

## PANDEMIC LEGACY

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The world is falling apart. Four diseases are sweeping the planet and your team is on the front lines. Worse yet, one disease has shown signs that it may become resistant to any treatment.

Pandemic Legacy is a cooperative game where all players must work together to develop cures and prevent disease outbreaks, before 4 diseases contaminate humanity. You will all win or lose together.

Can you survive the year and save humanity?

#### **STARTING CONTENTS**



**5 Character** cards



4 Pawns



**61 Player cards** (48 City cards, 5 Epidemic cards, 8 Event cards)



**4 Reference cards** (one per player color)



**48 Infection cards** 



**62 Legacy cards** 



4 Civilian cards



**5 Dossiers and** 1 Sticker sheet











1 Outbreaks marker

1 Infection rate

marker



1 Reminder token



96 Disease cubes 24 in 4 colors



1 Board

1 Package box with 8 numbered packages

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#### **HOW DO YOU PLAY A LEGACY GAME?**

Unlike most games, which fully reset every time you play, Pandemic Legacy carries some elements forward from one game to the next. Decisions you make in game 1 will be there in game 2, 3, and every game played with your copy of the game. Different groups will make different decisions and will have a different experience. What results is a game unique to the group that plays it.

Sometimes you will write on parts of the game. Sometimes you will put stickers on cards or the board. Sometimes you will even destroy (tear up) a card. These changes are permanent.

Also, at the end of each game, the group will make two Game End Upgrades to prepare for future games. You will put stickers on the board, cards, and character.

As you play, you will learn about other ways the game will change.

Also, some elements of play are hidden and sealed off before your very first game. As you play, you will find instructions that tell you when to open these packages. Do not open the packages in the box until you receive instructions to do so. The dossiers also contain hidden information that will be revealed as you play.

Some rules, labeled A through Y, are missing throughout this rulebook. As you play, you will gain these missing rules and stick them into the rulebook. From that point on, the rules will be permanently changed.

#### IF YOU'VE NEVER PLAYED PANDEMIC...

We recommend that you play a few games without any of the special "Legacy" rules to get a feel for the decisions you will have to make.

Read this rulebook then play without using the following rules:

- Game Months, Legacy Deck, Dossiers
- Objectives, Funding, Game Calendar, Panic Level
- Scars and Lost Characters
- Game End Upgrades

The object of these warm-up games is to cure four diseases before any of the game-losing conditions are triggered (noted on page 14 of these rules). You should play at least two games this way to get a feel for the game before adding the additional rules.

#### IF YOU HAVE PLAYED PANDEMIC...

You will see that game 1 of Pandemic Legacy plays like Pandemic with a few changes, explained in the next few pages.

#### WHAT STAYS AND WHAT GETS RESET?

Writing on the board, putting stickers on the board or on cards, and possibly tearing up or destroying components are permanent changes.

In all other ways, the game resets for the start of each game. The pieces on the board, cards in hand, outbreaks, etc. all start fresh.

#### **GAME MONTHS**

Pandemic Legacy is broken into 12 months, starting with January.

If your group succeeds in a month, you move on to play the next month. If you fail, you get one more chance to succeed in the current month. Start a new game with the current set of rules and objectives for the month you just lost. If you lose again, you must move on to the next month for your next game.

#### THE LEGACY DECK

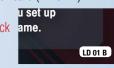
The Legacy Deck contains cards that will describe what happens over the course of the game's 12 months. It is arranged in a specific order—do not look through or shuffle these cards. At the start of a game, draw the cards and read them one at a time, until you get to a card that says STOP on the back. This card will tell you when to continue drawing from the deck, which might be mid-game,



at the end of a game, or at the start of the next month. The Legacy Deck is a one-way trip. Even if you repeat a month, do not put Legacy cards back. The tray was designed with two spaces for used Legacy cards: one for the used cards, the other for cards that will be used in future games.

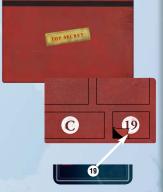
If the Legacy Deck becomes scattered, have someone who is not playing the game put the cards back in order using the numbers in the corner of each card. Shown to the right is the first Legacy Deck card (LD 01 B).

