Solo Rules

Setup

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

- Remove the Researcher Role card from the game. This role is not used in the solo game.

- Deal 3 Role cards to yourself in a row from left to right and take the matching pawns to form the team of 3 roles that you will lead. All 3 of these roles will share your (single) hand of cards. Place the brown pawn (usually used for the Researcher) on top of the leftmost Role card to indicate which role takes the first turn. Return the remaining Role cards to the box.

- 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 5 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 “clockwise” (left to right) order, using the brown 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 7 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 house 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 (see next page).

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

Instead of the normal Share Knowledge action, you can do one of the following:

- 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 Ho Chi Minh City card and are in Ho Chi Minh City, you can deposit that card into the archive. Or, if the Ho Chi Minh City card is in the archive, you can withdraw it from there and add it to your hand.

Playing Solo With Expansions

You can use the solo rules with almost all of the Pandemic expansion content. When playing with expansion content, do not use the following Roles, Events, and challenges:

- Epidemiologist (On the Brink, In the Lab)
- Bio-Terrorist and Bio-Terrorist challenge (On the Brink)
- Local Liaison (In the Lab)
- Sample Delivery event (State of Emergency)
- Veterinarian and Hinterlands challenge (State of Emergency)

As normal when playing with expansions, shuffle all Event cards and draw 5 to use, returning the other Event cards to the box. Any effect that refers to a “player” refers to a single role. For example, the Commercial Travel Ban remains in play in front of the role currently taking their turn, and remains in play until that role’s next turn begins.

When playing with the Archivist (On the Brink), the increased hand limit of 8 cards applies during all of your turns.