

Solo Rules

These rules let you play **Pandemic Hot Zone** by yourself, using 3 characters.

Setup

Set up the game as normal, with the following changes:

- Deal 3 Character cards to yourself in a row from left to right and take the matching pawns to form the team of 3 characters that you will lead. All 3 of these characters will share your (single) hand of cards. Place an unused pawn on top of the leftmost Character card to indicate which character takes the first turn.
- When preparing the player components, remove the Event cards from the Player deck, then shuffle all the City cards. Deal 3 City cards to form your starting hand, and deal 3 cards faceup to the side of the board to form the “archive.” Then, shuffle the 4 Event cards into the remaining City cards.

Play

Play proceeds like the multiplayer game except, instead of different players taking turns, you control 3 different roles on the board. You take their entire turns one by one in left to right order, using the pawn to track the role whose turn you are taking.

All 3 roles share your single hand of cards. Your hand limit is still only 6 cards, but you can use the archive to augment this limit.

All other rules (steps of a turn, other actions, and winning and losing the game) are resolved as normal.

Archive

The archive is an area next to the board that can hold City cards. Some City cards are dealt to the archive during setup, but the Share Knowledge action allows you to store additional cards in the archive and retrieve any cards present there.

There is no limit to the number of cards that can be stored in the archive.

Share Knowledge

When doing the Share Knowledge action, you can choose to do one of the following instead of the normal effect:

- Deposit the City card that matches your city from your hand to the archive.
- Withdraw the City card that matches your city from the archive to your hand.

Share Knowledge example

If you have the Minneapolis card and are in Minneapolis, you can deposit that card into the archive. Or, if the Minneapolis card is in the archive, you can withdraw it from there and add it to your hand.

Fine Points

The following character is not used in this version of the game:

- Researcher (North America)