To ensure this does not happen, once you've removed it from its packaging, leave the Legacy Deck ame. in the storing tray.



#### THE DOSSIERS

The five dossiers contain the stickers that will go onto the game. As you go through the Legacy Deck, you will come across cards that have dossier numbers or letters on them. When you do, open up—and tear off using the precut corner—the dossier doors matching the numbers (or letters) on the card, one at a time, resolving each one before opening the next. Some of these dossier doors will contain one-time stickers. Others will create a card that will be used from time to time in future games.



#### THE PACKAGES

There are eight packages in the game. As you play through the game. vellow boxes will instruct you to open specific packages.

Important: Before your very first game, place the Open Package 8 sticker on door 8 of the package box, in the frame designed for it.





## **OVERVIEW**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

At the beginning of each game, you will have an objective (or objectives) you need to complete in order to win. The number of objectives needed to win in a month is shown on the board for that month.





If an objective is marked as mandatory, it must be completed in order to win. You do not need to decide which other objectives you are trying to accomplish at the beginning of any game; you may wait to see how the game unfolds.

Some objectives will remain in play until the group completes them; others will expire at the end of a particular month. As the year unfolds, new objectives will be introduced.

#### **FUNDING**

At the beginning of each game, you will add Funded Event cards (of the group's choice) to the Player Deck equal to your Funding Level. Your Funding Level is 4 at the beginning of the first game in January but will go up and down from game to game. The minimum funding is 0 and the maximum is 10.

#### **GAME CALENDAR**

Use the game calendar to record your progress, wins and losses, players involved, and your current Funding Level. The game calendar can be found on the back cover of this rulebook.



#### **REMINDER TOKEN**



This token is used occasionally during games to remind players to remember something.

#### THE GAME BOARD

#### REGIONS

The board is broken up into six regions, each roughly equivalent to a continent. These will come into play later.

#### **OBJECTIVES SECTION**

In one corner of the board is a section where objectives are placed.

January will start with one objective. Other objectives will be added and removed in future months.

#### **DISEASE TRACKING AREA**

Use this area of the board to apply changes to any of the four diseases.



#### **PANIC LEVEL**

Cities are panicking as these diseases take hold. Whenever an outbreak occurs in a city, its panic level will go up by one. The first time a city panics, place the level 1 sticker (unstable) in the panic level sticker box near the city. After that, place the next numbered sticker over the previous one (level 2, then level 3, etc.). The effects of panic levels are shown below. These effects are cumulative.

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STATE

Unstable

EFFECT No effect.

**LEVEL** 

Rioting

Players cannot take Direct Flights or Charter Flights in or out. Research stations are destroyed and cannot be rebuilt.

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Collapsing

Discard 1 card of the city's color to enter this city with the Drive/Ferry action.

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Fallen

Discard an additional card of the city's color to enter this city with the Drive/Ferry action (for a total of 2 cards).

If your character is in a city when it falls, it is lost. See Lost Characters on page 5.



By placing the level 2 panic level sticker, the city's panic level goes from unstable to rioting.

#### **CHARACTERS**

Each player has a specific character with special abilities to improve the team's chances. Each player begins game 1 by creating a character.

To create a character: Select a Character card (each one has different special abilities) and give your character a name.

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These characters will carry through from game to game and they may become *lost* (see below). You do not have to play the same character in every game.



#### **SCARS**

Characters can be mentally or physically damaged over the course of play. When this happens, choose an available scar and add it to your character's card. Characters are scarred when they are in a city that outbreaks and may be scarred in other ways that will be noted in future rules.

Whenever you must place a scar on a character that has no room for it, that character becomes lost.

#### **LOST CHARACTERS**

If you have to put a scar on your character and it has no more scar slots, or if your character is in a city when it falls, your character is lost.

When your character is lost, destroy (rip up) your Character card. It cannot be played in this or in future games. Discard all cards you have, take the Civilian card matching your pawn, and place your pawn in a city with a research station (this may be your current city). If there are no research stations in play, place your pawn in Atlanta. If your character was lost during your turn, continue with your turn, keeping any remaining actions you have.

#### **CHARACTER REFERENCE**

Refer to this section after you've learned how to play the game for fine points regarding each of the characters.



