

# Common Wisconsin Emergency Preparedness Acronyms

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For additional acronyms, see the [DHS Acronym Glossary](#).

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**AA:** area administration  
**AAR:** After Action Report  
**ABCDD's:** airway, breathing, circulation, decontamination, and drugs  
**ACIP:** Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices  
**APHA:** American Public Health Association  
**ARC:** American Red Cross  
**ASPR:** Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (*pronounced asper*)  
**ASTHO:** Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

## B

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**BADR:** Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources  
**BAT:** Bacillus anthracis threat exercise  
**BCD:** Bureau of Communicable Disease  
**BCHP:** Bureau of Community Health Promotion (*pronounced bee-chip*)  
**BEOH:** Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health  
**BITS:** Bureau of Information and Technology Services  
**BLA:** biologics license application  
**BOO:** Bureau of Operations

## C

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**CARS:** Community Aids Reporting System  
**CASPER:** Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response  
**CBRNE:** chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive  
**CDC:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
**CEOP:** county emergency operations plan  
**CERT:** CDC Emergency Response Team  
**CLIA:** clinical laboratory improvement amendments

**C-MIST:** communication, maintaining health, independence, support, and transportation

**CMS:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
**COAD:** Community Organizations Active in Disasters  
**COG:** continuity of government plan  
**CONOPS:** concept of operations  
**COOP:** continuity of operations plan (*pronounced coop—like chicken coop*)  
**CPG:** capability planning guide  
**CQI:** continuous quality improvement  
**CRRT:** COVID-19 Response & Recovery Team  
**CRI:** Cities Readiness Initiative  
**CS:** community shelter  
**CST:** Coalition Surge Test  
**CSTE:** Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

## D

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**DATCP:** Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (*pronounced dat-cap*)  
**DARES:** Dells-Delton Area Response Exercise Series  
**DCF:** Department of Children and Families  
**DCTS:** Division of Care and Treatment Services  
**DEPER:** Department Enhancing Preparedness and Emergency Response  
**DEA:** Drug Enforcement Agency  
**DES:** Division of Enterprise Services  
**DHS:** Department of Health Services (can also mean U.S. Department of Homeland Security, depending on context)  
**DHHS:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
**DMA:** Department of Military Affairs  
**DMAT:** disaster medical assistance team  
**DME:** durable medical equipment  
**DMORT:** Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team  
**DMS:** Division of Medicaid Services  
**DNR:** Department of Natural Resources  
**DO:** duty officer

**DOA:** Department of Administration  
**DOC:** Department Operations Center  
**DOJ:** Department of Justice  
**DOS:** Department of State  
**DOT:** Department of Transportation (can be state or federal, depending on context)  
**DPH:** Division of Public Health  
**DQA:** Division of Quality Assurance  
**DRC:** disaster recovery center  
**DRI:** disaster response interpreters  
**DSLRL:** Division of State and Local Readiness, in CDC  
**DSPS:** Department of Social and Protective Services

## E

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**EI:** essential elements of information  
**EIA:** Energy Information Administration  
**EICS:** Electronic Incident Command System  
**ELC:** epidemiology and laboratory capacity  
**EMA:** emergency management agencies  
**EMAC:** Emergency Management Assistance Compact  
**EMG:** Emergency Management Group  
**EMS:** Emergency Medical Services  
**EMSC:** Emergency Medical Services for Children  
**EOC:** Emergency Operations Center  
**EOP:** Emergency Operations Plan (usually refers to Division of Public Health EOP)  
**EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency  
**ERHMS:** Emergency Response Health Monitoring System  
**ERP:** Emergency Response Plan  
**ESAR-VHP:** Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (in WI, our ESAR-VHP is WEAVR) (*pronounced eesahr-vipp*)  
**ESF:** Emergency Support Functions  
**EUA:** Emergency Use Authorization  
**EUI:** Emergency Use Instructions

