

COVID-19: GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

ANSWER KEY

All sources can be found in ***Gale In Context: Global Issues***. Note that answers may change as the situation evolves.

Define the terms epidemic and pandemic.

An epidemic is the spread of a disease (i.e. Influenza or Ebola) that is contained to a town or city. A pandemic is the wide spread of a disease to multiple countries across the world.

Define pandemic preparedness.

Pandemic preparedness refers to how ready a country is for a new pandemic. This includes the structures in place to manage quarantines, develop vaccines, and craft public health messages for the community.

Describe your country's public health approach to COVID-19.

Canada is well prepared for the potential pandemic event. The Public Health Agency of Canada is advising Canadians on the proper way to protect themselves from contracting COVID-19. They are also prepared to enact protocols developed after the 2003 SARS epidemic. The experience of the SARS outbreak helps Canada to be ready for this potential pandemic outbreak.

Describe other countries' approaches to the COVID-19 outbreak. Which approach do you think is most effective?

In the United States, the CDC is prepared to track and distribute medical supplies as necessary. According to *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, the U.S. is taking a relaxed approach to the COVID-19 outbreak compared to countries like Italy and China. Both Italy and China are putting entire regions and cities under quarantine where the outbreak is most prevalent.

Citation(s):

See the attached **Citation and Research Guide** for example sources.

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CITATION AND RESEARCH GUIDE

Pandemic Preparedness and **Public Health and Infectious Disease** issues within **Gale In Context: Global Issues** provide a good starting point for research on this topic. Additional topic pages and articles will be added as the situation develops. Example sources are listed below.

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