

HealthMap Newsletter August 2011

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HealthMap 4.0

The much-anticipated new design of the HealthMap site is now live at <http://www.healthmap.org>. New features now make HealthMap an even richer source of detailed public health alerts and news. HealthMap now has 3 main sections, easily accessible via the tabs: "Global", "Local" and "News".

Global: The global tab is the default view. Check out the new features now available after clicking on an alert: rate or comment, or share via social networks. You can also view the full article, browse related alerts, and obtain context about the alert through data visualizations such as graphs, word clouds, and maps.

Local: <http://healthmap.org/local> auto-detects your location and provides ongoing infectious disease alerts and local public health resources from your area. From this page, you can also sign-up to receive customized email alerts.

News: <http://healthmap.org/news> showcases The Disease Daily, which features summaries and original content of important outbreaks as well as feature articles by HealthMap staff that provide deeper context for outbreak news.

In addition, our new video gives a brief overview of how HealthMap works: <http://vimeo.com/27433633>

User Feedback

We are looking to learn more about how HealthMap provides you with timely infectious disease information. Please take a moment to complete our brief survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/healthmapusers>

Recent Publications

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A full list of publications can be viewed at:

<http://healthmap.org/publications>

Selection of HealthMap Articles in the News

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<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/google-tool-tracks-dengue-fever>

- Adrianna Banaszek. (March 2011). Tracking Infectious Diseases in

Cyberspace. CMAJ.

<http://www.cmaj.ca/content/early/2011/03/14/cmaj.109-3829.full.pdf>

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http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/08/health/08glob.html?_r=4&adxnnl=1&ref=science&adxnnlx=1297167020-9XfVyo4D0iE5RaD//9Xbw

- (January 2011). Web Surveillance Maps Global Disease Trends. BBC News.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-12176180>

Additional HealthMap press can be viewed at:

<http://healthmap.org/press/>

We hope you find the new design and features of HealthMap 4.0 useful. Please continue to send us your feedback on how we might improve HealthMap.

Best regards,

The HealthMap Team

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