

# Public Health Acronyms

Public Health Acronyms is a comprehensive resource that features the most commonly used acronyms in public health, offering clear definitions and links to their respective sources. This collection of acronyms aids in the understanding of public health systems, regulations and standards in one place.

## A

ABCs	<a href="#">Active Bacterial Core Surveillance</a>
ACA	<a href="#">Affordable Care Act</a>
ACO	<a href="#">Accountable Care Organization</a>
ACIP	<a href="#">Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices</a>
ADA	<a href="#">Americans with Disabilities Act</a>
ADAP	<a href="#">AIDS/HIV Drug Assistance Program</a>
ADP	<a href="#">Average Daily Population</a>
ADT	<a href="#">Admission, Discharge, or Transfer</a> (a common electronic data stream in hospitals)
AGA	<a href="#">Accountable Government Act</a>
AHA	<a href="#">American Hospital Association</a>
AHRQ	<a href="#">Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality</a>
AIDS	<a href="#">Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome</a>
AIM	<a href="#">Association of Immunization Managers</a>
AIRA	<a href="#">American Immunization Registry Association</a>
AMIA	<a href="#">American Medical Informatics Association</a>
AOA	<a href="#">Administration on Aging</a>
APHA	<a href="#">American Public Health Association</a>
APHL	<a href="#">Association of Public Health Laboratories</a>
AIMS	<a href="#">Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) Informatics Messaging Systems</a>
API	<a href="#">Application Programming Interface</a>
ASTHO	<a href="#">Association of State and Territorial Health Officials</a>
ASTP/ONC	<a href="#">Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy/Office of the National Coordinator For Health Information Technology</a> <i>Note: Before July 2024, this federal office was known as ONC</i>

## B

BH	<a href="#">Behavioral Health</a>
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**C**

C-CDA	<a href="#">Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture</a>
CCD	<a href="#">Continuity of Care Document (CCR + CDA became CCD)</a>
CDA	<a href="#">Clinical Document Architecture</a>
CDC	<a href="#">Centers for Disease Control &amp; Prevention</a>
CDS	<a href="#">Clinical Decision Support</a>
CDSi	<a href="#">Clinical Decision Support for Immunization</a>
CEHRT	<a href="#">Certified Electronic Health Record Technology</a>
CHIP	<a href="#">Children’s Health Insurance Program</a>
CMS	<a href="#">Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services</a>
CoAg	Cooperative Agreement
COVID	<a href="#">Coronavirus Disease</a>
CPOE	<a href="#">Computerized Physician Order Entry</a>
CQM	<a href="#">Clinical Quality Measure</a>
CSTE	<a href="#">Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists</a>

**D**

DCH	CDC’s COVID-19 Data Clearinghouse (DCH)
DEX	<a href="#">Data Element Exchange</a>
DMI	<a href="#">Data Modernization Initiative</a>
DUA	Data Use Agreement

**E**

eCR	<a href="#">Electronic Case Reporting</a>
ED	Emergency Department
EHR/EMR	<a href="#">Electronic Health Record/Electronic Medical Record</a>
eICR	<a href="#">Electronic Initial Case Report</a>
ELR	<a href="#">Electronic Lab Reporting</a>
EPA	<a href="#">Environmental Protection Agency</a>
EPR	<a href="#">Emergency Preparedness</a>
ERP	<a href="#">Emergency Response Plan</a>
ETOR	<a href="#">Electronic Test Orders and Results</a>
EUA	<a href="#">Emergency Use Authorization</a>

## F

FDA	<a href="#">Food and Drug Administration</a>
FEMA	<a href="#">Federal Emergency Management Agency</a>
FHIR	<a href="#">Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources</a>
FPHS	<a href="#">Foundation Public Health Services</a>
FQHC	<a href="#">Federally Qualified Health Center</a>

## H

HAIs	<a href="#">Healthcare-Associated Infections</a>
HAN	<a href="#">Health Alert Network</a>
HHS	<a href="#">US Department of Health and Human Services</a>
HIE	<a href="#">Health Information Exchange</a>
HIMSS	<a href="#">Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society</a>
HIN	<a href="#">Health Information Network</a>
HIPAA	<a href="#">Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act</a>
HIT	<a href="#">Health information Technology</a>
HITAC	<a href="#">Health Information Technology Advisory Committee</a>
HITECH	<a href="#">Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act</a>
HIV	<a href="#">Human Immunodeficiency Virus</a>
HL7	<a href="#">Health Level Seven International</a>
HLN	<a href="#">HLN Consulting</a> (contractor for the project)
HRSA	<a href="#">Health Resources &amp; Services Administration</a>
HTI-1	<a href="#">Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing (HTI-1) Final Rule</a>
HTI-2	<a href="#">Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Patient Engagement, Information Sharing, and Public Health Interoperability (HTI-2) Proposed Rule</a>

## I

ICD	<a href="#">International Classification of Diseases</a>
ICD-10-CM	<a href="#">International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification</a>
ICD-10-PCS	<a href="#">International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Procedure Coding System</a>
IG	Implementation Guide

