Acronyms and abbreviations

CEPI: Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation

FDA: U.S. Food and Drug Administration

GHSA: Global Health Security Agenda

H1N1: Swine flu

HLIP: High Level Independent Panel

IHRs: International Health Regulations

IPPPR: Independent Panel on Pandemic Preparedness and Response

IMF: International Monetary Fund

NAPHS: National Action Plans for Health Security

ODA: Overseas Development Assistance

PHEIC: Public health emergency of international concern

PIP: Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

PPE: Personal Protective Equipment

PPR: Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response

SARS: Severe Acute Respirator Syndrome

TRIPs: Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights

UNGA: United Nations General Assembly

UNICEF: United Nations Children’s Fund

UN-MEER: UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response

WHO: World Health Organization

WTO: World Trade Organization

Glossary

Covid-19: An infectious human disease caused by the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2; first identified in China in 2019; became a global pandemic in 2020

COVAX: A global initiative to ensure equitable access to Covid-19 vaccines

Ebola: A serious and often fatal human illness caused by the Ebola virus; first identified in 1976 in Congo and Sudan; the most serious recorded outbreak occurred in 2013–16

pandemic: An outbreak of an infectious disease that becomes widespread

personal protective equipment (PPE): Protective clothing and equipment used by healthcare workers and emergency responders to protect them and those they have contact with from harm or contagion, such as surgical masks

Please see the following page for additional glossary entries and a list of websites.
**polycrisis:** A time when several simultaneous crises interact to create increased global peril

**PHEIC:** A serious disease outbreak that mandates a coordinated international response; declared by the World Health Organization

**World Health Organization (WHO):** An agency of the United Nations responsible for responding to public health emergencies and improving global public health

**zoonotic disease:** An infectious illness that can be transmitted from animals to humans.

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**Websites**

History.com, “Pandemics That Changed History,” https://www.history.com/topics/middle-ages/pandemics-timeline has a helpful timeline summarizing the major pandemics in recorded human history and their impact.

Pandemic Action Network, https://www.pandemicactionnetwork.org/ contains many resources laying out the challenges and priorities for action on pandemic preparedness and response from this global network of more than 350 organizations advocating for political leaders to keep humanity safe from future pandemics.

Resolve to Save Lives, Preventepidemics.org, “Epidemics That Didn’t Happen,” https://preventepidemics.org/epidemics-that-didnt-happen/ is a collection of stories on potentially dangerous epidemics and pandemics that were averted in countries around the world thanks to upfront investments in detection, prevention, and response.


