

**Notes: Spread, Treatment, and Prevention of Disease**

<p><b>What is a disease outbreak?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A disease _____ happens when a disease occurs in greater numbers than expected in a community or _____, or during a _____.</li> <li>• An outbreak may occur in one _____ or even extend to several _____. It can last from days to _____. Sometimes a _____ case of a contagious disease is considered an outbreak. This may be true if it is an _____ disease, is new to a community, or has been _____ from a population for a long time. An outbreak can be considered an _____ or pandemic.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How do diseases spread?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infectious diseases _____ in many ways.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ _____ can be found in many places including food, _____, _____, and on surfaces.</li> <li>○ Contact with _____ and other animals                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Insects and animals can also carry _____ that cause disease.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ex. _____ Disease is caused by _____ that inhabit ticks.</li> <li>• Rabies, a deadly central _____ system infection is caused by a _____ and is found in the _____ of infected animals, such as _____, raccoons, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Person-to-Person Contact                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most of the _____ you have had have probably been passed to you by another _____.</li> <li>▪ To avoid giving/receiving pathogens, you should _____.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>What are Carriers and Vectors?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carriers and vectors can spread _____, but generally do not get _____ themselves.</li> <li>• _____: a person or animal that has a disease and can _____, but does not show any _____.</li> <li>• _____: an organism (like a mosquito or tick) that _____ pathogens from one organism to _____.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How do we treat and prevent diseases?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diseases caused by _____ can be treated with medicines that contain _____.</li> <li>○ The first antibiotics were discovered in _____ by a scientist named Flemming.</li> <li>• Antimicrobial: something that kills _____ (includes hand sanitizer, _____, etc.)</li> <li>• Scientists continue efforts to _____ and _____ illness.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ _____: a substance that contains a _____ or _____ pathogen, such as a bacterium or _____, that stimulates _____ production or cellular _____ against the pathogen but cannot cause _____ infection. Vaccines _____ illnesses (not _____ them!). The use of vaccines has made some diseases nearly _____.</li> <li>○ Antibiotics fight _____ (bacteria), but they can also lead to _____ in them.                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When an antibiotic is used too _____, bacteria can develop _____, meaning it is no longer _____ by the antibiotic.</li> <li>▪ The next time those bacteria _____ your body, that particular antibiotic will not _____ the disease.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>What is the difference between an epidemic and a pandemic?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epidemic and _____ refer to the spread of _____ diseases among a population.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Epidemic: when a disease spreads to a _____ number of people, but remains in a specific, _____ area.</li> <li>○ Pandemic: when a disease spreads to _____ places around the _____. A widespread epidemic. In the most extreme case, the entire _____ population would be affected by a pandemic.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The terms epidemic and pandemic usually refer to the _____ of infection, the _____ that is affected or both.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An _____ is defined as an illness or health-related issue that is showing up in _____ cases than would normally be expected. It occurs when an infectious disease spreads _____ to many people. In _____, the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>severe acute respiratory syndrome (_____) epidemic took the lives of nearly _____ people worldwide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In the case of a pandemic, even more of the _____ is affected than in an epidemic. A pandemic typically is in a _____ area (usually worldwide) rather than being confined to a particular _____ or region and affect global populations. An epidemic is not _____. For example, malaria can reach _____ levels in regions of _____ but is not a threat globally. However, a _____ strain can begin _____ (epidemic) but eventually spread _____ (pandemic). This is not unusual for a _____ virus, because if people have not been _____ to the virus before, their immune systems are not ready to _____ it off, and more people become ill. _____ started in Mexico city, and it was feared to lead to _____ proportions in North America. Now that the flu has been found in New Zealand, Israel, Scotland and many other _____, it has become _____. The 1918 _____ and the Black Plague are extreme examples of pandemics. Keep in mind, though, that a pandemic doesn't necessarily mean millions of _____—it means a geographically _____ epidemic.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Influenza Pandemics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ pandemics have occurred more than once. Spanish influenza killed _____ million people in _____. The Asian influenza killed _____ million people in 1957. The Hong Kong influenza killed _____ million people in 1968.</li> <li>• An influenza _____ occurs when a new _____ of _____ arises. This means humans have little or no _____ to it; therefore, _____ is at risk. The virus spreads easily from _____ to person, such as through _____ or coughing. As it spreads, the virus can begin to cause _____ illness worldwide. With past flu pandemics, the virus reached all parts of the _____ within _____ to _____ months. With the speed of _____ travel today, public health experts believe an influenza pandemic could spread much more _____. A pandemic can occur in _____, and all parts of the world may not be affected at the same _____.</li> </ul>

**Questions:**

1. In your own words, explain the difference between an epidemic and pandemic.
2. Why is an epidemic bad?
3. Why is a pandemic bad?
4. Which do you think is worse, an epidemic, or a pandemic? Why?
5. List 2 ways that we can treat or prevent a disease.
6. List 3 ways a disease can be spread.
7. Why is it bad when a new subtype of influenza virus arises?
8. Explain how carriers and vectors are related. Why are they so harmful?