IHS	<a href="#">Indian Health Service</a>
IIS	<a href="#">Immunization Information System</a>
ISID	<a href="#">International Society for Infectious Diseases</a>
IT	Information Technology

**J**

JPHIT	<a href="#">Joint Public Health Informatics Taskforce</a>
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**L**

LIMS/LMS	<a href="#">Laboratory Information Management System</a>
LHD	Local Health Department
LOINC	<a href="#">Logical Observations Identifiers, Names, Codes</a>

**M**

MCH	<a href="#">Maternal and Child Health</a>
MCO	<a href="#">Managed Care Organization</a>
MMIS	<a href="#">Medicaid Management Information System</a>
MMG	<a href="#">Message Mapping Guide</a>
MMWR	<a href="#">Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report</a>
MOA	<a href="#">Memorandum of Agreement</a>
MOU	<a href="#">Memorandum of Understanding</a>
MPI	<a href="#">Master Patient Index</a>
MRC	<a href="#">Medical Reserve Corps</a>
MU	<a href="#">Meaningful Use</a>
MVPS	<a href="#">Message Validation, Processing, and Provisioning System</a>

**N**

NACCHO	<a href="#">National Association of City and County Health Officials</a>
NACHC	<a href="#">National Association of Community Health Centers</a>
NAHDO	<a href="#">National Association of Health Data Organizations</a>
NALBOH	<a href="#">National Association of Local Boards of Health</a>

NAPHSIS	<a href="#">National Association of Public Health Statistics and Information Systems</a>
NBS	<a href="#">National Electronic Disease Surveillance System Base System</a>
NBS	<a href="#">Newborn Screening Process</a>
NCHS	<a href="#">National Center for Health Statistics</a>
NCVHS	<a href="#">National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics</a>
NEDSS	<a href="#">National Electronic Disease Surveillance System</a>
NEHA	<a href="#">National Environmental Health Association</a>
NHSN	<a href="#">National Healthcare Safety Network</a>
NIEM	<a href="#">National Information Exchange Model</a>
NIH	<a href="#">National Institutes of Health</a>
NIS	<a href="#">National Immunization Survey</a>
NNDSS	<a href="#">National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System</a>
NNPHI	<a href="#">National Network of Public Health Institutes</a>
NPHL	<a href="#">Network for Public Health Law</a>
NPHPS	<a href="#">National Public Health Performance Standards</a>
NSSP	<a href="#">National Syndromic Surveillance Program</a>
NVSS	<a href="#">National Vital Statistics System</a>

**O**

OML message	<a href="#">electronic HL7 v2 laboratory test order message</a>
ONC	<a href="#">Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology</a>
OPHDST	<a href="#">CDC's Office Of Public Health Data, Surveillance and Technology</a>
ORU message	<a href="#">electronic HL7 v2 observation result (clinical observation) message</a>

**P**

PH	Public Health
PHA	Public Health Agency
PHAB	<a href="#">Public Health Accreditation Board</a>
PHF	<a href="#">Public Health Foundation</a>
PHI	<a href="#">Personal Health Information or Protected Health Information</a>
PHII	<a href="#">Public Health Informatics Institute</a>
PHIG	<a href="#">Public Health Infrastructure Grant</a>
PHIN	<a href="#">Public Health Information Network</a>
PHIS	<a href="#">Public Health Information Systems</a>
PI	<a href="#">Promoting Interoperability</a>
PHR	<a href="#">Personal Health Record</a>

PSA	<a href="#">Public Service Announcement</a>
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**Q**

QHIN	<a href="#">Qualified Health Information Networks</a>
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**R**

RFA	Request for Application
RFB	Request for Bid
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	<a href="#">Request for Proposal</a>
RHC	<a href="#">Rural Health Clinic</a>
RHIO	<a href="#">Regional Health Information Organization</a>
RPMS	<a href="#">Resource and Patient Management System</a>
RWJF	<a href="#">Robert Wood Johnson Foundation</a>

**S**

SDoH	<a href="#">Social Determinants of Health</a>
SNOMED	<a href="#">Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine</a>
STD	<a href="#">Sexually Transmitted Disease</a>
STEVE	<a href="#">State Territorial Electronic Vital Events</a>
STI	<a href="#">Sexually Transmitted Infection</a>
STLT	<a href="#">State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial</a>

**T**

TA	Technical Assistance
TB	<a href="#">Tuberculosis</a>
TEFCA	<a href="#">Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement</a>

**V**

VAMS	<a href="#">Vaccine Administration Management System</a>
VFC	<a href="#">Vaccines for Children</a>
VIS	<a href="#">Vaccine Information Statement</a>
VTrcks	<a href="#">Vaccine Tracking System</a>
VSAC	<a href="#">Value Set Authority Center</a>
VHA	<a href="#">Veterans Health Administration</a>
VistaA	<a href="#">Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture</a>
VRDR	<a href="#">Vital Records Death Reporting</a>
VRS	Vital Records System
VXU message	<a href="#">electronic HL7 v2 vaccination</a>

**W**

WHO	<a href="#">World Health Organization</a>
WIC	<a href="#">Women, Infants and Children Program</a>