#### **Dispatcher**

The Dispatcher may, as an action, either:

- move any pawn, if its owner agrees, to any city containing another pawn, or
- move another player's pawn, if its owner agrees, as if it were his own.

The Dispatcher can only move other players' pawns; he may not direct them to do other actions, such as Treat Disease.

When the Dispatcher moves a player's pawn as if it were his own:

- use the Dispatcher's scars and upgrades, not those belonging to the character he is moving,
- cards that need to be played or discarded (for Direct and Charter Flights or to enter a collapsing or fallen city) come from the Dispatcher's hand.
   A card discarded for a Charter Flight must match the city the pawn is moving from.



#### Generalist

The Generalist has slots for 4 different character upgrades and gets 5 actions per turn.



#### Medic

The Medic removes *all* cubes, not 1, of the same color when doing the Treat Disease action.

If a disease has been *cured*, he automatically removes all cubes of that color from a city, simply by entering it or being there. This does not take an action.

The Medic also prevents placing disease cubes (and outbreaks) of cured diseases in his location. The Medic's automatic removal of cubes also happens during other players' turns.



#### Scientist

The Scientist needs only 4 (not 5) City cards of the same disease color to Discover a Cure.



#### Researcher

When doing the Share Knowledge action, the Researcher may give any City card from her hand to another player in the same city as her, *without* this card having to match her city. The transfer must be *from* her hand to the other player's hand, but it can occur on either player's turn.

## SETUP

You may notice that some steps are missing. They will be added later.

#### **Read the Mission Briefing**

When playing a month for the first time, draw cards off the top of the Legacy Deck until you reach one that says STOP. Read the mission briefing and integrate new cards (if any) to the game.

#### Set out the board and pieces

Put all structures (initially you'll only have research stations) nearby. Separate the cubes by color into 4 supply piles. Place a research station in each city with a starting research station sticker. (You begin the game with one in Atlanta.) In future games there may be other pieces you place.

#### Place outbreaks, cure markers, and objectives

Place the outbreaks marker on the "0" space of the Outbreaks Track. Place the 4 cure markers, "vial" side up. at the bottom of the disease tracking area. Place all current objectives in the objectives area.

**Outbreaks Track Select Funded Events, add them** 

to the deck, and deal out Player cards

**Outbreaks Marker** 

As a group, decide which Funded Event cards are going into the Player Deck. The Player Deck can have as many Funded Event cards as your current funding level. (Your funding level is 4 for your first game.) Shuffle these Event cards and City cards together and deal cards to the players to form their initial hands. Give cards according to the number of players:

# of players	Cards
2-player game	4
3-player game	3
4-player game	2

In Pandemic Legacy, players keep their hands faceup at all times.

**Prepare the Player Deck** 

Divide the remaining player cards into 5 facedown piles, as equal in size as you can. Shuffle 1 Epidemic card into each pile, facedown. Stack these piles to form the Player Deck, placing smaller piles at the bottom.

**Select Characters and Starting Location** 

Have each player select a character and player color. Give them the corresponding Reference card and pawn. Place their pawns at any one research station. (Players will start their first game in Atlanta.) All the characters must start together. Place any remaining character cards and pawns back in the box. If there are no research stations, players start in the ruins of Atlanta.

**Tracking Area** 

**Research Stations** 

Shuffle





**Disease** 

**Infection Rate Track** 

**Infection Deck** Infection Discard Pile

Infection **Rate Marker** 







**Place infection rate marker** 

Rate Track. Shuffle the Infection cards and flip over 3 of them.

Put 3 disease cubes of the matching color on each of these cities.

Flip over 3 more cards: put 2 disease cubes on each of these cities.

Flip over 3 more cards: put 1 disease cube on each of these cities. (You will place a total of 18 disease cubes, each matching the color of the city.) Place these 9 cards faceup on the Infection Discard Pile.

Place the infection rate marker on the left-most "2" space of the Infection

and infect 9 cities

The other Infection cards form the Infection Deck.



Use disease cubes matching the card colors.

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**Plaver** 

**Discard Pile** 

**Use game winning bonus** 

**Player Deck** 

Winning a month will result in getting a bonus for the next month played. The group should use that bonus now. (You won't have a bonus for your first game.)

**Begin play** 

Take all the pawns and blindly select one. That player goes first and play proceeds clockwise.

**PLAY** 

Each player turn is divided into 3 steps:

- 1. Do 4 actions.
- 2. Draw 2 Player cards.
- 3. Infect cities.

After a player is done infecting cities, the player on their left

Players should freely give each other advice. Let everyone offer opinions and ideas. However, the player whose turn it is decides what to do.

Your hand can have City and Event cards in it. City cards are used in some actions and Event cards can be played at any time.

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You may do up to 4 actions each turn.

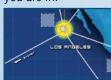
Select any combination of the actions listed below. You may do the same action several times, each time counting as 1 action. Your character's special abilities may change how an action is done. Some actions involve discarding a card from your hand; all these discards go to the Player Discard Pile.

#### **MOVEMENT ACTIONS**



#### **Drive / Ferry**

Move to a city connected by a white line to the one





A white line that goes off the board "wraps around" to the other edge and connects to a city. Example: Sydney and Los Angeles are connected.



#### **Direct Flight**

Discard a City card to move to the city named on the card. You cannot use Direct Flight in or out of a city that is rioting, collapsing, or fallen.



#### **Charter Flight**

Discard the City card that matches the city you are in to move to any city. You cannot use Charter Flight into or out of a city that is rioting, collapsing, or fallen.



#### **Shuttle Flight**

Move from a city with a research station to any other city

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#### **OTHER ACTIONS**



#### **Build a Structure**

Discard the City card that matches the city you are in to place a structure there. In January, the only structures you have available are research stations; more will come later. Take the structure from the pile next to the board. If all structures of a type have been built, you may take one from anywhere on the board and move it to your current city. Each city may contain one of each type of structure.



#### **Treat Disease**

Remove 1 disease cube from the city you are in, placing it in the cube supply next to the board. If this disease color has been cured (see Discover a Cure below), remove all cubes of that color from the city you are in.

If there are cubes from several cured diseases in a city, you must still Treat Disease once for each cured color to remove these cubes.

If the last cube of a cured disease is removed from the board, this disease is eradicated. Flip its cure marker from its vial side to its "\(\omega\)" side.

The first time you eradicate a disease, invent a name for it, then write its new name on the board in the disease tracking area. Eradicating a disease also gives you the option to give it a positive mutation at the end of the game as one of your bonuses. Positive mutations may only be applied to diseases that were eradicated in the just-played game.

Eradicating a disease is not needed to win. However, when cities of an eradicated disease are infected, no new disease cubes are placed there (see Epidemics and Infections on pages 11-12). Removing the last cube of a disease that is not cured has no effect.



#### **Share Knowledge**

You can do this action in two ways:

give the City card that matches the city you are in to another player, or

take the City card that matches the city you are in from another player.

The other player must also be in the city with you. Both of you need to agree to do this.

If the player who gets the card now has more than 7 cards, that player must immediately discard a card or play an Event card.

Example: If you have the Moscow City card and are with another player in Moscow, you can give this card to that player. Or, if another player has the Moscow card and you both are in Moscow, then you can take it from that player. In either case, you both must agree before handing the card over.



#### Discover a Cure

At any research station, discard 5 City cards of the same color from your hand to cure the disease of that color. Cover the disease icon (shown at the top of the disease tracking area) with the matching cure marker. If no cubes of this color are on the board, this disease is eradicated. Flip its cure marker to its eradicated side.

If no action is required to Discover a Cure (due to positive mutations) then a player may discard the needed cards from their hand immediately, even if it isn't their turn.

When a disease is cured, its cubes remain on the board and new cubes can still be placed during epidemics or infections (see Epidemics and Infections on pages 11-12). However, treating this disease is now easier.

Play Example: On the first turn, George does 4 actions: (1) Drive to Chicago (from Atlanta), (2) Drive to San Francisco, (3) Treat Disease in San Francisco, removing a blue disease cube there, and (4) Treat Disease in San Francisco again, removing a second blue disease cube.

George has finished the Actions step of his turn.



Play Example: Later in the game, the red disease has been cured.

