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# Acronyms & abbreviations

<b>AFRO</b>	WHO Regional Office for Africa
<b>AG</b>	Advisory Group
<b>AMRO</b>	WHO Regional Office for the Americas
<b>BARDA</b>	Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority
<b>EMRO</b>	WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean
<b>EQAP</b>	External Quality Assessment Project
<b>EURO</b>	WHO Regional Office for Europe
<b>GAP</b>	Global Action Plan for Influenza Vaccines
<b>GBT</b>	Global Benchmarking Tool
<b>GISRS</b>	Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System
<b>HHS</b>	USA Department of Health and Human Services
<b>HIC</b>	high-income countries
<b>IFPMA</b>	International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations
<b>ILI</b>	influenza-like illness
<b>JRF</b>	WHO–UNICEF Joint Reporting Form
<b>LAIV</b>	live attenuated influenza vaccine
<b>LMIC</b>	low- and middle-income countries
<b>NIC</b>	national influenza centre
<b>NRA</b>	national regulatory authority
<b>PIP</b>	Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (Framework)
<b>RT-PCR</b>	reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction
<b>SAGE</b>	Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization
<b>SARI</b>	severe acute respiratory infection
<b>SEARO</b>	WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia
<b>SMTA2s</b>	standard material transfer agreements
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children's Fund

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