

Vector

an organism that transmits a pathogen from one organism or source to another

Airborne

carried or transported by the air

Food-borne

carried or transmitted by food

Water-borne

carried or transmitted by water and especially by drinking water

Immunity

a condition of being able to resist a particular disease

Vaccine

a preparation of altered organisms that is given to produce or artificially increase immunity to a particular disease

Antibiotic

a chemical substance that inhibits the growth of or destroys bacteria and other microorganisms

Cardiovascular

of, relating to, or involving the heart and blood vessels

Digestive

of or relating to the process of breaking down and making food absorbable in the alimentary canal

Mental

of or relating to the mind

Respiratory

of or relating to breathing

Contagious

communicable by contact

Infectious

communicable by invasion into the body of a susceptible organism

Endemic

restricted or peculiar to a locality or region

Epidemic

affecting or tending to affect an atypically large number of individuals within a population, community, or region at the same time

Pandemic

occurring over a wide geographic area and affecting an exceptionally high proportion of the world population

Bacteria

round, spiral, or rod-shaped single-cell microorganisms that lack distinct nuclei and may lack cell walls

Parasite

an organism living in, with, or on another organism, benefiting at the expense of the host organism

Virus

a submicroscopic infective agent that is capable of growth and multiplication only in living cells, and that causes various important diseases in humans, animals, or plants