3 red cubes remain on the board in Manila, where Anna the Scientist (pink pawn) begins her turn. Anna (1) Treats Disease in Manila, removing all 3 cubes with one action (since this disease has been cured). This eradicates the red disease, so the red cure marker is flipped over to its "O" side.



George, the Researcher (turquoise pawn), is in Chennai, having built a research station there.

George has the Cairo card in his hand and offers to let Anna take it from him if she can get to Chennai (being the Researcher, George can give any card from his hand). Anna discards her Manila City card for a (2) Charter Flight, moving her pawn to Chennai.

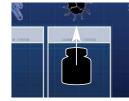
Cairo card. Doing this gives Anna 4 black cards, which is not enough to cure a disease.





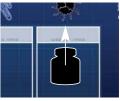






Anna then (3) Shares Knowledge with George, taking his





However, Anna is the Scientist and needs to discard only 4 cards of the same color to cure the corresponding disease. Anna (4) Discovers a Cure, discarding her 4 black cards at the Chennai research station. The black cure marker is moved to cover up the black virus on the board to show that it has been cured. Anna has finished the Actions part of her turn.

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**DRAW CARDS** 

If, as you are about to draw, there are fewer than 2 cards left in the Player Deck, the game ends and your team has lost! (Do not reshuffle the discard to form a new deck.)

After doing 4 actions, draw the top 2 cards together from the Player Deck.

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#### **EPIDEMIC CARDS**

If your draws include any Epidemic cards, do not add them to your hand (and do not draw replacement cards for them). Instead, immediately do the following steps in order:

- 1. Increase: Move the infection rate marker forward 1 space on the Infection Rate Track.
- 2. Infect: Draw the bottom card from the Infection Deck. Unless its disease color has been eradicated, put 3 disease cubes of that color on the named city. If the city already has cubes of this color, do not add 3 cubes to it. Instead, add just enough cubes so that it has 3 cubes of this color and then an outbreak of this disease occurs in the city (see Outbreaks on page 13). Discard this card to the Infection Discard Pile.



If you cannot place the number of cubes actually needed on the board, because there are not enough cubes of the needed color left in the supply, the game ends and your team has lost! This can occur during an epidemic, an outbreak, or infections (see Outbreaks and Infections below).

**3. Intensify:** Reshuffle just the cards in the Infection Discard Pile and place them on top of the Infection Deck.



When doing these steps, remember to draw from the bottom of the Infection Deck and to then reshuffle only the Infection Discard Pile, placing it on top of the existing Infection Deck.

It is rare but possible to draw 2 Epidemic cards at once. In this case, do all three steps above once and then again.

In this case, the second epidemic's Infection card will be the only card to "reshuffle", ending on top of the Infection Deck. An outbreak will then occur in this city during Infections (see Infections on page 12), unless an Event card is played to prevent this (see Event Cards on page 15).

After resolving any Epidemic cards, discard them.

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## INFECTIONS ---

Flip over as many Infection cards from the top of the Infection Deck as the current infection rate. This number is below the space of the Infection Rate Track that has the infection rate marker. Flip these cards over one at a time, infecting the city named on each card.

To infect a city, place 1 disease cube matching its color onto the city, unless this disease has been eradicated. If the city already has 3 cubes of this color, do not place a 4th cube. Instead, an outbreak of this disease occurs in the city (see Outbreaks on page 13). Discard this card to the Infection Discard Pile.

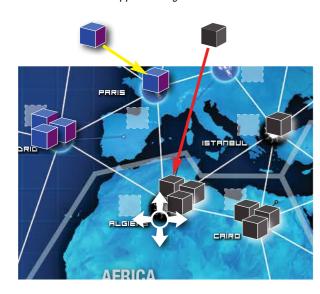


Play Example (cont.): Anna ends her turn by infecting cities. The current infection rate is 3, so Anna flips over the top 3 Infection cards: Seoul, then Paris, then Algiers.

The red disease is eradicated, so Anna simply discards the Seoul card.

Paris has a blue cube on it, so Anna adds a second blue cube there and discards the Paris card.

The black disease has been cured - but not eradicated (black cubes are still on the board) – so Anna must infect Algiers. Since 3 black disease cubes are already in Algiers, Anna does not place a 4th cube there. Instead, a black disease outbreak happens in Algiers.



