

CRISIS EMERGENCY RISK COMMUNICATION

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CERC: Acronyms

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CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION

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A

ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
AMA	American Medical Association
APHL	Association of Public Health Laboratories
ASH	Assistant Secretary for Health
ASPR	Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources)
ATF	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (U.S. Department of Justice)
ASTHO	Association of State and Territorial Health Officers
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

B

BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs (U.S. Department of the Interior)
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C

CBDP	Community-based disaster preparedness
CBP	U.S. Customs and Border Protection (U.S. Department of Homeland Security)
CBRNE	Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive
CDC	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
CEPR	Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response (Public Health Agency of Canada)
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CFBCI	Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (U.S. Department of Homeland Security)
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency



- CMAS Commercial Mobile Alert System
- CMS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- CRS Catholic Relief Services
- CSTE Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

D

- DART National Disaster Animal Response Team (Humane Society of the United States)
- DAS Deputy assistant secretary
- DEO Division of Emergency Operations (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- DFO Disaster field office
- DHHS U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- DHS U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- DLA Defense Logistics Agency (U.S. Department of Defense)
- DMAT Disaster Medical Assistance Team
- DMORT Disaster Mortuary Response Team, National Disaster Medical System
- DOC U.S. Department of Commerce
- DOD U.S. Department of Defense
- DOE U.S. Department of Energy
- DOEd U.S. Department of Education
- DOI U.S. Department of the Interior
- DOJ U.S. Department of Justice
- DOL U.S. Department of Labor
- DOS U.S. Department of State
- DOT U.S. Department of Transportation
- DVA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

E

- ECDC European Centre for Prevention and Disease Control
- EEO Equal employment opportunity
- EIDJ Emerging Infectious Disease Journal
- EIS Epidemic Intelligence Service (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- EMS Emergency medical services



- EO Executive order
- EOC Emergency operations center
- EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- EPCRA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act
- ERC Emergency response coordinator
- ERCG Emergency response coordination group
- ERM Emergency Risk Management and Humanitarian Action (World Health Organization)
- ERT Emergency response team
- ESF Emergency support function
- EUA Emergency use authorization

F

- FAA Federal Aviation Administration (U.S. Department of Transportation)
- FBI The Federal Bureau of Investigation (U.S. Department of Justice)
- FBO Faith-based organization
- FCC U.S. Federal Communications Commission
- FCO Federal coordinating officer
- FDA Food and Drug Administration (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- FECC Federal emergency communications coordinator
- FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency (U.S. Department of Homeland Security)
- FHWA Federal Highway Administration (U.S. Department of Transportation)
- FLSA Fair Labor Standards Act
- FNEP Federal Nuclear Emergency Plan
- FOIA Freedom of Information Act
- FR Federal Register
- FRA U.S. Federal Railroad Administration (U.S. Department of Transportation)
- FRP Federal Response Plan
- FTS Federal telecommunications systems

G

- GAO General Accounting Office (U.S. Legislative Branch)
- GAR Global Alert and Response (as in GAR System) (World Health Organization)



GPHIN	Global Public Health Information Network (Public Health Agency of Canada)
GPO	Government Printing Office (U.S. Legislative Branch)
GPS	Global positioning system
GS	General schedule
GSA	U.S. General Services Administration

H

H1N1	2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1)
H5N1	Influenza A (H5N1) (avian influenza)
HAN	Health Alert Network (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HSAB	Health and safety advisory board
HSPD	Homeland security presidential directive
HSUS	Humane Society of the United States
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development
HQ	Headquarters

I

IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAG	Interagency agreement
IBC	Institutional Biosafety Committee
ICS	Incident command system
IED	Improved explosive device
IG	Office of the Inspector General (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
IHR	International Health Regulations
IHS	Indian Health Service
IOM	Institute of Medicine (National Academy of Sciences)
IPAWS	Integrated Public Alert Warning System (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

J

JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
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JHPHPP Johns Hopkins Public Health Preparedness Programs

JIC Joint information center

K

KRC Knowledge and Resource Centre on Health Communication (European Centre of Disease Prevention and Control)

L

LWR Lutheran World Relief

M

MHPF Minority Health Professionals Foundation

MMWR Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

MOA Memorandum of agreement

MOU Memorandum of understanding

MSEHPA Model State Emergency Health Powers Act

MSPB U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board

MUPS Multiple unexplained physical symptoms

N

NACCHO National Association of County and City Health Officials

NALBOH National Association of Local Boards of Health

NAPHSIS National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems

NARFE National Association of Retired Federal Employees

NAS National Academy of Sciences

NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NCEH National Center for Environmental Health (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

NCHS National Center for Health Statistics (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

NCP National Contingency Plan

NDMS National Disaster Medical System

NECC National Emergency Coordination Center (U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency)

NEIS National Earthquake Information Service

NEJM New England Journal of Medicine



NGO	Nongovernmental organization
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NIOSH	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
NLM	National Library of Medicine
NLTN	National Laboratory Training Network
NNSA	National Nuclear Security Administration (U.S. Department of Energy)
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (U.S. Department of Commerce)
NPD	National Preparedness Directorate (U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency)
NPHIC	National Public Health Information Coalition
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRDAR	Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR Program) (U.S. Department of the Interior)
NRF	National Response Framework
NRS	National Response System
NRT	U.S. National Response Team
NSB	National Security Branch (U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation)
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSIR	Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)
NVOAD	National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
NVPO	National Vaccine Program Office (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
NWS	National Weather Service
O	
ODP	Office for Domestic Preparedness (U.S. Department of Homeland Security)
OEC	Office of Emergency Communications (U.S. Department of Homeland Security)
OEP	Office of Emergency Preparedness (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
OET	Office of Emergency Transportation (U.S. Department of Transportation)
OFDA	Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (U.S. Agency for International Development)
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (U.S. Department of Labor)
OSTP	Office of Science and Technology Policy (U.S. presidential administration)



P

PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
PAHPA	Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act
PDR	Physicians' Desk Reference
PHAC	Public Health Agency of Canada
PHEP-NET	Public Health Education and Promotion Network
PHS	Public Health Service (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
PIO	Public information officer
PL	Public law
POD	Point of dispensing
PSA	Public service announcement
PTSD	Post-traumatic stress disorder

R

RETCO	Regional emergency transportation coordinator
RHA	Regional health administrator (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
RSS	Really simple syndication

S

S/CT	Office of the Coordinator of Counterterrorism (U.S. Department of State)
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
SARS	Severe acute respiratory syndrome
SMART	Specific, measurable, attainable/achievable, relevant/realistic, and time-bound
SME	Subject matter expert
SMS	Short message service
SNS	Strategic National Stockpile (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
SOP	Standard operating procedure

T

TREAS	U.S. Department of the Treasury
TSA	Transportation Security Administration (U.S. Department of Homeland Security)
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority



U

UMCOR	United Methodist Committee on Relief
UN	United Nations
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USAMRIID	U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases
USC	United States Code
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
USPHS	U.S. Public Health Service
USPS	U.S. Postal Service

W

WHO	World Health Organization
WMD	Weapon of mass destruction