

# COVID-19 Terms to Avoid

Don't Write	Write
Agent (biological)	Germ
Case Fatality Rate (or CFR)	The risk of death from a contagious illness
Communicable	When a disease can be passed to another person
Community-spread	Spread through the community with an unknown source
Community transmission	Infection in the community, infection in the community that doesn't stem from travel or a known case
Contact tracing	Identifying, evaluating, and managing people who have been exposed to an illness
Contagion	A disease passed along by contact with another person
Cordon sanitaire	Quarantine
Detect	Find
Disease registry	List
Droplet transmission	Germs from sneezing, coughing, talking
Endemic	The baseline of a disease, the expected level of a disease
Epidemiology	Science of how diseases affect communities
Evidence-based	Shown to work, that is based on evidence
Fomite	Objects, like bedding or towels, that can carry and pass along diseases

Health care setting	Doctor's office, clinic, hospital
Health disparities	Differences in health between groups of people
Host	Body, animal, person
Home isolation	Quarantine
Incidence rate	How often something happens
Incubation period	The time it takes for someone to get infected and show symptoms
Individual/individuals	Person/people
Infectious disease	Sickness caused by germs
Intervention	Action, program, treatment
Intubate	Put a breathing tube into a patient
Localized	At one spot, in a small area
Medical facilities	Doctor's office, clinic, hospital
Medication	Medicine
Negative-pressure room	Hospital rooms with circulating air for sick patients
Participate in social distancing	Socially distance, physically distance
Preventable	Keep from happening
Prolonged	Long-lasting
Respirator	Face mask, breathing machine (depending on its usage)

Respiratory	Lungs and ability to breathe
Risk assessment	Looking at a person's risk, seeing if people have a bigger chance
Risk factor	Risk, reason
SARS-CoV-2	The virus that causes the COVID-19 disease
Screening	Test
Self-monitoring	Monitoring yourself
Self-quarantine	Voluntary quarantine
Shelter-in-place	Stay home
Super-spreader	Someone who can infect a larger than average group of people
Surveillance	Gathering information
Toxigenic	Poisonous
Transmit	Spread, pass along, pass to others
Ventilator	Breathing machine
Viral shedding	When a virus in a body can be contagious to others