



Week In Review

April 6, 2026

Happy National Public Health Week!

Federal Updates

Vaccine Stories Wanted

Senator and Senate Minority Leader Charles ("Chuck") Schumer's office has asked for assistance in **collecting stories on four specific topics related to vaccines**. They are looking for stories from providers, public health and scientific experts, patients, and others. These are meant to be short, ready-to-read-on-the-Senate-floor stories, so a short paragraph will do. They are interested in collecting these stories by state and congressional district.

1. Stories about the role of vaccines in preventing diseases that used to kill and impair millions
2. Stories about the importance of vaccines for immunocompromised populations (like cancer patients, infants, seniors)
3. Stories about the burden on providers when vaccines are made harder to access
4. Stories about the challenge of the shifting vaccine landscape, and the confusion it causes for families (particularly parents and caregivers)

If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form below. You do not need to provide a story for each topic. Stories will be provided to the Senator's office on **Friday, April 10th**.

[Submit Your Story Here](#)

Respiratory Virus Season, 2025-2026

Good bye, flu season!

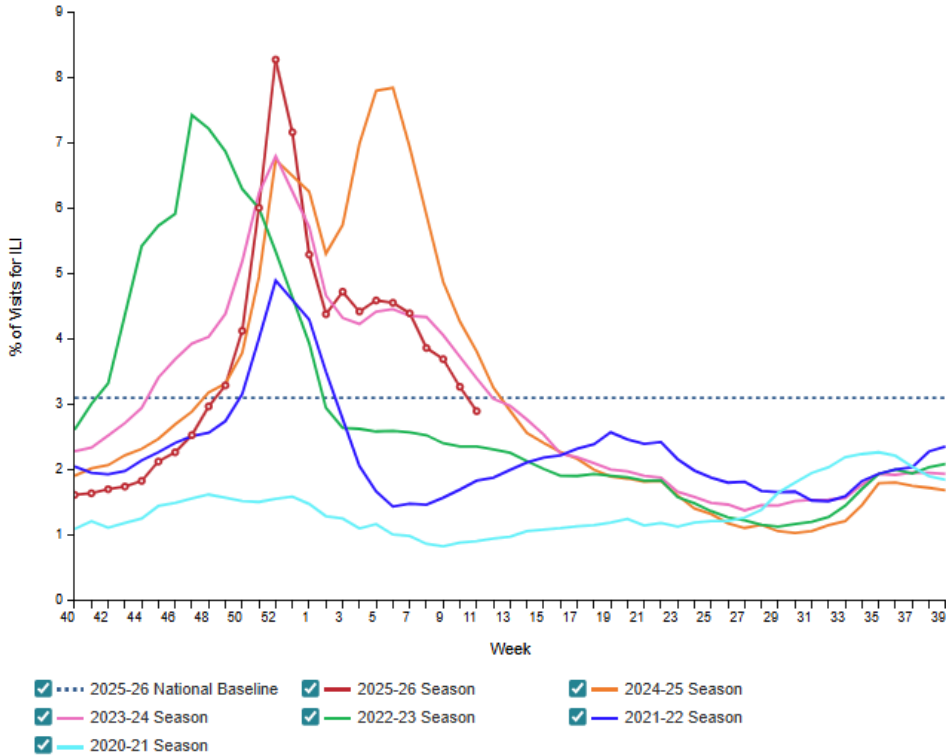
- We are officially out of flu season, as rates have now fallen below the epidemic threshold.
- Some states are still high, but the trend is the same.
- COVID-19 and RSV are all decreasing

Influenza Disease Burden Estimates:

Since October 1, 2025:

- Flu Illnesses: 30 - 54 Million
- Flu Medical Visits: 14 - 24 Million
- Flu Hospitalizations: 370,000 - 770,000
- Flu Deaths: 23,000 - 76,000
- Pediatric Deaths: 127

Percentage of Outpatient Visits for Respiratory Illness Reported by The U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), Weekly National Summary, 2025-26 Season and Selected Previous Seasons



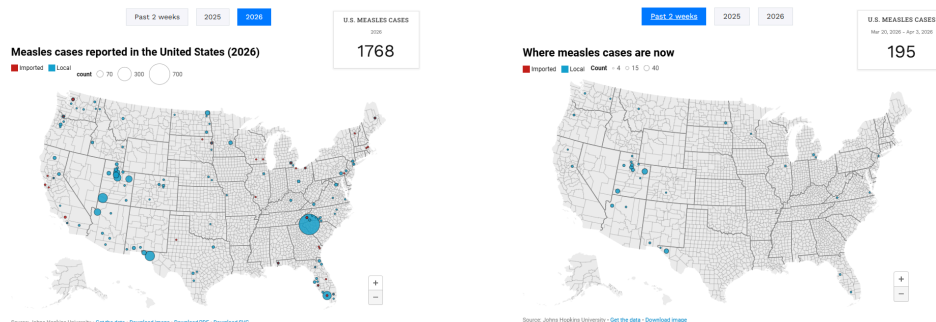
Measles 2025

[Nationwide](#) (CDC, 4/3/26)

