

## DEFINITIONS

ACIP – Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices: an advisory committee of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Antiviral – An agent used to kill or suppress growth of viruses, including influenza. Antivirals are not vaccines. Other therapies for influenza may include fever-reducing medicine, oral or intravenous hydration, and mechanical ventilation.

APHL – Association of Public Health Laboratories

CAP – Community-Acquired Pneumonia

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S.)

CDRSS – Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (NJDHSS): a web-enabled, CDC-specification compliant application that is used to enter, update and track New Jersey’s reportable communicable disease information

CDS – Communicable Disease Service: the program within NJDHSS responsible for prevention and control of communicable diseases

CDS-HEs – Communicable Disease Service Health Educators

CI – Critical Infrastructure

CSTE – Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

DGMQ – Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (CDC)

DOC – Department of Corrections (NJ)

DTB – Disaster and Terrorism Branch of the Division of Mental Health Services (within the New Jersey Department of Human Services)

ECC – Emergency Communications Center (phone bank within NJDHSS CDS)

EHPA – Emergency Health Powers Act, N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq.

EMS – Emergency Medical Services

ESAR-VHP – Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals

FQHC – Federally Qualified Health Center: a facility located in a medically underserved area that has been approved by the federal government to provide low cost, preventive primary medical care to Medicare beneficiaries. FQHCs include community health centers, tribal health clinics, migrant health services, and health centers for the homeless.

FSIS – Food Safety and Inspection Service (U.S. Department of Agriculture)

H5N1 – a specific strain of influenza A virus

HAN – (Health Alert Network) E-communication between CDC and NJDHSS. Also called LINCS (Local Information Network Communication System) when NJDHSS communicates to LINCS agencies and when LINCS agencies communicate with community partners.

HCC – Health Command Center (emergency operations center at NJDHSS)

HCP – Health Care Provider: a physician, advanced practice nurse, physician’s assistant or a person having control or supervision over a hospital or other health care institution, correctional facility, school, summer camp, child care center, preschool, or institution of higher education

HCWs – Healthcare Workers

Healthcare Entities - hospitals, long-term care facilities, home care agencies, emergency medical services, primary care centers (including Federally Qualified Health Centers [FQHCs]), and private health professionals.

HERC – Health Educator/Risk Communicator, on staff in LINCS agencies

HHS – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (U.S.)

HIPER – Health Infrastructure Preparedness and Emergency Response, a division within NJDHSS

Home Health Agency - a facility licensed by NJDHSS to provide preventive, rehabilitative and therapeutic services to patients in the patient's home or residence. This includes nursing, homemaker-home health aids, and physical therapy services. See Home Health Agency Licensing Standards, N.J.A.C. 8:42-1.2

Hospice Agency - a program licensed by NJDHSS to provide palliative services to terminally ill patients in the patient's home or place of residence, including medical, nursing, social work, volunteer and counseling services. See Hospice Licensing Standards, N.J.A.C. 8:42C-1.2.

ICS – Incident Command System

ILI – Influenza-Like Illness (fever > 100°F AND cough and/or sore throat, in the absence of a known cause)

ISP – Influenza Surveillance Program (within NJDHSS CDS)

JIC – Joint Information Center

LAD – Local Antiviral Distribution site

LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Council

LHD – Local Health Department: responsible for the provision of local public health services

LINCS – Local Information Network and Communications System comprised of 22 strategically located public health agencies in NJ responsible for planning, coordination, and delivery of specialized services related to public health emergencies

LOP – Laboratory Outreach Program

LRN – Laboratory Response Network

LTCFs – Long Term Care Facilities – assisted living residences and nursing homes  
These are facilities licensed by NJDHSS under N.J.A.C. 8:36 and N.J.A.C. 8:39 respectively.

MCC – Medical Coordination Center (NJDHSS)

M3CB – MCC Call Bank

MHA –Mental Health Administrators (county)

MHANJ – Mental Health Association in New Jersey

MMWR – Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

MRC – Medical Reserve Corps: professional and lay volunteers who have registered to provide assistance during a public health emergency

NJDA – New Jersey Department of Agriculture

NJDEP – New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

NJDHS – New Jersey Department of Human Services, the state’s social service agency

NJDHSS – New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

NJEPIS – New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Inventory System: used for tracking vaccine inventory

NJIIS – New Jersey Immunization Information System: a web enabled interactive registry that is used by both the private and public sectors for tracking individuals' immunization information. It is internet accessible and password protected.

NJNG – New Jersey National Guard

NJOEM – New Jersey Office of Emergency Management

NJOHSP – New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness

NJPVS – New Jersey Preparedness Vaccination System: a module of NJIIS used for tracking vaccine administration

N.J.S.A. – New Jersey Statutes Annotated

NJSP – New Jersey State Police

Non-Healthcare Entities - Non-healthcare entities include: local and state agencies including public health agencies, private corporations and businesses, schools and universities, and congregate living facilities not considered healthcare entities (e.g., prisons, dormitories, group homes).

NPI – Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention – community strategies that do not involve vaccines or medications. It includes social distancing strategies to reduce contact between people.

OAG – Office of Attorney General (NJ)

OCOM – Office of Communications (NJDHSS)

OEM – Office of Emergency Management: office within the NJ State Police that plans, directs and coordinates emergency operations. Each county also has an OEM.

OIE – Office International des Epizooties (World Organization for Animal Health)

OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration (U.S.)

PEOSH – Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (NJDHSS)

PHEL - Public Health and Environmental Laboratories (NJDHSS)

PIO – Public Information Officer

PIRT – Pandemic Influenza Response Team

POD – Point of Dispensing: term used for a mass prophylaxis clinic

PPE – Personal protective equipment

PSA – Public Service Announcement

RODS – Real-time Outbreak and Disease Surveillance: a national effort to monitor sales of over-the-counter healthcare products and analyze them for aberrations suggestive of a disease outbreak

ROIC -- Regional Operations and Intelligence Center, a division of NJ State Police

RSS Site/Facility– Receipt, Storage, Staging Site/Facility: facility designated for receiving, storing and staging of pharmaceuticals, equipment and supplies required for an emergency operation, especially those items associated with the Strategic National Stockpile.

SEOC – State Emergency Operations Center (NJ)

SNS – Strategic National Stockpile: Assets (medicine, medical supplies, equipment and vaccines) supplied to state agencies by the federal government to supplement and replace stocks normally held by healthcare facilities and to support expanded dispensing capabilities in case of a large-scale public health emergency

SSS – Strategic State Stockpile

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

VDP – Vaccine Distribution Plan

VMI – Vendor Managed Inventory

VPDP – Vaccine Preventable Disease Program (within NJDHSS CDS)

WHO – World Health Organization