

Need another word that means the same as “epidemic”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “epidemic” in this overview.

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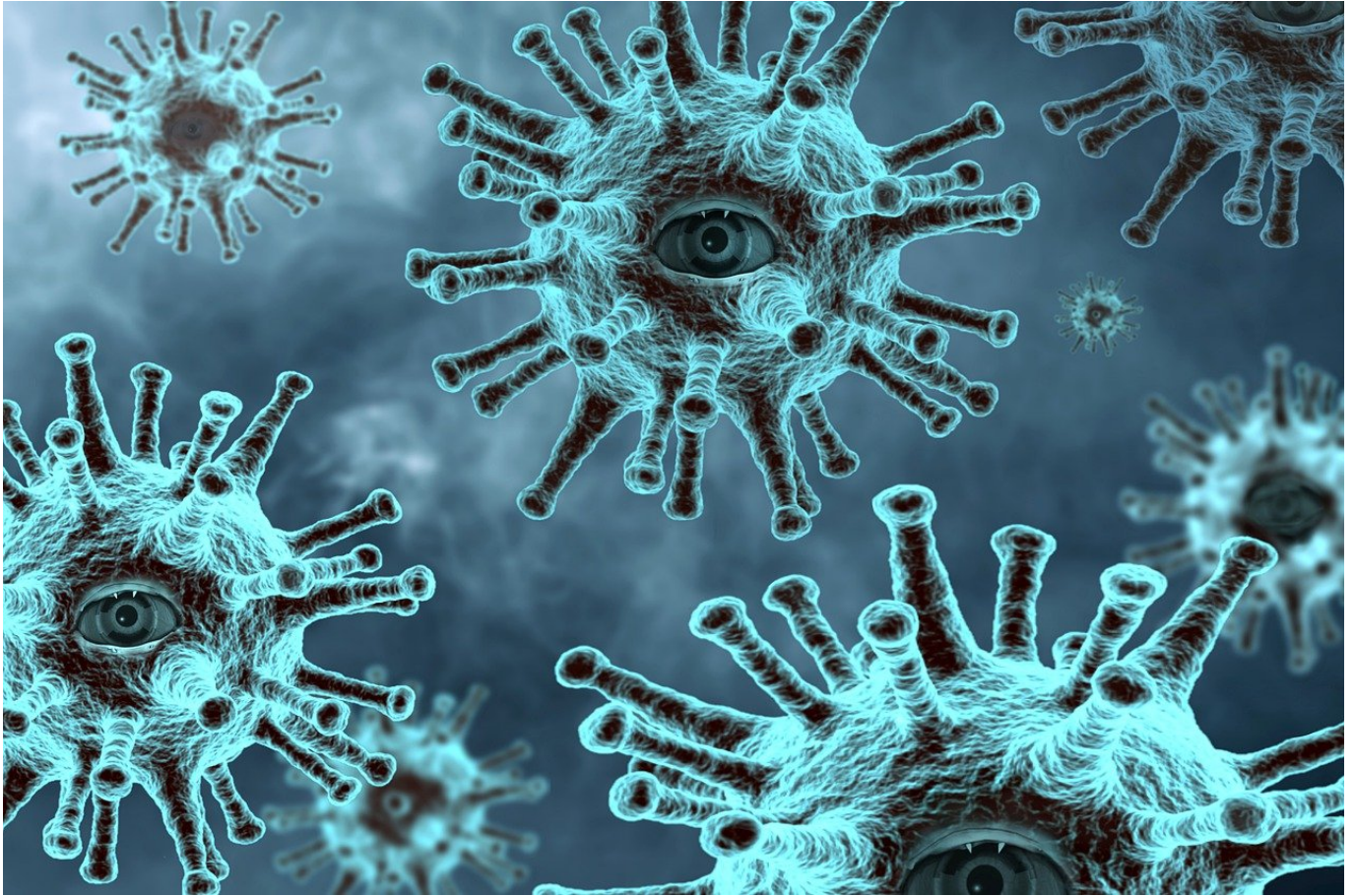
**The synonyms of “Epidemic” are: outbreak, plague, scourge, infestation, spate, rash, wave, explosion, eruption, outburst, flare-up, craze, rife, rampant, widespread, wide-ranging, extensive, sweeping, penetrating**

## **Epidemic as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Epidemic" as a noun**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “epidemic” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A sudden, widespread occurrence of an undesirable phenomenon.*
- *A widespread outbreak of an infectious disease; many people are infected at the same time.*
- *A widespread occurrence of an infectious disease in a community at a particular time.*



## Synonyms of "Epidemic" as a noun (12 Words)

- craze** State of violent mental agitation.  
*The new **craze** for step aerobics.*
- eruption** The emergence of a tooth as it breaks through the gum.  
*The **eruption** of Vesuvius.*
- explosion** The noise caused by an explosion.  
*Three **explosions** damaged buildings at the barracks.*
- flare-up** A sudden intense happening.
- infestation** The state of being invaded or overrun by parasites.  
*Efforts were made to deal with an **infestation** of rats in the building.*
- outbreak** A sudden occurrence of something unwelcome, such as war or disease.  
*The **outbreak** of hostilities.*
- outburst** A sudden occurrence of a particular activity.  
*A very dramatic **outburst** of neutrons.*

<b>plague</b>	A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium typically with the formation of buboes bubonic plague and sometimes infection of the lungs pneumonic plague. <i>Those children are a damn <b>plague</b>.</i>
<b>rash</b>	A series of unexpected and unpleasant occurrences. <i>A <b>rash</b> of bank robberies.</i>
<b>scourge</b>	A person who inspires fear or dread. <i>The <b>scourge</b> of mass unemployment.</i>
<b>spate</b>	A large number or amount or extent. <i>A <b>spate</b> of attacks on holidaymakers.</i>
<b>wave</b>	A shape regarded as resembling a breaking wave. <i>Troops advancing in <b>waves</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Epidemic" as a noun

