseases.