

International Day of Epidemic Preparedness

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About International Day of Epidemic Preparedness:

- It is annually observed on **December 27** to advocate the importance of prevention of, preparedness for, and partnership against epidemics.
- It highlights the urgent need to invest in systems that can prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks.
- **History of the Day:** The **first-ever** International Day of Epidemic Preparedness, **held on 27 December 2020**, was **called for by the United Nations General Assembly** to advocate the importance of the prevention of, preparedness for, and partnership against epidemics.
- **What is an Epidemic?**
 - An epidemic is a **sudden disease outbreak** that **affects a large number of people** in a **particular region**, community, or population.
 - In an epidemic, the **number of people affected** by the disease is **larger than** what is **normally expected**.

- **Yellow fever, smallpox, measles,** and polio are prime examples of epidemics.
 - An epidemic disease **doesn't necessarily have to be contagious.** West Nile fever and the rapid increase in obesity rates are also considered epidemics.
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Q1: What is a Pandemic?

A pandemic is a disease outbreak that spreads across countries or continents. It affects more people and takes more lives than an epidemic.

Source: [Global solidarity key to future pandemic preparedness, says UN chief](#)

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