- *A flu epidemic.*
- *An epidemic of violent crime.*



## Epidemic as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Epidemic" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "epidemic" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Of the nature of an epidemic.*
- *Of disease or anything resembling a disease; attacking or affecting many individuals in a community or a population simultaneously.*
- *(especially of medicine) of disease or anything resembling a disease; attacking or affecting many individuals in a community or a population simultaneously.*



## Synonyms of "Epidemic" as an adjective (7 Words)

<b>extensive</b>	Of agriculture; increasing productivity by using large areas with minimal outlay and labor. <i>An <b>extensive</b> collection of silver.</i>
<b>penetrating</b>	Having or showing clear insight. <i>The problem of <b>penetrating</b> damp.</i>
<b>rampant</b>	Having a lush and unchecked growth. <i><b>Rampant</b> inflation.</i>
<b>rife</b>	Full of. <i>The streets were <b>rife</b> with rumour and fear.</i>
<b>sweeping</b>	Wide in range or effect. <i>A wide <b>sweeping</b> view of the river.</i>
<b>wide-ranging</b>	Including much.
<b>widespread</b>	Distributed over a considerable extent. <i>Drug use is <b>widespread</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Epidemic" as an adjective

- *An epidemic outbreak of influenza.*
- *Epidemic diseases.*
- *Shoplifting has reached epidemic proportions.*



## Associations of "Epidemic" (30 Words)

- blight** A state or condition being blighted.  
*Her remorse could be a **blight** on that happiness.*
- canker** Become infected with a canker.  
*Secondary infections of **canker** and coccidiosis.*
- catching** The act of detecting something catching sight of something.  
***Catching** cold is sometimes unavoidable.*
- cholera** An acute intestinal infection caused by ingestion of contaminated water or food.
- communicable** Able to be communicated to others.  
*The value of the product must be **communicable** to the potential consumers.*
- contagious** (of an emotion, feeling, or attitude) likely to spread to and affect others.  
*Precautions are taken with anyone who seems **contagious**.*

<b>diphtheria</b>	Acute contagious infection caused by the bacterium <i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> marked by the formation of a false membrane in the throat and other air passages causing difficulty in breathing.
<b>disease</b>	A particular quality or disposition regarded as adversely affecting a person or group of people. <i>Bacterial meningitis is quite a rare <b>disease</b>.</i>
<b>epizootic</b>	An outbreak of an epizootic disease. <i>A global <b>epizootic</b> of H5N1 bird flu.</i>
<b>hookworm</b>	Infestation of the intestines by hookworms which enter the body usually through the skin.
<b><u>infect</u></b>	Communicate a disease to. <i>The panic in his voice <b>infected</b> her.</i>
<b>infection</b>	Illegality that taints or contaminates a ship or cargo rendering it liable to seizure. <i>Ambitious men are led astray by an <b>infection</b> that is almost unavoidable.</i>
<b>infectious</b>	Liable to spread infection. <i>A loud <b>infectious</b> laugh.</i>
<b>influenza</b>	A highly contagious viral infection of the respiratory passages causing fever, severe aching, and catarrh, and often occurring in epidemics.
<b>malaria</b>	An infective disease caused by sporozoan parasites that are transmitted through the bite of an infected <i>Anopheles</i> mosquito; marked by paroxysms of chills and fever.
<b>measles</b>	An acute and highly contagious viral disease marked by distinct red spots followed by a rash; occurs primarily in children. <i>A severe case of the <b>measles</b>.</i>
<b><u>outbreak</u></b>	A sudden occurrence of something unwelcome, such as war or disease. <i>The <b>outbreak</b> of hostilities.</i>
<b>pandemic</b>	An outbreak of a pandemic disease. <i><b>Pandemic</b> diseases have occurred throughout history.</i>
<b>pestilence</b>	A pernicious and malign influence that is hard to get rid of. <i>Racism is a <b>pestilence</b> at the heart of the nation.</i>
<b>pestilential</b>	(of a plant or animal) very widespread and troublesome. <i>The tsetse flies that are so <b>pestilential</b> in tropical Africa.</i>
<b><u>plague</u></b>	A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium typically with the formation of buboes bubonic plague and sometimes infection of the lungs pneumonic plague. <i>Diseases like smallpox wiped out the indigenous people in a succession of <b>plagues</b>.</i>



<b>pox</b>	Smallpox.
<b>sars</b>	A respiratory disease of unknown etiology that apparently originated in mainland China in 2003; characterized by fever and coughing or difficulty breathing or hypoxia; can be fatal.
<b>smallpox</b>	A highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever and weakness and skin eruption with pustules that form scabs that slough off leaving scars.
<b>transmissible</b>	Capable of being transmitted by infection. <i>The virus mutated into a form that was <b>transmissible</b> between humans.</i>
<b><u>transmission</u></b>	The action or process of transmitting something, or the state of being transmitted. <i>The <b>transmission</b> of knowledge.</i>
<b>typhoid</b>	An infectious bacterial fever with an eruption of red spots on the chest and abdomen and severe intestinal irritation.
<b>typhus</b>	Rickettsial disease transmitted by body lice and characterized by skin rash and high fever.
<b>vaccine</b>	A program designed to detect computer viruses and inactivate them. <i>There is no <b>vaccine</b> against the virus.</i>
<b>virus</b>	An infection or disease caused by a virus. <i>Bigotry is a <b>virus</b> that must not be allowed to spread.</i>

