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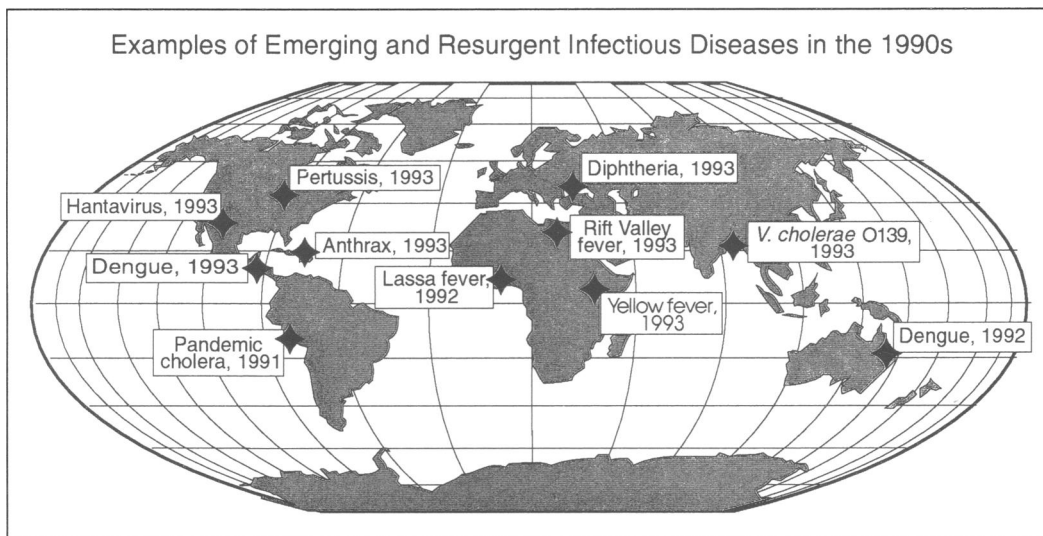
## The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Issues Plan to Address Emerging Infectious Diseases

The spectrum of infectious disease is changing rapidly in conjunction with dramatic changes in society and environment. Despite historical predictions to the contrary, people remain vulnerable to a wide array of new and resurgent diseases. These diseases pose a threat that requires improvement of the public health infrastructure at the local, State, and Federal levels and recognition that the health

to them effectively. It will serve as a guide for CDC's work in collaboration with its partners in safeguarding the nation from the threat of emerging infectious diseases.

The plan has four primary goals –

1. surveillance to detect, rapidly investigate, and monitor emerging pathogens,



of the American people is linked to the health of people in other nations. Infectious diseases can and do spread rapidly around the globe (see map), and global surveillance for emerging infections is vital to public health.

In partnership with local and State public health officials, other Federal agencies, medical and public health professional associations, infectious disease experts from academia and clinical practice, and international and public service organizations, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published "Addressing Emerging Infectious Disease Threats: A Prevention Strategy for the United States," a 46-page booklet containing the CDC plan that addresses the urgent need to improve the nation's ability to identify infectious disease threats and to respond

to them effectively, and the factors influencing their reemergence;

2. applied research to integrate laboratory science and epidemiology to optimize public health practice;

3. prevention and control to enhance communication of public health information about emerging diseases and ensure prompt implementation of prevention strategies; and

4. strengthened infrastructure among local, State, and Federal public health providers to support surveillance and implement prevention and control programs.

A copy of the plan may be obtained from CDC, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of Planning and Health Communication-EP, MS C14, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333.

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