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## **OUTBREAKS**

When a disease outbreak occurs, move the outbreaks marker forward 1 space on the Outbreaks Track. Then, place 1 cube of the disease color on every city connected to the city. If any of them already has 3 cubes of the disease color, do not place a 4th cube in those cities. Instead, in each of them, a chain reaction outbreak occurs after the current outbreak is done.

When a chain reaction outbreak occurs, first move the outbreaks marker forward 1 space. Then, place cubes as above, except do not add a cube to cities that have already had an outbreak (or a chain reaction outbreak) as part of resolving the current Infection card.

As a result of outbreaks, a city may have disease cubes of multiple colors on it: up to 3 cubes of each color.

If the outbreaks marker reaches the last space of the Outbreaks Track, the game ends and your team has lost!

#### **INCREASE PANIC LEVEL**

Increase the panic level of all cities that have an outbreak. If the game would end due to outbreaks, only increase the panic level for the first 8 outbreaks. If more than 8 cities would outbreak (due to chain reactions) players may choose which cities outbreak and increase their panic level, stopping when you get to the 8th outbreak.

If a city's panic level reaches level 2, remove any research station present in that city. If there is a starting research station sticker in that city (explained on page 14), cover that sticker with a destroyed research station sticker.

When an outbreak occurs in a city at panic level 5, do not place a sticker, but resolve the outbreak as usual.

In later games, it is possible for cities to become isolated so that outbreaks in it do not affect any adjacent cities. In this case, increase the panic level of the outbreaking city but do not raise the Outbreaks Track marker.

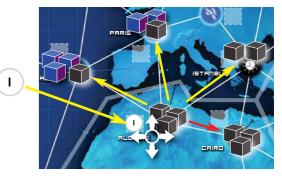
#### **CHECK FOR SCARS**

Characters standing in an outbreaking city receive a scar.

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### **TURN END**

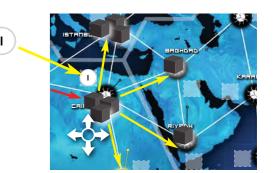
After infecting cities and discarding Infection cards, your turn is over. The player on your left begins their turn.





Play Example (cont.): A black disease outbreak occurs in Algiers. Anna moves the outbreaks marker forward 1 space, puts the next panic level sticker for Algiers, and places 1 black cube on every city connected to Algiers: Madrid, Paris, Istanbul, and Cairo. Cairo already has 3 black cubes, so Anna does not place a 4th cube there. Instead, a chain reaction outbreak occurs in Cairo.

Anna moves the outbreaks marker forward 1 more space. She puts the next panic level sticker for Cairo. She places 1 black cube on every city connected to Cairo: Istanbul, Baghdad, Riyadh, and Khartoum - but not Algiers, as Algiers has already had an outbreak while resolving this Infection card. Then, Anna discards the Algiers Infection card.



## **GAME END**

You win as soon as you meet the necessary number of objectives. The game ends immediately, even if it is the middle of a player's turn or a series of outbreaks.

There are many ways for the game to end and the players to lose:

- Immediately when the outbreaks marker reaches the last space of the Outbreaks Track,
- Immediately if you are unable to place the number of disease cubes actually needed on the board. Any future cubes and/or outbreaks don't happen,
- If a player cannot draw 2 Player cards after doing their actions.

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## WIN OR LOSE, THE GROUP CHOOSES TWO GAME END UPGRADES AT THE END OF THE GAME.

#### **IF YOU WIN THE GAME**

- You get the Win Bonus for the next month. This is described on cards in the Legacy deck.
- You start your next game at the beginning of the next month.
- Your Funding Level is cut by 2 (minimum of 0) as you clearly have the situation in hand.
- Record your new funding level.

#### **IF YOU LOSE THE GAME**

- If this is the first time the month has been played, you must try the month again. If not, move on to the next month for your next game.
- Your Funding Level is increased by 2 (maximum of 10) as this mess needs to be fixed ASAP.
- Record your new funding level.

