



KEY ACRONYMS

This list includes key acronyms used across public health, health security, and national preparedness. The acronyms span government agencies, healthcare organizations, policies, and critical initiatives that are integral to understanding and advancing efforts in pandemic preparedness, emergency response, and global health security.

AixBIO	AixBIO Artificial Intelligence and Biotechnology	ESFs	Emergency Support Functions
BWC	Biological Weapons Convention	EUA	Emergency Use Authorization
CBO	Congressional Budget Office	FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
CBRN-(E)	Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosives	FDA	Food and Drug Administration
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	FFR	Filtering Facepiece Respirator
EIS	Epidemic Intelligence Service	FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
PHEP	Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement	GAO	Government Accountability Office
DHS	Department of Homeland Security	HCW	Healthcare Worker
CRI	Cities Readiness Initiative	HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	ASPR (Administration)	Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response
NIMS	National Incident Management System	ASPR (Position)	Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
MMRS	Metropolitan Medical Response System	BARDA	Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority
DOC	Department of Commerce	ESAR-VHP	Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	HPP	Hospital Preparedness Program
DOD	Department of Defense	MRC	Medical Reserve Corps
DOT	Department of Transportation	NBSB	National Biodefense Science Board
EID	Emerging Infectious Disease	NDMS	National Disaster Medical System
EMAC	Emergency Management Assistance Compact	NHSS	National Health Security Strategy
EMS	Emergency Medical Services	PHEMCE	Public Health Emergency Countermeasures Enterprise
EO	Executive Order	SNS	Strategic National Stockpile



HIAAP	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
HSA	Homeland Security Act	PABS	Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing
IAQ	Indoor Air Quality	PAHPA	Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act
LRPs	Loan Repayment Programs	PAHPAIA	Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act
MCIAA	Model Clean Indoor Air Act	PAHPRA	Pandemic and All-Hazards Reauthorization Act
MCM	Medical Countermeasures	PAPR	Powered Air-Purifying Respirator
NDAAs	National Defense Authorization Act	PC	Primary Care
NHSC	National Health Service Corps	PFE	Particulate Filtration Efficiency
NIH	National Institutes of Health	PH	Public Health
NSABB	National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity	PHE	Public Health Emergency
NIMS	National Incident Management System	PHEMCE	Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise
NRF	National Response Framework	PHS	Public Health Service
NSA	National Security Agency	PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
NSC	National Security Council	R&D	Research and Development
NSCEB	National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology	SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
OASH	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health	VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
OMB	Office of Management and Budget	WHO	World Health Organization
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology		