

Common Infectious Diseases

Infectious diseases are disorders caused by organisms such as bacteria, viruses, fungi, or parasites. Read the following statements. Choose a disease from the word bank that best fits the description.

- ___ 1. Common symptoms of this infection includes a runny nose, sneezing, and congestion. The condition is usually harmless and symptoms resolve within two weeks.
- ___ 2. There is an optional yearly vaccine a lot of people chose to get to prevent from getting this infection. Some symptoms include fever, chills, muscle aches, cough, headaches, and fatigue.
- ___ 3. This is a dangerous disease caused when a person gets bit by an infected mosquito.
- ___ 4. This infection effects the lungs and causes inflammation. It can be life threatening to anyone. Symptoms include bad cough, fever, chills, and difficulty breathing.
- ___ 5. This is a highly contagious respiratory infection. The main symptom is a severe cough that sounds like a “whoop.”
- ___ 6. This infection is highly contagious which is why a vaccine is recommended for children. This infection causes an itchy, blister-like rash on the skin.
- ___ 7. This is a bacterial infection that causes painful muscle spasms and can lead to death. The harmful bacteria can enter the body through a deep cut, like those you might get from stepping on a nail.
- ___ 8. This infectious disease generally affects the lungs. Most infections show no symptoms but when they do occur they include cough, weight loss, night sweats, loss of appetite, and fever.
- ___ 9. This is a bacterial infection you get from the bite of an infected tick. It usually causes a rash in a bulls-eye pattern.
- ___ 10. This is a viral infection that’s serious for small children but is easily preventable by a vaccine. The symptoms include cough, runny nose, inflamed eyes, sore throat, fever, and red blotchy skin rash.

Word Bank

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- B. Pneumonia
- C. Common Cold
- D. Tuberculosis
- E. Measles
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