

# pestilent *(pes-ti-lent)*

## Definition

adj. 1 exceedingly harmful; 2 likely to spread and cause an epidemic disease

## Example Sentence

Proper hand washing will help prevent the spread of most **pestilent** diseases.

## Synonyms

baneful; deadly; pernicious; noxious; plaguey

## Antonyms

innocuous; harmless

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