

Outbreak

A sudden rise in the incidence of a disease.



An *outbreak* may become an *epidemic* if it spreads enough.

An *epidemic* may likewise become a *pandemic*.

Epidemic

Outbreak of disease that spreads quickly and affects many individuals in a given population within a short period of time.

An epidemic refers to a more localized region.



Pandemic

A disease that occurs over a wide geographic area and affects an exceptionally high proportion of the population.

