

## Public Readiness & Emergency Preparedness

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During a public health emergency, PREP gives immunity from lawsuits to qualified persons who prescribe, administer, or dispense countermeasures, unless they were acting with willful misconduct.

The PREP Act was enacted in 2005 by Congress.

A covered countermeasure may include vaccines, antidotes, medications, medical devices or other FDA regulated assets used to respond to pandemics, epidemics, or any biological, radiological, or nuclear threat.

The following are covered by PREP:

Program planners of countermeasures (i.e., individuals and entities involved in planning and administering programs for distribution).

Qualified persons who prescribe, administer, or dispense countermeasures (i.e., healthcare and other providers).

Officials, agents, and employees of any of these entities or persons are also covered persons.

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