## F-G

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**FAN:** functional and access needs  
**FAST:** Functional Assessment Service Teams  
**FBI:** Federal Bureau of Investigation  
**FDA:** Food and Drug Administration  
**FEMA:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**FTE:** full time equivalent  
**GETS:** Governmental Emergency Telecommunications Service  
**GIS:** geographic information systems  
**GLHAP:** Great Lakes Healthcare Partnership  
**GLITC:** Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc.  
**GWaar:** Greater Wisconsin Area on Aging Resources

## H

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**HAI:** hospital acquired infections  
**HAN:** Health Alert Network  
**HAZMAT:** hazardous materials (*pronounced hazz-matt*)  
**HCP:** healthcare personnel  
**HEDI:** Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council  
**HEAT:** Health Equity Advisory Team (Division of Public Health)  
**HEP:** Health Emergency Preparedness  
**HERC:** Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition  
**HiAP:** health in all policies  
**HIPAA:** Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act  
**HITECH:** Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act  
**HPP:** Hospital Preparedness Program  
**HRSA:** Health Resources and Services Administration  
**HSEEP:** Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program  
**HSIN:** Homeland Security Information Network  
**HSPD:** Homeland Security Presidential Directive(s)  
**HU:** housing units  
**HVA:** Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (analysis)

## I-K

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**IAP:** Incident Action Plan  
**ICS:** Incident Command System (see IMS)  
**IFP:** individual and family preparedness  
**ILI:** Influenza-like Illness  
**IMATS:** CDC's Inventory Management and Tracking System  
**IMS:** Incident Management System or Inventory Management Systems  
**IMT:** Incident Management Team  
**IP:** improvement plan

**IPC:** infection prevention and control  
**JAS:** job action sheets  
**JDS:** jurisdictional data sheet  
**JFO:** Joint Field Office  
**JIC:** Joint Information Center  
**JITT:** just in time training

## L

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**LAC:** local assistance center  
**LCWG:** Local Capabilities Work Group  
**LEPC:** local emergency planning committee  
**LTPHAs:** local and tribal public health agencies  
**LHD:** local health department  
**LHDs/THCs:** local health departments and tribal health centers (encompasses all local entities)  
**LTE:** Limited Term Employee  
**LTCF:** long term care facility

## M

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**MACC:** Multi-Agency Coordination Center  
**MARC:** Multi-Agency Response Center  
**MCI:** mass casualty incident  
**MCM:** medical countermeasures  
**MOA:** memorandum of agreement  
**MOU:** memorandum of understanding  
**MRC:** Medical Reserve Corps  
**MRP:** Mission Ready Packages  
**MYTEP:** Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan

## N

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**NACCHO:** National Association of County and City Health Officials  
**NDMS:** National Disaster Medical System  
**NEDSS:** National Electronic Disease Surveillance System  
**NEHA:** National Environmental Health Association (*pronounced nee-hah*)  
**NFPA:** National Fire Protection Association  
**NGO's:** non-governmental organizations  
**NIH:** National Institutes of Health  
**NIMS:** National Incident Management System

**NIOSH:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

## O

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**ODHH:** Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
**OHE:** Office of Health Equity  
**OHI:** Office of Health Informatics (*pronounced O-H-I or oh-hi*)  
**OIG:** Office of the Inspector General  
**OLC:** Office of Legal Counsel  
**OPEHC:** Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (*pronounced oh-peck*)  
**OPIB:** Office of Policy Initiatives and Budget (*pronounced oh-pib*)  
**OPPA:** Office of Policy and Practice Alignment  
**ORR:** Operational Readiness Review  
**OS:** Office of the Secretary (sometimes SO)  
**OSHA:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration

## P-Q

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**PAPR:** powered air-purifying respirator  
**PAS:** personal assistance services  
**PCA Portal:** Partner Communication and Alerting Portal  
**PEP:** post-exposure prophylaxis  
**PH:** public health  
**PHEMCE:** Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasure Enterprise  
**PHEP:** Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (*pronounced fep*)  
**PIO:** public information officer  
**POD:** point of dispensing  
**PPE:** personal protective equipment  
**PREP:** Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act

## R

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**RAST:** Rapid Assessment Support Team  
**RBA:** Results Based Accountability  
**RDS:** regional distribution site  
**RFA:** request for application  
**RFB:** request for bid  
**RFP:** request for proposal (usually competitive)

**RSF:** recovery support functions  
**RSS:** receipt, stage, and store site  
**RTAC:** Regional Trauma Advisory Council (when used as a plural, refers to the contract staff that with each council) (*pronounced arr-tack*)

## S

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**SAMS:** Secure Access Management System  
**SDoH:** social determinants of health  
**SEOC:** State Emergency Operations Center  
**SitMan:** situation manual  
**SitRep:** situation report  
**SLEP:** FDA's Shelf Life Extension Program  
**SLTT:** state, local, tribal, and territorial  
**SME:** subject matter expert  
**SNS:** Strategic National Stockpile  
**SO:** Secretary's Office (sometime OS)  
**SOP:** Standard Operating Procedure  
**SOS Team:** Surveillance and Outbreak Support Team  
**STAC:** Statewide Trauma Advisory Council (*pronounced stack*)  
**SWOT:** strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats

## T-V

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**TA:** technical assistance  
**THC:** Tribal Health Center  
**THIRA:** Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment  
**TJC:** The Joint Commission  
**TRACIE:** Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange  
**TRAIN:** Training Finder Real-Time Affiliate Integrated Network  
**TREX:** Training and Exercise Outlook (email) Account  
**TTX:** tabletop exercise  
**UoU:** unit of use  
**USDOT:** U.S. Department of Transportation  
**VAERS:** Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System  
**VOAD:** Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters  
**VMAT:** Veterinary Medical Assistance Team  
**VTF:** Vaccination Task Force (COVID)  
**VRBPAC:** Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee

## W-Z

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**WALHDAB:** Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (*pronounced wall-dab*)  
**WCA:** Wisconsin Counties Association  
**WEAVR:** Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (*pronounced weaver*)  
**WEDSS:** Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (*pronounced weds*)  
**WEHA:** Wisconsin Environmental Health Association (*pronounced wee-hah*)  
**WEM:** Wisconsin Emergency Management (*pronounced wehm*)  
**WERP:** Wisconsin Emergency Response Plan (*pronounced whirrp*)  
**WEST:** Wisconsin Emergency Support Team  
**WHA:** Wisconsin Hospital Association  
**WI-CAMS:** Wisconsin Credentialing and Asset Management System  
**WING:** Wisconsin National Guard  
**WIR:** Wisconsin Immunization Registry  
**WISCOM:** Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications  
**WPHA:** Wisconsin Public Health Association  
**WSLH:** Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

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<b>OPPA:</b> Office of Practice and Policy Alignment	
<b>OPEHC:</b> Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care	
<b>HEP:</b> Health Emergency Preparedness Section	
<b>PAL:</b> Preparedness, Administration, and Logistics Section	
<b>EMS/EMSC:</b> Emergency Medical Services/EMS for Children	
<b>OHI:</b> Office of Health Informatics	
<b>DQA:</b> Division of Quality Assurance	

<b>CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response <u>Capabilities</u></b>		
<b>Domain</b>	<b>Capability</b>	<b>Acronym</b>
Community Resilience	Community Preparedness	CP
	Community Recovery	CR
Incident Management	Emergency Operations Coordination	EOC
Information Management	Emergency Public Information and Warning	EPIW
	Information Sharing	IS
Countermeasures and Mitigation	Medical Countermeasure Dispensing and Administration	MCD
	Medical Materiel Management and Distribution	MMMD
	Nonpharmaceutical Interventions	NPI
	Responder Safety and Health	RSH
Surge Management	Fatality Management	FM
	Mass Care	MC
	Medical Surge	MS
	Volunteer Management	VM
Biosurveillance	Public Health Laboratory Testing	PHLT
	Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation	PHSEI

