contagious Apresyan (En-Ru) [kən'teidzəs] a

1. заразный, инфекционный контагиозный, передающийся непосредственно и через третьих лиц

contagious disease - заразная болезнь

2. заразительный

contagious laughter [mirth] - заразительный смех [-ое веселье] panic is contagious - паника заразительна

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

NAmE [kən'teɪdʒəs] con-ta-gious BrE [kən'teɪdzəs] adjective

- 1. a contagious disease spreads by people touching each other
 - Scarlet feveris highly contagious.
 - (figurative) His enthusiasm was contagious (= spread quickly to other people) .
- a contagious laugh
- 2. not usually before noun if a person is contagious, they have a disease that can be spread to other people by touch

compare finfectious

Derived Word †contagiously

Word Origin:

[contagious contagiously] late Middle English: from late Latin contagiosus, from contagio, from con- 'together with' + the base of tangere 'to touch'.

Example Bank:

The new disease proved contagious.

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con ta gious /kən'teɪdʒəs/ BrE AmE * adjective

- 1. a disease that is contagious can be passed from person to person by touch ⇒ infectious
- 2. a person who is contagious has a disease that can be passed to another person by touch ⇒ infectious:

The patient is still highly contagious.

- 3. if a feeling, attitude, or action is contagious, other people are quickly affected by it and begin to have it or do it ⇒ infectious: her contagious enthusiasm
- —contagiousness noun [uncountable]

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