

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.

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 rather relaxed approach to the COVID-19 outbreak. These reports indicate that the U.S. is underprepared for the potential pandemic and should focus on increasing public awareness and discussing ways to avoid contracting the disease.

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

Countries like Canada are more prepared for what could happen. 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. Other countries (including Italy and China) are putting regions and areas under quarantine until there is a cure for the disease.

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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