



Infectious Respiratory Particles

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The [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) has introduced a standardised term, '**infectious respiratory particles**' (IRPs), to describe pathogens transmitted through the air.

- This move aims to unify terminology across sectors, enhancing scientific and policy guidance while improving public communication regarding respiratory infections like [Covid-19](#), Influenza, measles, [Middle East Respiratory Syndrome \(MERS\)](#), [Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome \(SARS\)](#), and [tuberculosis \(TB\)](#).
- The WHO's clarification distinguishes IRPs from previously used terms like '**aerosols**' and '**droplets**,' emphasising a continuum of particle sizes.

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