

An effective, modern public health surveillance system to monitor disease outbreaks, collect information, and share findings is crucial. As Alexander Langmuir, the epidemiologist who started the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Epidemic Intelligence Service, noted in his 1962 Cutter Lecture on Preventive Health, “Good surveillance does not necessarily ensure the making of the right decisions, but it reduces the chances of wrong ones.”

Planning for an outbreak from an as-yet unrecognized pathogen could help public health authorities respond more effectively with regard to detecting pathogen emergence; developing vaccines, treatments, and countermeasures; and recommending sound policies. Instead of starting from scratch, surveillance and planning would enable public health responders to be better prepared to venture forth, like the iconic figures immortalized in Rembrandt’s *Night Watch*, to ensure public health and safety.

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