#### **IN EITHER CASE (WIN OR LOSE)**

- Choose two upgrades (see next section).
- Clear the board of all game pieces.
- Discard all City cards. These all reset for the start of the next game.
   Do not put any Legacy cards back in the Legacy deck, even if playing the same month. Just continue where you left off in the Legacy deck.
- If playing the same month again, your mission briefing and objectives are the same.

Set up future games as described in Setup on pages 6-7.

## **GAME END UPGRADES**

Win or lose, you choose two upgrades at the end of each game. You may choose the same upgrade twice.

#### **UNFUNDED EVENTS**

Select an event sticker to add to any City card in the Player Deck. This card is now both a City card and an Event card and can be used either way, but not both. These City/Event cards are available every game (they're unaffected by the funding level). Each City card can only have one sticker.

#### STARTING RESEARCH STATIONS

Select a city currently containing a research station and add a starting research station sticker. Add a research station to every city with one of these stickers during the setup of all future games. When placing a starting research station sticker, place it close to the city (similar to the one printed on the board for Atlanta). Do not place it in a panic level sticker box.

#### **CHARACTER UPGRADES**

Add an upgrade to a character. Each character has room for 2 upgrades (except the Generalist, who has 4). Players may stick an upgrade over an existing upgrade. Upgrades can only be applied to characters that were in the just-played game.

#### **POSITIVE MUTATIONS**

If you've eradicated a disease during this game, you may give that disease a positive mutation to make it easier to find a cure in future games. Put the positive mutation sticker on the disease tracking area of the board.

Diseases that gain the Efficient to Sequence mutation are cured as soon as one player discards the necessary number of cards. This does not require an action and can happen on another player's turn.

RULE STICKER W

### **CARDS**

#### **PLAYER CARDS**

As you play, you will have the option to place stickers on City cards. Each City card can have one sticker. When you play a City card with a sticker, you choose whether it is being played as a City card or using the effect of the sticker, never both.

Players may always examine discard piles.

#### HAND LIMIT

If you ever have more than 7 cards in hand (after first resolving any Epidemic cards you may have drawn), discard cards or play Event cards until you have 7 cards in hand (see Event Cards).

Only Player cards count towards your hand limit.

#### **EVENT CARDS**

Playing an Event card is not an action. The player who plays an Event card decides how it is used. Event cards can be played at any time, except in between drawing and resolving a card.

Example: During infections, the first Infection card drawn causes an outbreak. You may not play the Remote Treatment to prevent this. After this outbreak happens however, you may use Remote Treament before flipping over the next Infection card.

After playing an Event card, discard it to the Player Discard Pile.

## **STRUCTURES**

Each city may contain one of each type of structure.

#### **RESEARCH STATIONS**



You need to be at a research station to use the Discover a Cure action. You can also use the Shuttle Flight action to travel between two research stations. Destroy a research station in a city if it is rioting. If it was a starting research station, replace the starting research station sticker with a destroyed research station sticker. You cannot build a research station in a city that is rioting, collapsing, or fallen.

RULE STICKER X

RULE STICKER Y

## **OVERLOOKED RULES**

- You do *not* draw a replacement card after drawing an Epidemic card.
- You may Discover a Cure at *any* Research Station the color of its city does not need to match the disease you are curing.
- On your turn, you may take a card from another player, if you are both in the city that *matches* the card you are taking.
- On your turn, you may take *any* City card from the Researcher (only), if you are both in the same city.
- Your hand limit applies immediately after getting a card from another player.
- Characters gain a scar from standing in a city that outbreaks.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF WE MESS UP A RULE SINCE WE CAN'T GO BACK?

In most cases, it won't matter. A little rule confusion here or there or a card left out of a deck or something forgotten will not greatly affect your game. Just note it and move on.

In some cases a missing or confused rule will have resulted in a whole game being too easy or too hard. In this case, the group should decide whether to increase their funding for next game (if you accidentally made a game too hard) or reduce funding for the next game (if you made a game too easy).

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## **GAME CALENDAR**

If you win, advance to the next month and decrease your funding by 2.

If you lose the first half of the month, play the second half of the month and *increase* your funding by 2. If you lose in the second half of the month, increase your funding by 2, then proceed to the next month. Funding cannot go under 0 or over 10.

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