**‘ID in the News Assignments’ and Background research template for disease**

**1-2 pgs + short presentation to the class**

For ‘ID in the NEWs’ – this assignment is meant to bring current information to the class on outbreaks or research in the field of Infectious Diseases. There are articles in *Science News* or *Discovery News* regularly. Let me know if you have a problem finding a news item and I will help. The format of your ‘report’ will vary based on the article you choose

1. Introduce the news headline on your disease **and web link**
2. Reason disease/research is making the news
3. Name – common and scientific name of ID
4. Epidemiology if known – cause, distribution and control

i. Cause/origin of disease

ii. Normal incidence/distribution of disease (maps)

iii. Is it endemic anywhere?

iv. Outbreaks/epidemics in the past?

2. Impact of disease on humans –information needed to understand the article:

1. What is disease reservoir and or vector, if any (include image)
2. How is disease spread?
3. What are symptoms of disease/ fatality rate?
4. Treatment and or vaccine
5. Travel/Personal precautions
6. **Future Considerations – Relevance….Where is this disease/research going? \***
7. Notes – include **terms and definitions** relevant to article. –Definitions of specific terms used
8. References – use easybib.com or Son of Citation Machine.

You may modify this for your disease or news article – this is just a *general outline*. See me or email me if you are unsure what to include.

**\*NOTE: If your article is on a treatment or vaccine, then research why this is important, what disease(s) will be treated and who/how/when and where will it take effect?**

\*You MUST include your own input, not just facts from research.