Brings public health and biomedical research from the early 20th century to the desktops of modern researcher - includes more than 800,000 records on public health from six out-of-print journals published from 1910-1983.

Much of the data from the Global Health Archive is derived from publications that have long since vanished. They tell us a great deal about past epidemics, from rates and patterns of transmission, duration of pandemics, timing of epidemiological peaks, geographic distribution of diseases, government preparedness and quarantine provisions; through to effects on different age and social groups, severity in developing vs. developed countries, symptoms, causes of mortality (such as secondary problems like pneumonia) and mortality rates.

By accessing this kind of historical information, the Global Health Archive has the potential to reveal vital clues by referring back to previous pandemics to identify what made them so deadly and the mistakes made in their management.

Records in the Global Health Archive have been taken from six pre-electronic publications:
- Tropical Diseases Bulletin (1912-83)
- Abstracts on Hygiene and Communicable Diseases (1926-1983)
- Review of Veterinary and Medical Entomology (1913-72)
- Review of Veterinary and Medical Mycology (1943-72)
- Nutrition Abstracts and Reviews A: Human and Experimental (1931-72)
- Helminthological Abstracts (1932-72)

Records have been indexed and classified to make them relevant to a modern audience. Current terminology has been added to abstract and index fields to aid retrieval. Descriptors and CABIcodes, used alongside free text searching, provide an effective route into this historical data.