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 Vocabulary

<u>Word</u>	<u>Part of Speech</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Public Health	Noun	the general health of a community and the practice and study of ways to preserve and improve it. Public health includes health education, sanitation, control of diseases, and regulation of pollution.
Malaria	Noun	an infectious disease caused by a parasite that is transmitted by the bite of infected mosquitoes. Common in tropical countries, the disease is characterized by recurring chills and fever.
Communicable Disease	Noun	A disease that is able to be passed from one person, animal, or organism to another
Infectious Disease	Noun	A disease caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms that can be passed from one person to another
Polio	Noun	a severe infectious viral disease, usually affecting children or young adults, that inflames the brainstem and spinal cord, sometimes leading to loss of voluntary movement and muscular wasting
Vaccine	Noun	a preparation containing weakened or dead microbes of the kind that cause a disease, administered to stimulate the immune system to produce antibodies against that disease
Surveillance	Noun	A close watch. continual observation
Eradicating	Verb	To get rid of something completely. To destroy or get rid of something so that it can never return
Smallpox	Noun	a highly contagious disease caused by a poxvirus and marked by high fever and the formation of scar-producing pustules.
Biological terrorism	Noun	<i>terrorism</i> involving the intentional release or spreading of <i>biological</i> agents. These agents are bacteria, viruses, or toxins.