In 2026:

1,671 Confirmed Cases, 33 Jurisdictions (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York City, New York State, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin)

- 17 new outbreaks reported in 2026
- 1,570 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 10 cases reported among international visitors



[Johns Hopkins Measles Tracker](#)
Measles Cases in the US, 2026
Total: 1768

[Johns Hopkins Measles Tracker](#)
Measles Cases in the US, past 2
weeks
Total: 195

Age	Cases	Hospitalizations
Under 5	346 (21%)	31 (9%)
5-19 years	868 (52%)	28 (3%)
20+ years	452 (27%)	32 (7%)
Unknown	5 (0%)	0 (0%)

Johns Hopkins [Measles Tracker](#) and [Dashboard](#).

[ICD's Measles Update Page](#) for more granular information.

From the Experts

Worldwide

[WHO Disease Outbreak News](#)

March 13: International/Multi-Country - Infant formula and products containing arachidonic acid oil contaminated with cereulide toxin

- Message from the Director of the Department of Immunization, Vaccines, and Biologics ([WHO](#))
- Types of Data Requested to Inform May 2026 COVID-19 Vaccine Antigen Composition Deliberations ([WHO](#))

[Travel Notices](#)

Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions

- Meningococcal Disease - Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Yellow Fever - Venezuela
- Polio - Global
- Clade II Monkeypox - Liberia, Ghana
- Chikungunya - Cuba, Indian Ocean Region, Bolivia, China, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Seychelles, Suriname, Mayotte

Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions

- Rabies - Morocco
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever - Mexico
- Global - Dengue, Measles

From the CDC

COCA Call ([April 30](#))

- Rabies is Still Here: Epidemiology, Outbreaks, and Costs of Prevention in the United States (Thursday, April 30 from 2:00-3:00 pm ET)

Emerging Infectious Disease ([March 2026](#)):

- Mycobacterial and Fungal Infections

MMWR Weekly Report (Vol 75, No [12](#))

- Influenza and COVID-19 vaccination coverage among healthcare personnel - United States, 2024-2025 Respiratory Virus Season

Outbreak List ([March 2026](#)):

- Raw cheddar cheese - *E. coli*

Pertussis Outbreak ([CDC Stacks](#)):

- YTD Cases: 2,748
- Delaware Cases: 0

Immunize.org

Issue [1867](#): April 1, 2026

- Vaccination coverage by age 24 months among children born in 2021 and 2022 - published in MMWR
- AAFP releases its 2026 recommended schedules for children, adolescents, and adults
- RSV activity continues in some parts of the US - should you advise continuing RSV preventive antibody products for infants?

Ask the Experts: [2025-26 Season COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy (CIDRAP)

- CDC data suggests [flu](#) is on the way out
- CHC, health groups spent [millions](#) to buy ads on websites flagged for misinformation
- Maternal [COVID](#) vaccination tied to fewer infant COVID hospital visits
- State [public health labs](#) step us as CDC pauses testing for various pathogens, including rabies, mpox

Continuing Education

Upcoming Webinars**Addressing Parents' Concerns and Questions About Vaccines for Children in 2026** (Immunize Colorado)

Wednesday, April 15 from 12-1pm MT (2-3pm ET)

This webinar will feature Dr. Jennifer Reich, researcher, author and sociologist with the University of Colorado, who will discuss her extensive research into why parents reject vaccines.

[Register here](#)

Helpful Links

- Moderna Atlas: [Educational Resources](#)

Vaccines In The News

- Delaware State Service Center in Smyrna relocating to new location ([DE.gov](https://de.gov))
- New COVID-19 variant: Cicada (BA.3.2) accounts for 11% of new US cases ([CDC](https://cdc.gov))
- RSV vaccination uptake by the end of the 2024-2025 RSV season among adults aged 60-74 years ([Vaccine](#))

For Our Members



Shot in the Arm

The Immunization Coalition of Delaware is pleased to offer this opportunity to view "**SHOT IN THE ARM**" – from Academy Award-Nominated filmmaker Scott Hamilton Kennedy and Executive Producer Neil deGrasse Tyson.

This skeptical and hopeful film explores vaccine hesitancy historically and in the context of our modern pandemic. Can we replace cynicism with healthy curiosity and bridge the political divides that make us sick?

Featuring: Tony Fauci, Paul Offit, and Robert Kennedy, Jr.

This film is being offered free of charge for Immunization Coalition of Delaware Members throughout 2026. Please register below to receive login credentials.

[Register](#)

2026 ICD Quarterly Meetings

2:00 - 3:30 pm on the fourth Thursday.

- May 28, 2026 ([register](#))
- August 27, 2026 ([register](#))
- November 19, 2026 ([register](#))

The meetings will be held on zoom, unless otherwise specified.

February Quarterly Meeting

Missed the quarterly meeting?

Check out the slides and the minutes here!

February Slide Deck ([click here](#))

February Minutes ([click here](#))

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